ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 26

By: Herbert, Bell, Brown, Cain, Capps, Cole, Cullison, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Hobson, Hooper, Horner, Kerr, Lawler, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Mickle, Miles-LaGrange, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright of the Senate

and

Isaac, Hamilton (Jeff), Seikel, Bastin, Adair, Anthony, Apple, Bass, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant (James), Bryant (John), Caldwell, Campbell, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Davis, Dunegan, Dunlap, Erwin, Fallin, Ferguson, Fields, Gates, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton (James), Hefner, Henshaw, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Johnson (Glen), Johnson (Rob), Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Larason, Leist, Lucas, Maddox (Jim), Maddux (Elmer), Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Mitchell, Monks, Monson, Paulk, Peltier, Phillips, Pope, Reese, Rhoads (Karroll), Rhodes (Dusty), Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Settle, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Smith (David), Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemyre, Sullivan, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Thornbrugh, Todd, Tyler, Vaughn (George), Vaughn (Ray), Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Widener, Williams, Worthen and York of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring legislative support for Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base; memorializing the federal government to keep the Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base open and operating at full capacity; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the history of Tinker Air Force Base began in 1940 when a group of Oklahoma City civic leaders and businessmen acquired 960 acres of land and offered the property to the War Department to be used for a centrally located maintenance and supply depot. Today, Oklahoma civic leaders and businessmen continue to support and encourage the operation of Tinker Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Tinker Air Force Base is one of the State of Oklahoma's largest industries and the second largest employer in the state. The annual military and civilian payroll is more than $718 million and more than 22,000 civilian and military personnel are assigned to the base. The base has more than 700 buildings covering 14.3 million square feet. There are 730 houses on the base and dormitory rooms for 1,300 personnel; and

WHEREAS, the total economic impact of Tinker Air Force Base is $2.6 billion and the total secondary jobs created are 25,389. The military construction program at Tinker Air Force Base has averaged over $45 million a year for the past five years. During fiscal year 1992, the base was awarded $2.4 billion in construction and other contracts; and

WHEREAS, many military retirees and their families make use of the facilities and services at Tinker Air Force Base, facilities, which if closed down, and services, which if ceased to be offered, would result in a major hardship for these families and a possibility that they would be forced to move to other states where such facilities and services exist; and

WHEREAS, Tinker Air Force Base was recently named the Number One base in the United States for meeting the environmental needs of the community. Following the disastrous fire at Tinker Air Force Base, new cost-saving technology was installed. Among the five Air Logistics Command (ALC) depots, Tinker Air Force Base was rated first in flying operations; and

WHEREAS, Tinker Air Force Base's key geographical location, its support of the B-52 and B-1 bombers, 135 series aircraft and E-3 AWACs, unique equipment such as large airplane hangars necessary to house large aircraft and other benefits place the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center in a strategic position should hostilities break out or the nation face a military threat; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 21, 1993, the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base was placed on the closure list of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares its support for the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base and its continual operation at full capacity.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission to keep the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base open and operating at full capacity.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State of Oklahoma's Washington, D.C. office for distribution to the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense and the Chair of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of Representatives