

Aviation Week Network and International Aviation Club Name Honorable Rodney E. Slater 2023 L. Welch Pogue Award Winner

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, May 30, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Aviation Week Network](#) and the [International Aviation Club](#) of Washington D.C. (IAC) today announce The Honorable Rodney E. Slater, the 13th U.S. Secretary of Transportation, is the recipient of the 2023 L. Welch Pogue Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aviation. The awards ceremony and dinner to honor Secretary Slater takes place on September 12, 2023 in Washington, D.C.

The L. Welch Pogue Award was first presented in 1994 to Pogue, former chairman of the Civil Aviation Board and a U.S. delegate at the Chicago Convention, which created the legal blueprint for post-WWII expansion of commercial aviation. The award is presented annually to leaders who have made significant and lasting contributions to the global air transport industry and who are considered visionaries in modern aviation.

Secretary Slater was appointed to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation by President Bill Clinton in 1997. He served in that role until January 2001, during which time he negotiated some 50 Open Skies agreements with other countries, including the first ever multilateral agreement among the U.S. and four APEC economies: Chile, Brunei, New Zealand and Singapore. Secretary Slater also led the Department's Safe Skies for Africa initiative which increased the number of sub-Saharan African countries that met ICAO safety standards and led to six additional Open Skies agreements on the African continent. He set a vision as Transportation Secretary to promote a safer, more efficient, environmentally sound, and sustainable worldwide transportation infrastructure and forged and fostered strong international partnerships for the United States.

Secretary Slater is a past senior fellow with the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard



University; a fellow with the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, and a NCAA Silver Anniversary Award recipient. Among the nonprofit boards on which he serves are the United Way of America, the United Way Worldwide Board, the National Smithsonian Board and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History Board, as well as the National Urban League, Africare Inc., the Leon Sullivan Foundation and the Arkansas World Trade Center. He is a Charter Trustee of City Year, Inc. Secretary Slater is Chairman of Squire Patton Boggs Foundation, Vice Chairman, National Archives Foundation, and Vice Chairman of the Congressional Awards Foundation.

IAC President Bob Letteney said, "We are thrilled to recognize Secretary Slater's leadership in advancing the globalization of international aviation. The increased access, choice, and competition that airline and cargo consumers enjoy today can be directly traced to Secretary Slater's efforts on behalf of the United States to expand Open Skies, joint ventures, and global safety initiatives around the world."

Secretary Slater said, "It is truly an honor to be recognized for the L. Welch Pogue Award. His vision and that of previous recipients have guided us to where we are today in international aviation: a safer, more sustainable, more mobile and connected global community. Alongside my many dedicated colleagues whom I worked with in the U.S. Department of Transportation and through our collaboration with multiple partners around the world, I am proud of our achievements then and the vital role the United States continues to lead in international aviation today."

The 2023 L Welch Pogue Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Secretary Slater at a gala dinner at the Jones Day Building in Washington D.C. on September 12, 2023. Details on sponsorships and table purchases can be [found here](#).

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