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IBAC Mourns the Loss of Australian Business Aviation Advocate David C. Bell OAM

March 24, 2023 - Montreal - The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) joins the global business aviation community in grieving for the loss of David C. Bell. The former Chief Executive Officer for the Australia Business Aviation Association for nearly 20 years, David spent a lifetime in aviation and touched many lives with his kindness, sense of humor, and knowledge of the industry.

Kurt Edwards, Director General, IBAC, said, "David's passion for the industry was immense and he brought all his international experience and insight to his highly effective advocacy for business aviation in Australia. We were fortunate to have his contributions to IBAC's work for many years. He was truly a business aviation statesman and will be missed by all of us."

David's career began in the 1960s as a cadet with Hawker de Havilland. His international travels with his wife, Lynne, were extensive. They also lived in Wichita, Kansas, while he was working for Beech where they forged a close friendship with Olive Beech. He was also the aviation marketing director for Hawker Pacific and served on the board. Before retiring in 2021, he led the Australia Business Aviation Association (ABAA), which has been an IBAC member association for decades. In 2017, David was awarded the Medal of Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition for his service to aviation. The distinguished medal honors Australian citizens for outstanding achievement and service.

IBAC sends its condolences to David's wife, Lynne, his family, and the business aviation community in Australia.

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About International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)

IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community with a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at www.ibac.org

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