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**ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION ISSUES STATEMENT ON AMERICAN AIRLINES'
AMENDED DFW-BEIJING ROUTE APPLICATION**

Fort Worth, Texas (Dec. 8, 2006)—The Allied Pilots Association (APA), collective bargaining agent for the 13,000 pilots of American Airlines (NYSE: AMR), issued a prepared statement today regarding American Airlines' decision to amend its application for authority to operate DFW-Beijing flights.

The carrier's management is applying with the U.S. Department of Transportation to operate the service as a through-flight from DFW to Chicago and then to Beijing in order to comply with the current APA-American Airlines Collective bargaining agreement.

APA's statement reads as follows:

"As we emphasized on Nov. 16 when we presented management with our signed letter of agreement, APA recognizes how valuable DFW-Beijing service would be to American Airlines and the passengers we serve and we are pleased to be part of our airline's effort to secure the route authority. We likewise support American Airlines management's decision to amend its application to operate the service as a through-flight from DFW to Chicago and on to Beijing. Expanding American Airlines' international reach is in the long-term best interests of our airline, its employees and our passengers."

That is the full text of the union's statement.

Founded in 1963, APA is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. There are currently 2,852 American Airlines pilots on furlough. The furloughs began shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Also, several hundred American Airlines pilots are on full-time military leave of absence serving in the armed forces. The union's Web site address is www.alliedpilots.org. American Airlines is the nation's largest passenger carrier.