

SHORT TITLE: Declaring legislative support for Tinker Air Force Base; requesting Department of Defense not initiate additional base closings; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 21

By: Herbert of the Senate

and

Case of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring state legislative support for Tinker Air Force Base; requesting the United States Department of Defense not to initiate additional base closings until the results of the previous closures are implemented; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base (AFB) was in danger of being placed on the closure list of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). After extensive hearings and research by both the United States Air Force and the congressional General Accounting Office (GAO), BRAC recommended the closure of two Air Logistics Centers (ALCs) at Kelly AFB and McClellan AFB. Their depot level maintenance work was to be transferred to the remaining ALCs, including Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base. However, it appears that instead of following these recommendations, a proposal has been made to "privatize-in-place", keeping these centers open and operational. We have now heard of new proposals to resume the BRAC process despite the lack of progress in complying with previous closures; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators Don Nickles and James M. Inhofe, as well as Congressman J.C. Watts, have called upon the United States Department of Defense to delay any initiative to recommend

additional rounds of BRAC closures until the Department of Defense complies with the recommendations of previous BRACs; and

WHEREAS, in May 1993, the Oklahoma State Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26 which declared legislative support for the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base; memorialized the federal government to keep the Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base open and operating at full capacity; and directed distribution to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and the Chair of the BRAC Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature requests the United States Department of Defense not to initiate additional base closings until the results of the previous BRACs are implemented.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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