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**Children and Adults to be Inspired by the Wonders of Flight at the
Charlie Jensen Park Opening Celebration: Saturday, April 28**

Sacramento, California, April 26, 2007—On Saturday, April 28, children and adults will gather to celebrate the opening of Charlie Jensen Park, and to celebrate the life and achievements of Charlie “Red” Jensen, a Sacramento native and aviation pioneer.

Charlie “Red” Jensen was the first licensed airplane mechanic in California. Jensen also owned and operated Jensen Airport, a small airport that was located within the Land Park community. In 2005, the City Council voted to name a park after this distinguished aviation pioneer in recognition of his many contributions to this region’s aviation history.

Jensen Park provides an additional two acres of green space to the East Land Park community. Its amenities include a play area, open turf, picnic tables, open space, and aviation-inspired elements.

“Since its completion, Charlie Jensen Park has served as a fun, new gathering place that also honors an important figure in Sacramento’s history,” said Councilmember Robert Fong.

Saturday’s celebration aims to inspire children and adults with the wonders of flight. Accordingly, a helicopter will be on-hand for children to explore, courtesy of the Sacramento City College Aviation program. In addition, there will be fun games and activities, a free barbeque lunch, and numerous service and information booths.

The public and media are invited to attend this event.

Event Details

Name: Charlie Jensen Park Opening Celebration
Description: Children and neighborhood groups will gather to celebrate the opening of Charlie Jensen Park, and to commemorate the life and achievements of Charlie “Red” Jensen, a Sacramento native and aviation pioneer.
Date: Saturday, April 28, 2007
Time: 11am – 2pm
Schedule: **11:30am** - Opening Remarks by Councilmember Fong, Family of Charlie Jensen, & Local Residents; **11:45am to 2pm** - BBQ Lunch, Interactive Aviation Exhibits, Fun & Games, and Information Booths
Location: 6432 Park Village Street, Sacramento
Participants: Councilmember Fong, Family of Charlie Jensen, Local Children and Families

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