STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1008

By: Jackson, Armes, Banz, Braddock, Case, Coody, Harrison, Mass, Roggow and Thompson of the House

and

Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Garrison, Kerr, Lamb, Lerblance, Myers and Reynolds of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to Oklahoma military installations; making legislative findings regarding value of military installations; expressing support for communities in which military installations located; requesting recognition of value of Oklahoma military installations by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and by the Congress of the United States; and requesting distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's economy benefits from the presence of military installations or sites consisting of Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Fort Sill Army Base in Lawton, Vance Air Force Base in Enid, the Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, the Air National Guard Units in Oklahoma City and Tulsa and the Army National Guard Unit at Camp Gruber; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense, in an effort to reduce expenditures on military assets, has conducted previous inquiries into the mission and role of each of the Oklahoma military installations; and

WHEREAS, in past rounds of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the Oklahoma military installations have established themselves, along with the supporting efforts of the communities in which the installations are located, as vital to national defense; and

WHEREAS, each of the military installations continues to have a positive impact on the economies of each of the supporting communities and upon the economy of the State of Oklahoma in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the military personnel stationed at each of the installations and the civilian workforce engaged in support activity on or near each of the installations contribute significantly to the economy of the affected communities, regions and the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the military personnel and civilian workforce associated with each installation constitute a vital part of the community within which or near which the installations are located and their continued presence is of great importance to the State of Oklahoma and the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense, through action of the United States Congress and the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, is again undertaking a study of the mission of all United States military installations; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma supports the continued mission of its military installations as those respective missions relate to national defense and national security; and

WHEREAS, based on statistics released from the installations from calendar year 2002, the combined economic impact of the installations on the Oklahoma economy is approximately Four Billion Dollars ($4,000,000,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT Oklahoma fully supports each and every community within the State engaged in efforts to avoid an adverse realignment or closure of any of the military installations located within the State.

THAT the Base Realignment and Closure Commission should continue to recognize the vital role performed by each one of the military installations located in the State with respect to national defense and national security.

THAT the Congress of the United States should also recognize the importance of the roles performed by the Oklahoma military installations.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission, the Oklahoma Military Department, the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to the members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

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