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HAI Hails Confirmation of Steve Dickson as FAA Administrator

Alexandria, Virginia (July 24, 2019) – The US Senate confirmed by a 52-40 vote Stephen Dickson’s nomination to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

“This is an exceptionally critical time to have the agency’s leadership at full strength, and we welcome Steve Dickson as the new FAA administrator,” says Matt Zuccaro, president and CEO of Helicopter Association International (HAI). “Steve has a comprehensive understanding of the national air transportation system gained from a distinguished military and commercial career in aviation. We look forward to working with him to enhance safety and promote growth in the helicopter community.”

Dickson recently retired from service as the senior vice president of flight operations for Delta Air Lines. In this role, he was responsible for the safety and operational performance of Delta’s global flight operations, as well as pilot training, crew resources, crew scheduling, and regulatory compliance. He also flew in line operations as an A320 captain and previously flew the B727, B737, B757, and B767. A former US Air Force officer and F-15 fighter pilot, Dickson is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy’s Class of 1979, as well as a graduate of the Georgia State University College of Law, magna cum laude.

“We would also like to commend the stewardship of Dan Elwell, who has led the FAA as acting administrator since January 2018,” says Zuccaro. “His accomplishments and leadership on a number of issues while in the top role will be long remembered. Dan has served the aviation community and the nation with distinction.”

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