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McCARRAN REMEMBERS ROBERT BROADBENT

As Director of Aviation from 1986 – 1997, Robert N. Broadbent oversaw the daily operations of one of the fastest growing airports in one of the country's fastest growing communities. With nearly half of all Las Vegas visitors arriving via McCarran International Airport, Broadbent remained committed to enhancing the relationship that bonds Las Vegas to its gateway airport, by overseeing more than one billion dollars worth of improvements at McCarran. Broadbent coupled carefully controlled growth with an uncompromising commitment to preserve the integrity of the community he called home. The result of his efforts was a first-rate airport that welcomed millions of travelers to Las Vegas while meeting the needs of Las Vegas' tourism-driven economy. Both tourists and Southern Nevada residents reaped the rewards of Broadbent's unparalleled ability to achieve consensus and foster teamwork as he successfully piloted McCarran through the inherent economic and political challenges of the aviation industry.

During his 11 years of service, passenger traffic increased from nearly 11 million to 31 million annually, and McCarran became the 10th busiest airport in the country. Domestic air service improved and expanded, while new marketing initiatives paved the way for the eventual arrival of direct international flights to Las Vegas. As the demand for quick, convenient access to Las Vegas continued to grow, Broadbent expanded airport facilities and services to keep McCarran at the forefront of the aviation industry.

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Project highlights during Director of Aviation Robert Broadbent's tenure include:

- A major terminal remodeling and expansion program, quadrupling McCarran's size
- A state-of-the-art computer-controlled card access security system -- one of the first airport's in the country
- Runway 07L/25R - Extended to be the second longest civilian runway in the country
- Runway 07R/25L - Constructed/extended to over 10,000 feet
- Runway 01L/19R - Reconstructed to 9,770 feet to accommodate air carrier operations
- Terminal 2 - Remodel of Charter and International terminal
- C Gates renovation - Added four gates
- 6,000+ Space Parking Garage - Construction
- Planning and Land Acquisition for the D Gates
- Airport Connector Roadway and Tunnel - Constructed to provide freeway access via I-215 and I-15
- North Las Vegas Airport - Upgrade terminal building, runways, and aircraft parking area
- Henderson Executive Airport - Acquisition and initial upgrade

Current Director of Aviation Randall H. Walker worked closely with Broadbent as his Deputy Director. "Bob Broadbent had an extraordinary vision for Southern Nevada, and especially for our aviation system," he reflects. "His leadership made McCarran the modern, industry-leading facility that it is today. During the hotel boom of the 1990s, the demand for air travel to Las Vegas skyrocketed. Bob understood that Southern Nevada's economy hinged on McCarran's ability to accommodate that demand. He did everything in his power to ensure that McCarran was prepared for the future. He was a true visionary and an excellent mentor, and will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of working with him."