

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 6

By: Fry and Sharp

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of Tinker Air Force Base; recognizing the history of the base and its influence on Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1941, it was announced Oklahoma City would be the site of a new air materiel depot and on May 21 was designated "Midwest Air Depot, Oklahoma City"; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1942, the base was officially activated and renamed Oklahoma City Air Depot; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the War Department named the depot installation Tinker Field in memory of Oklahoma native, Major General Clarence L. Tinker; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force Sustainment Center is headquartered at Tinker Air Force Base (AFB) and generates millions of dollars in contracts with Oklahoma small businesses. It serves as the supply chain for all parts and equipment for the Air Force, supporting 5,000 aircraft, 14,000 engines, helicopters, missiles, support equipment and 65 foreign militaries; and

1 WHEREAS, Tinker AFB is home to the 507th Air Reserve Wing, the
2 552nd Air Control Wing (AWACS) and the U.S. Navy Strategic
3 Communications Wing One; and

4 WHEREAS, Tinker AFB is an economic "engine" for the State of
5 Oklahoma and is the largest single-site employer in the state with
6 an annual economic impact of \$3.7 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, the year 2017 serves as the Diamond Anniversary of
8 Tinker AFB with 75 years of distinguished service in defending the
9 United States of America.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
11 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Tinker Air Force
13 Base on 75 years of outstanding service to our state and nation.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate appreciates all the contributions
15 Tinker Air Force Base has made across Oklahoma.

16 THAT a copy of this Resolution to be distributed to Lieutenant
17 General Lee K. Levy II.

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