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Transportation Institute at the University of Denver Honors Its Founder *Gil Carmichael's Vision and Leadership Honored at Board of Directors Event*

DENVER—Gil Carmichael was recently honored for his contributions to worldwide transportation improvements and specifically for his visionary leadership in the creation of the Transportation Institute at the University of Denver (DTI). The DTI Board of Directors hosted a celebratory dinner in honor of Carmichael on April 22 in New Orleans.

In 1996, Carmichael, at the invitation of Chancellor Daniel Richie and Provost William Zaranka, and working with faculty in collaboration with transportation industry luminaries, founded the Transportation Institute at the University of Denver. Carmichael's vision was to educate the next generation of transportation leaders to optimize the worldwide multi-modal network of passenger and freight movement and deliver a safe, efficient, environmentally sustainable, and ethical transportation system.

Subsequently, the Institute has graduated more than 240 transportation professionals with Master of Science degrees in Intermodal Transportation Management. Graduates from the program hold leadership positions in key transportation companies around the world—including railroads, maritime, trucking and logistics companies, public agencies, ports, and shippers.

“There are very few people in our industry who have left the kind of positive legacy and visionary achievement as Gil Carmichael,” said Tom Finkbiner, CEO of Tiger Cool Express LLC and former Chair of the DTI Board. “Gil's vision has resulted in granting a unique and important educational experience to the transportation industry's next generation of leaders and his influence lives on in their contributions.”

Carmichael served as the chairman of the Amtrak Reform Council and as the Federal Railroad Administrator in the administration of President George Bush from 1989 through 1993. He also sponsored the first World Railways Congress in 1991 and chaired the National Maglev Initiative. Carmichael has been a force for positive change and forward thinking in the global transportation industry, promoting true collaboration and

optimization between and among transportation modes considering both freight and passenger services simultaneously.

Gil Carmichael is still actively involved in visioning and encouraging a vibrant transportation future for the world and enjoying his family in Meridian, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a former Fellow in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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