

Attachment A

**Statement of Chairman John Reynolds, Flight 93 Advisory Commission
In Appreciation to
BAE Systems and Digital Globe
October 22, 2004**

On behalf of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, I would like to thank BAE Systems and Digital Globe for making the development of the solid terrain model of the Flight 93 National Memorial site a reality. We are sincerely appreciative of their support in this extremely important project.

With the announcement of the design competition for the permanent memorial on September 11, 2004, Flight 93 is being brought into the forefront of the American public's attention. Their generous gift has so fortunately given us the opportunity to prepare well for the design competition by providing a concrete, visual tool that will enable the competitors to accurately assess many aspects of the environment in siting the memorial and facilities. Additionally, it will be used for many years in the continuous planning and management of the national memorial as part of the National Park Service, as well as in education and interpretive programs.

We are tremendously passionate about this project, and when we saw the finished product we were in awe at how beautiful, realistic, professional and artful the model turned out.

We again thank them again for their extreme generosity and for their important contribution to the planning and design process that will lead to a memorial to honor the heroism of the passengers and crew of Flight 93. The 9-11 Commission Report states that our country owes a debt of gratitude to them, for their actions helped save the lives of countless others, including avoiding the destruction of either the US Capitol or the White House. We will help to ensure that this memorial will speak to generations of Americans to come, so that we will never forget what happened on that fateful day.