

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0005

Air Force 75th Anniversary.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Boner, Furphy, Nethercott and Pappas  
and Representative(s) Brown, Locke, Olsen and  
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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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2 WHEREAS, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base has played a vital  
3 role in the strategic defense of the United States and its  
4 allies by maintaining the first fully operational  
5 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), the Atlas D, in  
6 1959; and

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

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

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18 WHEREAS, the 90th Missile Wing will continue to play a vital  
19 role in the strategic defense of the United States now and  
20 into the future and be the first unit to deploy the new  
21 Sentinel ICBM; and

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

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

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

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

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22 WHEREAS, the Wyoming Air National Guard, as the Shield, has  
23 fought fires on the ground and in the air in Wyoming and

1 throughout the West, mitigated flooding in Saratoga, Fremont  
2 county and elsewhere, and most recently provided desperately  
3 needed manpower for medical facilities throughout the state  
4 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

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13 **Section 1.**

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

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

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

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

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9           **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
10 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
11 United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
12 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,  
13 to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of  
14 Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Commander of the  
15 90th Missile Wing, 20th Air Force and the Commander of the  
16 Air Force ROTC Detachment 940.

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