

ORIGINAL SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION. SJ0005

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the United States Air Force on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force was founded in 1947 and has had a continuous and active presence in Wyoming since that time; and

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force's heritage in Wyoming pre-dates the Air Force founding as a separate military branch and includes the significant training mission of strategic bomber crews at the Casper Army Air Field during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base is the oldest continuously active Air Force base in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base has played a vital role in the strategic defense of the United States and its allies by maintaining the first fully operational Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), the Atlas D, in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base is home to the 90th Missile Wing, one of three active missile wings currently operating the Minuteman III ICBM and the headquarters of 20th Air Force, which commands all three (3) missile wings; and

WHEREAS, the 90th Missile wing was the only military unit to operate the Peacekeeper ICBM, the most advanced ballistic missile fielded to date which was deployed exclusively in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the 90th Missile Wing will continue to play a vital role in the strategic defense of the United States now and

ORIGINAL SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION. SJ0005

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

into the future and be the first unit to deploy the new Sentinel ICBM; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming has a strong history of supporting the United States Air Force by establishing Air Force ROTC Detachment 940 in 1952 and counting Samuel C. Phillips, the leader of the Air Force's Minuteman ICBM program, as an alumnus; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Air National Guard has continuously supported our state and nation since 1946; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Air National Guard became part of the Air Force in 1947 and ever since has honorably, ably and faithfully been the "Sword and Shield" for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Air National Guard, as the Sword, has played a vital role in guarding the United States and defending freedom in nearly every major conflict and contingency by repeatedly answering the nation's call in places such as Korea, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Air National Guard, as the Shield, has fought fires on the ground and in the air in Wyoming and throughout the West, mitigated flooding in Saratoga, Fremont county and elsewhere, and most recently provided desperately needed manpower for medical facilities throughout the state during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming is dedicated to memorializing the story of the Air Force through the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum and Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility State Historic Site.

ORIGINAL SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION. SJ0005

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

Section 1.

(a) The State of Wyoming commends the United States Air Force on its 75th anniversary.

(b) The state of Wyoming acknowledges the strong historic relationship between the United States Air Force and the State.

(c) The State of Wyoming recognizes the significant service that the United States Air Force currently provides in protecting our vital state and national interests.

(d) The state of Wyoming is determined to continue the strong partnership between the State and the United States Air Force.

ORIGINAL SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION. SJ0005

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Commander of the 90th Missile Wing, 20th Air Force and the Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 940.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk