HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Brinkley, Allen, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bice, Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack, Pittman, Quinn, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick, and Yen of the Senate

and

Derby of the House

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the efforts of the Oklahoma National Guard and all of the Citizen Airmen of the 138th Fighter Wing in their pursuit of the F-35 mission at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Air National Guard traces its lineage and history to 1941 as the 125th Aero Squadron, with service to the

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United States of America first in World War II and for over 70 years since; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma National Guard has answered the call of our Nation's defense by consistently mobilizing and deploying more National Guard men and women than any other State, including Tulsa's 138th Fighter Wing's deployments to Operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the 138th Fighter Wing has provided seamless defense of our Nation's southern border by performing the Air Combat Alert mission, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, since February 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Air National Guard has consistently answered the call of our State's emergencies, as evidenced by Tulsa's 138th Fighter Wing's mobilizations on State Active Duty in support of relief efforts due to tornadoes, winter storms, and other natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma National Guard maintains a history of excellence, as proven by the 138th Fighter Wing's record of unequaled exercise, inspection, and evaluation success, as well as a fighter pilot cadre beyond compare; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the 138th Fighter Wing's subordinate units - the 138th Operations Group, the 125th Fighter Squadron, the 138th Mission Support Group, the 138th Maintenance Group, the 138th Medical Group, and the 219th Engineering

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Installation Squadron live the Air Force values of: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do; and

WHEREAS, the 138th Fighter Wing has flown many venerable aircraft, with names such as the O-38E, Vigilant, Grasshopper, Owl, Mustang, Thunderjet, Shooting Star, Sabre Interceptor, Stratofreighter, Globemaster, Super Sabre, Corsair II, and since 1993, the F-16 Fighting Falcon; and

WHEREAS, like all the great aircraft flown in the past, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, shall too eventually be replaced, in this instance by the F-35 Lightning; and

WHEREAS, Communities across the State of Oklahoma, and specifically the City of Tulsa, have partnered with the men and women of the 138th Fighter Wing to ensure the Tulsa Air National Guard Base is ready, willing, and able to receive the F-35 mission; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the F-35 will have a positive economic impact to the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma with over 1,100 well-paying jobs with a sustained payroll of over $80 million dollars for the next 50-60 years; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Great State of Oklahoma wholeheartedly support all of our military personnel, especially the citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard and their endeavors.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature fully supports the efforts of the Oklahoma National Guard and all of the Citizen Airmen of the 138th Fighter Wing in their pursuit of the F-35 mission at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma National Guard Major General Robbie L. Asher, Adjutant General.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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