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**NBAA Marks the Passing of Aviation Pioneer D.U. 'Dee' Howard**

NBAA extends condolences to the friends and family of D.U. "Dee" Howard, the aviation legend who passed away February 11 after a long illness. A former Air Force mechanic, Howard earned dozens of patents for his innovations in the aviation industry. "Dee Howard was an industry legend who traced his roots back to the early days of business jet travel," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "Self-made and entrepreneurial, some regard Dee as the father of thrust reversers on business jets. Our industry owes him a debt of gratitude for his service and contributions." Howard is the recipient of the 1993 NBAA Meritorious Service to Aviation Award, business aviation's most distinguished honor, recognizing extraordinary lifelong professional contributions to aviation. In addition, NBAA's NORDAM Dee Howard/Etienne Fage Scholarship was named in honor of both Howard and Fage to honor their lifetime achievements as aerospace engineering pioneers.