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### **Board authorizes \$30,000 toward renaming Duluth airport terminal for Oberstar**

St. Louis County Commissioners gave unanimous approval today to allocate \$30,000 toward the renaming of the new Duluth International Airport terminal in honor of Jim Oberstar. The late Congressman was considered a champion of aviation in this region. As the longtime chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he was able to secure millions of dollars for road, bridge, bike path and transit projects for Minnesota and his home district - including crucial funding for the \$78 million Duluth terminal project during his final years in Congress.

“Congressman Oberstar was the godfather of public works – roads, bridges, airports, biking, all forms of transportation,” said Commissioner Steve Raukar. “He was a leader with a multi-modal focus long before it was popular. So this is a very fitting way to pay tribute to a man who did so much, and with so much passion.”

The Monaco Air Foundation is in charge of collecting public and private donations to fund the renaming of the terminal. The City of Duluth has also pledged \$30,000 toward the project. The renaming is expected to take place later this year.

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