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April 13, 2026

William "Bill" Brown
Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations
PO Box 30106
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303

RE: Renaming the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport "Administration Building" to the "William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building"

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport respectfully requests your support for renaming the Airport Administration Building to the **"William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building."** This tribute recognizes the extraordinary service and contributions of Mr. William H. Crouch Jr. throughout his distinguished military and civilian aviation career.

Please note, this proposed recognition was presented to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Aviation Advisory Board on February 26, 2026, and the Board voted unanimously to rename the Airport Administration Building accordingly. And we intend to present this item to the City Commission at their May 19, 2026, meeting.

As one of our valued neighboring communities, your Association's perspective is important to us. We would greatly appreciate your consideration in presenting this matter to your Association and providing the City with a letter of support on your association's letterhead, should you feel inclined, after reviewing the information below. Additionally, we would be grateful if you could share this request with other District 1 homeowners' associations so they may also have the opportunity to submit a letter of support.

William H. "Bill" Crouch, a lifelong Florida resident, has dedicated his life to public service, aviation excellence, and community leadership. After graduating from Stranahan High School in 1962, Bill earned a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship and completed a Bachelor of Science in Physics at Tulane University. He then served as a U.S. Navy Naval Aviator, ranking first in his flight training class of 572 pilots.

Mr. Crouch's went on to fly critical missions over Southeast Asia and the Mediterranean as an Aircraft Commander in a Lockheed L-188/P-3 Orion aircraft. His exemplary performance earned him two Combat Strike Flight Air Medals and the Meritorious Unit Commendation for exceptional aircrew achievement.

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After his honorable discharge in 1973, Mr. Crouch joined the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1974 as Airport Operations Supervisor. Over the next three decades, he rose to the position of Airport Manager, where he played a key role in guiding the Airport's operational, developmental, and strategic initiatives. Under his leadership, the Airport secured more than \$12 million in federal and state grants, expanded the Industrial Airpark, advanced Foreign-Trade Zone #241, and established the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop—an achievement for which he received the Helicopter Association International Achievement Award in 1992.

Mr. Crouch also provided statewide leadership in the aviation community, serving as President of the Florida Airport Managers Association (now the Florida Airports Council). His contributions were further recognized with the FAA Southern Region Award in 1987 for outstanding service to the aviation industry.

After retiring in 2004, Mr. Crouch left behind a legacy that continues to shape the future of the Airport and the broader aviation community. Today, as he faces a terminal illness under hospice care, we seek to honor his lifelong dedication, vision, and service by naming the Airport Administration Building in his honor. A photo of Mr. Crouch is enclosed for your reference.

We hope you will join us in supporting this meaningful tribute, which will serve as a lasting reminder of Mr. Crouch's commitment to the City of Fort Lauderdale, the aviation profession, and the values of excellence and public service.

Should you choose to express your support, please respond by April 10, 2026, and address your letter to:

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
6000 NW 21st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

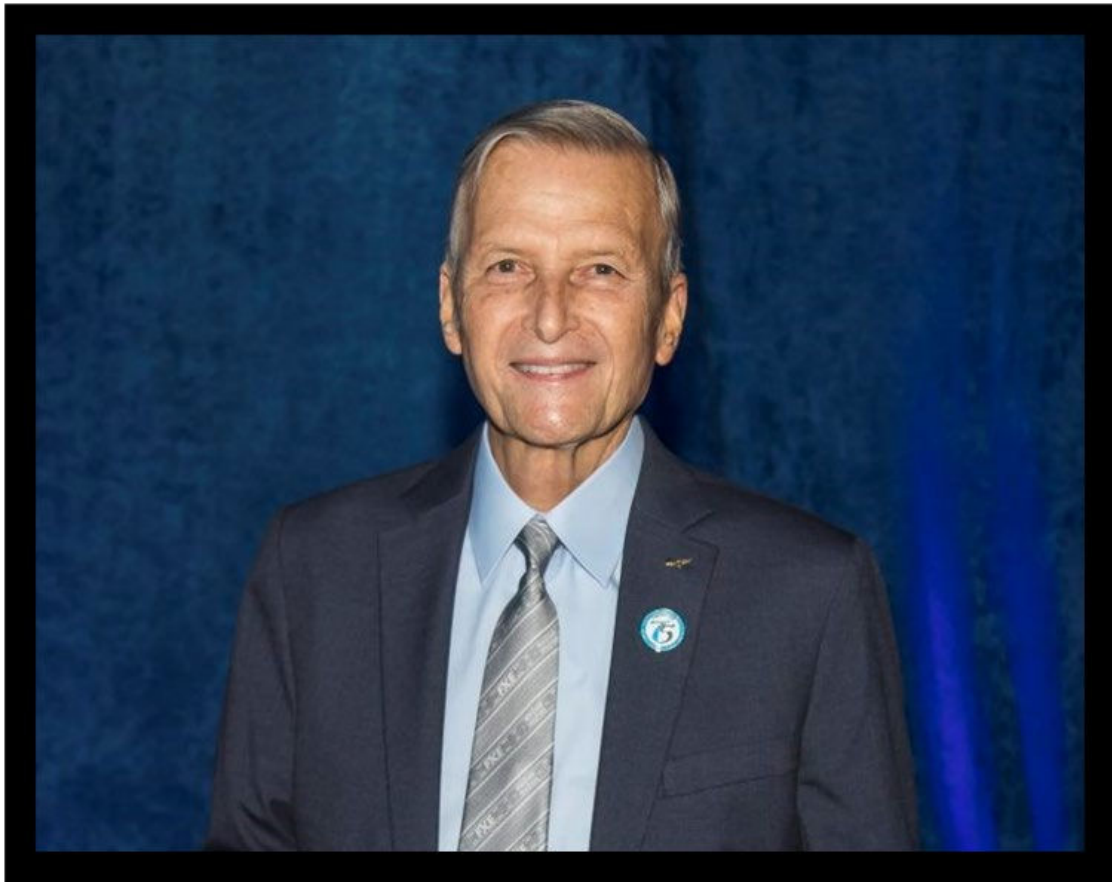
Sincerely,



Rufus A. James
Airport Director

Encl: Photo of William H. Crouch Jr.

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William H. "Bill" Crouch, Jr. – March 2022