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Vectren Dayton Air Show mourns loss of Longtime Board Member and Former Chair Don Kinlin

Dayton, Ohio – Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air and Trade Show (USATS) Board of Trustees, producer of the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger, said, "It's with great sadness that I announce the passing of our dear friend and fellow Board Member, Don Kinlin. Don passed away on December 22, 2020. Don served on the USATS Board for over 30 years, was Chairman for many years and remained a member until his passing. We are thankful for his outstanding leadership, friendship, guidance and wisdom over the years. He will be greatly missed by the air show family and the Dayton community."

Buchanan added, "Don was instrumental in making the Vectren Dayton Air Show the success it is today. His passion for the show and Dayton was evident whenever you saw Don. His love of children inspired him to develop the Students Open to Aviation Research (SOAR) program for children in the Dayton region that might never have the opportunity to experience an air show or climb around in an airplane and meet the pilot and the crew. He was well known for being a huge champion of the Dayton Region and instrumental with the development of an aviation trade show as an advocate to bring industry and aviation together in Dayton."

Buchanan further shared, "Don has been a mentor to me as well as other board members. His love of aviation was unwavering and his passion will be cherished by all who knew him."

The Vectren Dayton Air Show plans to honor him at the 2021 show on July 10th and 11th.

Please see the attached obituary and photo for further information.

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