

1 **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HILL AIR**
2 **FORCE BASE**

3 2003 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Martin R. Stephens**

6 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses support for Hill**
7 **Air Force Base and its employees for their support of the nation's defense, their positive**
8 **impact on the state's economy, and their influence in the communities where they live and**
9 **serve.**

10 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

11 WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Hill Air Force Base has played a vital role as a critical
12 support to the defense of the nation;

13 WHEREAS, the Ogden Air Logistics Center and its vast and unique industrial
14 capability provides life cycle and combat support for fighter aircraft, the U.S. silo-based
15 intercontinental ballistic missile force, C-130 transport aircraft, landing gear, wheels, and
16 brakes for all air force air craft, advanced cruise missiles, and munitions management and
17 storage;

18 WHEREAS, unique capabilities include one-of-a-kind Department of Defense
19 capability in Computed Tomography, Strategic Missile Integration Facility, world-wide
20 visibility of munitions storage, Advanced Composite manufacture and repair, a software
21 technology support center, the Little Mountain Survivability and Vulnerability Integration
22 Center, and the Oasis remote test and distribution site;

23 WHEREAS, the Utah Test and Training Range is the nations largest Department of
24 Defense controlled airspace with 17,000 square miles for test and training operations;

25 WHEREAS, the Utah Test and Training Range is the only test range for cruise missile
26 flight testing, is invaluable to the development of this critical technology, and provides for
27 overland training of aircrews from all over the Air Force that cannot be achieved at any other



28 continental United States location;

29 WHEREAS, the 388th Fighter Wing of the Air Combat Command and the 419th
30 Fighter Wing of the Air Force Reserve are both located at Hill Air Force Base and benefit from
31 the Utah Test and Training Range;

32 WHEREAS, the men and women of these two organizations employ the latest
33 technology in their F-16 Fighters when called to support U.S. interests anywhere in the world
34 and are currently involved with providing combat capability in the Middle East;

35 WHEREAS, the 388th Fighter Wing forms the 1st Air Expeditionary Force and the
36 419th Fighter Wing provides air power for the 7th Air Expeditionary Force;

37 WHEREAS, if war with Iraq comes, Hill Air Force Base and the 388th and 419th
38 Fighter Wings will be involved as they were with Operation Desert Storm and Operation
39 Enduring Freedom;

40 WHEREAS, during Operation Desert Storm, Hill Air Force Base deployed over 1,300
41 personnel and over three million pounds of equipment to provide combat capability for the
42 United States, which included personnel for medical support, security, civil engineers,
43 communications, combat logistics support, services, and explosive ordinance disposal, besides
44 aircrew and aircraft;

45 WHEREAS, the depot surged components for all aircraft involved in the conflict,
46 delivered six aircraft early from depot maintenance to be involved in the fight, and thousands
47 of refurbished items;

48 WHEREAS, as the ammunition control point, Hill Air Force Base managed the
49 movement of over 71 million pounds of munitions worldwide, creating what was called an
50 "iron bridge" from Hill Air Force Base to Saudi Arabia;

51 WHEREAS, the same "around the clock" operation will be required for a future
52 conflict;

53 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base supports the community as well as the national
54 defense mission as hundreds are helped yearly through the Sub-for-Santa operations;

55 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base employees donate time to tutor students and support
56 scouting, youth sports programs, and community church projects;

57 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base employees are also involved in local city government
58 and other volunteer organizations and annually contribute almost a million dollars to charities;

59 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2002, the Ogden Air Logistics Center was the only center to
60 finish operations on budget with the best efficiency and lowest operating costs in the Air Force
61 Material Command;

62 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base provides jobs for over 22,000 people and has an
63 impact of over \$2.1 billion on the area economy; and

64 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base and the men and women that make it produce are an
65 invaluable part of the nation's defense posture, good neighbors in their communities, and an
66 essential part of the state's economy **h [-] ; AND**

66a **WHEREAS, THE STATE OF UTAH HAS SPENT OVER \$12 MILLION TO SECURE AND**
66b **PROTECT THE AIR SPACE AROUND HILL AIR FORCE BASE: h**

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
68 Governor concurring therein, express support and gratitude for the contributions that Hill Air
69 Force Base, and those who serve there, have made and continue to make to the nation's
70 defense, the state's economy, and the communities in which they live.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Hill Air Force
72 Base, the Ogden Air Logistics Center, the Utah Test and Training Range, the 388th Fighter
73 Wing, the Air Combat Command, the 419th Fighter Wing, and the Air Force Reserve.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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