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### **AA Furloughed Flight Attendants Given Early Christmas Gift**

*Senator Claire McCaskill, (D-MO) secures two-year extension for cabin crewmembers*

**Eules, TX (December 21, 2007)** – More than 1,200 furloughed American Airlines Flight Attendants, represented by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA), have been given a two-year extension to the expiration of their recall rights.

On Thursday, Senator McCaskill successfully convinced American Airlines management to allow the remaining furloughed AA flight attendants listed on the system seniority list two years beyond the contractual expiration language in hopes of an eventual recall. Without this resolution, the last furloughed flight attendant would have been released from the AA/APFA seniority list in May 2008. Prior to 9/11, no flight attendant at the airline had been furloughed for more than two years. The Senator applied pressure on both parties to come to an agreement on this issue and called on several of her colleagues for support.

In October, Sen. McCaskill convinced AA to allow a two-month extension to 410 flight attendants set to fall off the list on November 1, 2007, following five years on furlough. This resolution allows those flight attendants to now remain on the seniority list through October 2009.

American Airlines purchased TWA in 2001 and inherited disputes between the company and IAM, their bargaining representative at the time. Several unresolved grievances were placed on the System Board docket for possible resolution on behalf of the former TWA flight attendants. This extension includes the settlement of the remaining TWA-LLC and STL base grievances.

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