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BRAC Commission

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BRAC Commission
 2521 South Clark Street
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RE: Resolution in Support of Otis Air National Guard Base

Dear BRAC Commission:

Enclosed is a resolution from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Truro, Massachusetts supporting the retention of the Otis Air National Guard (Otis ANG) Base operations at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). As explained in the resolution, Otis ANG Base is an integral and valued part of the entire Cape Cod region. Most importantly, the military missions it fulfills are of utmost importance to the safety and protection of the United States, in general, and the Northeast, in particular.

Otis ANG Base and F-15s from the 102nd Fighter Wing were the first military aircraft to reach the World Trade Center during the September 11, 2001 attacks. They regularly provide a myriad of military and homeland security functions, as well as vital support to the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod, one of the busiest installations in the country. Otis ANG Base is the host installation for all of the military and homeland security operations at the MMR, including U.S. Army Guard training at Camp Edwards and numerous Coast Guard operations. It is clear the loss of Otis would severely damage the shared infrastructure and resources currently found on the MMR.

The Truro Selectmen strongly urge the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove Otis ANG Base from the list of military installations being considered for closure and/or realignment. Simply put, Otis ANG Base is too important for our nation's security and homeland defense to be relocated.

Thank you for your consideration of this input. If you have any questions about the Town of Truro's support for retaining the Otis ANG at the MMR, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 349-7004.

Very truly yours,

Pamela T. Nolan

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 Town Administrator

cc: Board of Selectmen
 Save Otis Coalition
 Federal and State Legislative Delegation



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Resolution in Support of the Otis Air National Guard Base Massachusetts Military Reservation, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Whereas: The Otis Air National Guard Base performs a critical military mission in America's homeland defense by protecting the Northeastern United States from attacks and defends our borders against illegal entry. The 102nd ANG F-15 fighters were the first military aircraft responding to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center;

Whereas: The 102nd Fighter Wing traces its history in Eastern Massachusetts from 1921, serving as the keystone of military operations in support of the many critical missions carried out at the Massachusetts Military Reservation, including hosting the Coast Guard Air Wing that provides vital and irreplaceable protection of our coastal waters from New Jersey to Canada;

Whereas: The Base Realignment and Closure Commission is in the evaluation and decision phase of the 2005 round of the Department of Defense's proposed military base closures and realignment, and will be making its recommendations to Congress and the President in September of 2005, and since the Department of Defense has included Otis Air National Guard Base on its proposed closure list to be considered by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission; and

Whereas: The loss of the Otis Air National Guard from the Massachusetts Military Reservation, given its critical role as host installation, jeopardizes other military and homeland security organizations at the Massachusetts Military Reservation such as the Army Guard training at Camp Edwards and numerous United States Coast Guard operations, including Air Station Cape Cod. Since this would severely damage the mission of the Base, diminishing homeland security and coastal safety of the Northeast region of the United States, and would substantially and fundamentally impact the economy of the Cape Cod region;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the Town of Truro, Massachusetts states its overwhelming support for the military mission of the Otis Air National Guard Base, and respectfully and strongly recommend that the Otis Air National Guard Base be removed from consideration for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and that this important national resource continue to fulfill its vital role in the protection of our nation.

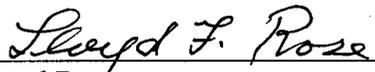
In Witness Whereof, we have this date, June 22, 2005, hereunto set our hand and caused the great Seal of the Town of Truro to be affixed.

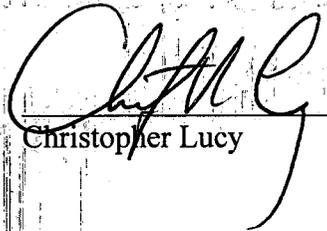
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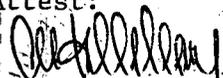

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Attest:


Cynthia A. Slade
Town Clerk, Town of Truro
July 28, 2005

