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AMERICAN AIRLINES LAUNCHES SERVICE TO MEXICO CITY

PHILADELPHIA — The first non-stop flight to Mexico City serviced by hub carrier American Airlines departed Philadelphia International Airport today after an inaugural celebration. Mexico City is the first Latin American capital serviced from Philadelphia. Business as well as leisure travelers are expected to take advantage of the new daily 4-hour, 15-minute flight.

“Businesses are very excited about this promising new service that will generate positive economic growth in the entire metropolitan region,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We are proud to provide this new international destination to our business and leisure passengers alike.”

“With this new service to Mexico City, we continue to make it easier and more convenient for our customers to fly on American and connect to places that are important to them all over the world,” said Olympia Colasante, American’s vice president - PHL Hub Operations.

Celebration speakers also included Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez, Consul Alicia Kerber of the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia, and Luz Colon, Executive Director of the Governor’s Advisory Commission for Latino Affairs.

Philadelphia and Mexico City are home to UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Philadelphia is recognized for Independence Hall where The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed. Mexico’s historic sites include the Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco.

The PHL-MEX (AA# 497) flight departs PHL on an Airbus A319 at 5:55pm and arrives in Mexico City 10:10pm local time. The MEX -PHL (AA #496) flight scheduled the next day departs MEX at 9:10 am local time and arrives at PHL at 3:09pm.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.