Suggested Remarks for Dennis Wint Legends of Flight IMAX Screening

> Thursday, July 22, 2010 Tuttleman IMAX Theater

1st Screening at 6:30 p.m. 2nd Screening at 7:45 p.m.

Good evening. I am Dennis Wint, President and CEO of The Franklin Institute.

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to this exclusive screening of *Legends of Flight*.

Thank you for joining us for this special celebration of the incredible wonder of flight by paying cinematic tribute to the last 100 years of aviation.

In addition to the spectacular film you are about to enjoy, we have put together a wonderful night full of activities and presentations to inspire awe and curiosity about an invention that has revolutionized our world. The Institute works diligently to educate the community about the wonders and importance of flight not only at events like this one, but also throughout the year with a variety of museum exhibitions.

Visitors at The Franklin Institute have the unique opportunity to become professional pilots in our aviation exhibit, The Franklin Air Show, which is generously supported by US Airways. US Airways is also the official airline of The Franklin Institute and has provided us with the grand prize of tonight's raffle. Don't forget to enter the drawing if you haven't already done so.

I am pleased to announce that in October of this year, the exhibit will also feature a brand new, multi-person flight simulator. It promises to be a wonderful experience for those budding aviators.

The Franklin Air Show is also home to many artifacts from the Wright Aeronautical Engineering Collection, willed to the Institute by Orville Wright. These extraordinary artifacts range from original airfoils to drawings of the original 1903 flyer.

The Institute's support of the innovation of flight has spanned for decades. I am proud and honored to say that The Franklin Institute was the first scientific organization to give credit and ranking to the Wright Brothers for achieving sustained powered flight. Today, the Institute has the largest collection in the world of artifacts from the Wright Brothers' workshop.

From exploring our world to exploring the galaxies around us, the power of flight has given us the remarkable ability to discover places we may have never thought possible.

Space Command, generously supported by Lockheed Martin, is an exhibit that allows visitors to traverse the universe from the comfort of planet Earth. Guests are able to examine real astronaut equipment, venture into an unmanned space probe and embark on their very own intergalactic adventures, learning about the -techniques used by astronauts to explore distant planets.

With more than 30 interactive stations, Space Command truly allows visitors to navigate the vast regions of the universe and helps guests understand and appreciate the importance and excitement of space exploration.

With the power of flight ranging from worldwide travel to intergalactic adventures, at the Institute, the awe and wonder of such an incredible innovation can also be observed in its most natural state. Home to the famous Hawk Nest, visitors and people around the

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world are able to watch live streaming videos of the beautiful and majestic red tail hawks during their nesting seasons.

In addition to celebrating the history and future of aviation, this evening is also about celebrating you – our dedicated friends and donors. Your generous gifts speak volumes about your belief in our mission to inspire a passion for learning about science and technology.

Thank you for all that you have done for The Franklin Institute. It is your continued generosity and support that allows us to remain one of the premier science institutions providing the best in hands-on science learning.

I would now like to introduce *Legends of Flight*. Through the eyes of chief test pilot Mike Carriker, you will witness the trials and tribulations of a century of aviation, taking you through every milestone leading to the dawn of a new era in contemporary aviation. You are about to embark on an unforgettable journey, experiencing spectacular and breathtaking flight sequences that will take you out of your seats and into the sky above you.

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It is a stunning film that is certain to inspire in all of you a new curiosity and excitement for the power of flight.

And now...Legends of Flight.

Thank you.