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PAMA Supports Aviation Safety Resolution Condemning Criminalization of Accident Investigations

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Dec. 1, 2006) – The Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA) is endorsing a resolution decrying the increasing tendency of law enforcement and judicial authorities to attempt to criminalize aviation accidents to the detriment of aviation safety.

The joint resolution was issued by the Flight Safety Foundation, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation, the Royal Aeronautical Society in England, and the Academie Nationale de L'Air et de L'Espace in France. The full resolution can be viewed by visiting http://www.pama.org/files/joint%20resolution_11-28.pdf

"PAMA has long held that the free flow of information is critical to ensure safety," Brian Finnegan, President of PAMA, said. "Nothing hinders that flow of information more than the fear of retribution. This is the bedrock of any safety culture and must be fostered across the globe if we are to continue to achieve progress in reducing accidents. PAMA encourages its members to support this philosophy in their places of work," Finnegan added.

Clark Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Directors, PAMA, echoed the importance of supporting this resolution, "Four of the top safety organizations from around the globe have issued this unprecedented joint statement. We at PAMA agree with the statement and feel that it sends an important message for enhancing aviation safety."

PAMA is the national association dedicated to enhancing professionalism and recognition of the Aviation Maintenance Technician through communication, education, representation and support—for continuous improvement in aviation safety. For more information about PAMA, visit www.pama.org.