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<u>Greetings from the Prime Minister</u> Canadian Air & Space Museum Pioneer Award

James C. Floyd's innovative talents as an aerospace engineer produced an enduring legacy. I am truly honoured to join the Canadian Air & Space Museum in honouring Jim Floyd as he receives the inaugural Pioneer Award.

Aviation enthusiasts in the United Kingdom, Canada and around the world admire Jim Floyd's remarkable achievements. His extensive career earned him the respect of colleagues and peers in the industry. As one of the architects of the 'golden age' of Canadian aviation, he is remembered for his contributions to Avro Aircraft Ltd.

His central role in the story of the Avro CF-105 Arrow transformed Canadian aviation history. The Avro Arrow has been celebrated, eulogized and hotly debated since its cancellation in 1959. However, there is no debate regarding the ingenuity, skill and talent of the innovators like Jim Floyd who developed this pioneering aircraft.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I extend my congratulations to Jim Floyd on receiving this richly deserved honour.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada