On July 11, New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial signed a city ordinance that changed the city's airport's name to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. The name change comes just weeks before the Crescent City and the rest of the world commemorates the 100th anniversary of the legendary jazz musician's birth. Morial announced last week that a ceremony unveiling a new logo and signs will be held at the airport August 2, just two days before what would have been Satchmo's 100th birthday.

"The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport will celebrate the achievements of one of the greatest cultural ambassadors of the 20th century," Morial said Wednesday. "By renaming this major transportation hub, we appropriately honor the native New Orleanian who revolutionized music around the world."

Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was born in New Orleans on August 4, 1901, although he would later claim to have been born on the Fourth of July. He learned to play music from the famous King Oliver, with whom he made his first recordings. During his lifetime, he recorded with some of the finest musicians of the 20th century including Ella.
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Will” and established Armstrong as a musical and cultural force to be reckoned with.

Armstrong is often cited as a source of inspiration for some of New Orleans’ greatest artists including Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and other talented musicians like Nicholas Payton and John Boutte.

Originally founded in the 1930s, the New Orleans International Airport was named Moisant Field in the 1940s. Two decades later, it was renamed the New Orleans International Airport. The airport’s new name, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, is a tribute to New Orleans’ most recognized cultural icon on the centennial of his birth.

Organizations around the world began commemorating the life and art of Louis Armstrong last summer since the charismatic musician claimed to have been born on the 4th of July in 1900.0