

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 6

By: Fry and Sharp

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the Air Force Sustainment Center is headquartered at  
20 Tinker Air Force Base (AFB) and generates millions of dollars in  
21 contracts with Oklahoma small businesses. It serves as the supply  
22 chain for all parts and equipment for the Air Force, supporting  
23 5,000 aircraft, 14,000 engines, helicopters, missiles, support  
24 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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