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AIRPORT POSTS DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH FOR FEBRUARY

Gainesville, FL – March 17, 2005 – The number of passengers getting on scheduled flights grew 60.6% in February 2005 compared to February 2004. All four airlines at the Gainesville Regional Airport: Continental Connection, Delta Connection/ASA, Northwest Airlines and US Airways, are growing and thriving, and all now offer departures within minutes of the popular 7:00 A.M. departure time. Due to this success and terminal renovation work underway, airlines request that passengers arrive a minimum of one hour prior to their flight. Our airlines want to ensure passengers don't miss their airplane because of the successes we are experiencing. The goal of the airlines and TSA is to get every passenger on board the airplane safely and on time. **TO ENSURE AN ON-TIME DEPARTURE, PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT (1) HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED FLIGHT TIME!** On behalf of the Gainesville Regional Airport management, the airport wishes to thank the passengers for supporting the airport as we continue to grow.

Also, beginning April 14, TSA will no longer allow butane lighters within the secure area. For more about banning lighters, you may contact the TSA Contact Center at 1-866-289-9673 or visit their website: www.tsa.gov. For information about the Gainesville Regional Airport, you may contact the public relations office by calling (352) 373-0249 Ext. 15 or visit our website: www.flygainesville.com.

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