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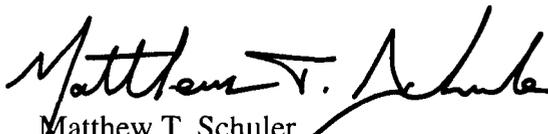
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Senate Clerk

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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Enclosed are copies of Senate Resolution 96, adopted by the Ohio Senate. Pursuant to the resolutions, I am directed to transmit the enclosed copies to you.

Sincerely


Matthew T. Schuler
Clerk of the Ohio Senate

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Enclosures

(126th General Assembly)
(Senate Resolution Number 96)

RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to allow the Air Force Institute of Technology to remain in Ohio.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, The Air Force Institute of Technology ("AFIT") is appropriately located in Dayton, Ohio, as the center of United States Air Force research, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the best place to teach Air Force graduate engineering students, allowing the students to study in various fields and obtain access to classified technology; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the logical place to provide technical acquisition and logistics education for Air Force officers, as it is collocated with the Air Force Research Laboratory, the headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command, the Aeronautical Systems Center, and the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, giving students access to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's customers, experienced faculty, and two thousand scientists and engineers and creating synergies and cost efficiencies that help those organizations; and

WHEREAS, The area surrounding the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has a substantially lower cost of living compared to Monterey, California, and support from the community enhances the effectiveness of AFIT in meeting its mission, by having a substantial amount of available base housing, daycare, and health care at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base hospitals, which are among the largest, best-equipped, and best-staffed in the Air Force and by having valuable out-of-base education opportunities through the Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute; and

WHEREAS, The AFIT campus is a world-class, state-of-the-art facility, most of which has been built or renovated in the last twenty years and is located on a site with room to expand to take on additional Air Force or joint service needs in the future without encroaching on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, AFIT should not be privatized, as two independent studies have demonstrated that privatizing AFIT will not save money and one of

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those studies concluded that the cost and benefits of AFIT were more favorable than privatization; and

WHEREAS, AFIT is within the military culture and climate, supports students in focusing their coursework and their research to prepare for their follow-on military assignments, provides graduate programs that are already specifically tailored to meet Air Force requirements, and is subject to periodic program reviews by Air Force organizations that use AFIT and by senior Air Force leadership; and

WHEREAS, AFIT student research is focused to fill specific Air Force needs, saving the Air Force money; research conducted in Fiscal Year 2004 is estimated to save the Air Force \$29.6 million; and

WHEREAS, AFIT has a highly qualified faculty that can develop and implement new courses quickly, which is critical in a military environment and which private universities cannot do without considerable cost, and the AFIT program provides a rigorous graduate education that is unsurpassed by any civilian or military educational institution and that is critical in developing leaders in the Department of Defense who can handle significant challenges in their future assignments; and

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio has supported and funded AFIT over the past years and is committed to a partnership with AFIT; and

WHEREAS, As demonstrated by the support of the surrounding community and the interaction with state and private universities, AFIT is vital to the state of Ohio and the defense of our nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Air Force Institute of Technology must remain in Ohio, as it is important to the Miami Valley region and the state of Ohio and it is the best way to ensure a technically educated officer corps that is necessary to develop, maintain, and operate the world's most technically advanced weapons systems on which our national security depends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and to the news media of Ohio.

President  of the Senate.

Adopted August 3, 2005