

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the United States Air Force on the 70th anniversary of  
2 its creation.

3 WHEREAS, On September 18, 1947, the United States Air Force  
4 began as a separate arm of the newly created United States  
5 Department of Defense with the swearing-in of its first  
6 secretary, Stuart Symington; and

7 WHEREAS, The Air Force was created as a service separate from  
8 the United States Army and the United States Navy with the  
9 passage of the National Security Act of 1947, reflecting the  
10 fact that air power had been developed to a point where its  
11 responsibilities were equal to those of land and sea power; and

12 WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman signed the National  
13 Security Act of 1947 on July 26, 1947, while in flight aboard  
14 the first official presidential aircraft, a Douglas VC-54C named  
15 Sacred Cow; and

16 WHEREAS, The modern Air Force began its distinguished history  
17 with its origins in the United States Army Signal Corps during

1 the early years of the 20th century; and

2 WHEREAS, During World War II, air power had truly come of age  
3 as American military pilots bravely and effectively fought in  
4 the skies above the European and Pacific Theaters; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force subsequently played a  
6 key role in countering the Communist threat during the Cold War  
7 era; and

8 WHEREAS, Today's modern Air Force proudly and successfully  
9 performs its mission on a global scale, and its highly trained  
10 service members use state-of-the-art technology to quickly  
11 engage the defense and protection of America's citizens and our  
12 allies; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Air Force are pledged  
14 to live by a specific set of core values; and

15 WHEREAS, The first core value of the United States Air Force,  
16 "Integrity first," includes a commitment to courage, honesty,  
17 responsibility, accountability, justice, openness, self-respect  
18 and humility; and

19 WHEREAS, The second core value of the United States Air  
20 Force, "Service before self," includes rule-following, respect  
21 for others, discipline and self-control; and

22 WHEREAS, The third core value of the United States Air Force,  
23 "Excellence in all we do," includes a commitment to excellence  
24 in the areas of product and service, personal and professional  
25 life, community, resources and operations; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the United  
27 States Air Force on the 70th anniversary of its creation.