

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
Styvar

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

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 the Casper Army Air Field during World War
12 II; and

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

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4 WHEREAS, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base has played a vital
5 role in the strategic defense of the United States and its
6 allies by maintaining the first fully operational
7 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), the Atlas D, in
8 1959; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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16 **Section 1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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