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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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WHEREAS, the APFA Board of Directors created and is authorized to bestow the Edward M. Kennedy Award for Public Service on Behalf of the Labor Movement to honor individuals in the public or private sectors "in recognition and appreciation of their dedication and contribution to the protection and promotion of the rights of America's workers and their families and the work of unions to further those goals;" and

**WHEREAS,** U.S. Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Hawaii, has worked tirelessly to promote the interests of Flight Attendants; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Hirono, recognizing that "in order to ensure that Flight Attendants can do their jobs and help keep their passengers safe, we must ensure that the standards under which they work will allow them to avoid injury and illness," introduced legislation to provide occupational safety and health standards for Flight Attendants; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that fatigue among Flight Attendants is a pervasive concern that the FAA has not addressed (despite the fact that it is working on fatigue issues affecting pilots and air traffic controllers), Congresswoman Hirono intends to introduce the "Airline First Responder Workplace Fairness Act" that would require the FAA to establish a rule-making committee, which will include aviation labor representatives, and issue regulations to minimize Flight Attendant fatigue;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the APFA Board of Directors bestow the Edward M. Kennedy Award for Public Service on Behalf of the Labor Movement on Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono, with the award to be presented at the 2012 Awards and Recognition Banquet at the Annual Convention in San Francisco, California.