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Inducted in 1995, Dr. A. Erskine Sproul took his first flying lesson with famed “Bevo” Howard and obtained his pilot certificate in 1937. After earning his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1942, he became a flight surgeon during WWII. Following the war, he served as the Virginia Air National Guard’s first flight surgeon. He continued his civilian pilot flying, obtaining his multi-engine, instrument and glider ratings. He maintained dual careers in the fields of medicine and various Air Force Reserve components for three decades. He was the driving force behind the development of the Shenandoah Valley Airport serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and the entire Valley region. He served as chairman of the Regional Airport Commission for over 20 years while also being involved in various civic and educational efforts towards youth development and aviation motivation throughout the area.