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## **Airport Commission honors retiring members**

The Glynn County Airport Commission at its final meeting of the year praised the contributions of two retiring members, Merry Tipton and Gordon Strother, who have provided outstanding leadership during their tenures.

Tipton has served on the commission since 1999 as chairman of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee. Tipton helped guide a number of campaigns to improve airport publicity for new facilities and services, including the inauguration of Delta Connection jet service and the opening of the new airline terminal.

Strother has been a member of the commission since 2000 and helped improve financial reserves by 50 percent while serving as secretary-treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee.

The two commission members were instrumental in securing regional jet service to Brunswick and helped support the construction of a \$4.2 million finishing hangar for Gulfstream, which now employs more than 350 employees.

“Their most important legacy was their participation in the planning, design, funding, and construction of the new airline terminal at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport,” said Marie Dodd, Commission Chairman. “This was a visionary endeavor for the community that will provide an outstanding front door for many years to come.”

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The Glynn County Airport Commission operates the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport and McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport. Established in 1980 as an agency of Glynn County, the commission has been financially self-sufficient since 1991.

**PHOTO CUTLINE:** Gordon Strother and Merry Tipton were honored by the Glynn County Airport Commission for their many accomplishments as commissioners, including the 2005 opening of the new Brunswick Golden Isles Airport terminal.

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