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### **Flight Attendant Union President Calls for Membership Action** *Calls for Senior Execs to resign for failure to decline bonuses*

**Eules, TX (April 16, 2008) -**

In a campaign begun two weeks ago APFA, the Union representing 19,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants, demanded that the top five executives of American Airlines refuse their annual bonuses until the Flight Attendants had a ratified Contract. Members have been sporting tags imprinted with the word, DECLINE on one side and RESIGN on the other side.

Today, APFA learned that these five corporate officers – Gerard Arpey, Tom Horton, Dan Garton, Robert Reding and Gary Kennedy – will not decline their bonuses. “By taking these bonuses they have broken their promise, destroyed their credibility and lost their ability to effectively lead this airline. So today, the 19,000 Flight Attendants represented by APFA will turn their tags over to the side that says RESIGN,” Glading said.

“Our customers are without pillows or food, a dependable flight schedule, and on-time departures. Shareholders have lost 75% of their stock value in just one year. And workers are struggling to make ends meet after sacrificing 33% in wages and benefits.”

“Even assuming these officers were willing to turn their back on their commitment to American’s employees, customers and shareholders, the debacle of 3600 flight cancellations in a single week, and today’s reported \$328 million quarterly loss, should have compelled Mr. Arpey and company to refuse their bonuses. Unfortunately, neither integrity nor shame could convince them to make the right choice.”

Glading closed by adding, “if the five officers do not tender their resignations APFA plans to expand its campaign to AMR’s Board of Directors to demonstrate to the Board that these executives simply lack the kind of judgment required of corporate leaders.”