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MEMO

To: Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

From: Sebastian County Judge

Subject: Quorum Court Resolution on Overturning the Recommendation to Realign the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

During the regular Quorum Court meeting on June 21, 2005, the Quorum Court reviewed the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission proposal to eliminate the flying mission at the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Fort Smith, Arkansas. This decision would result in the loss of a valuable community asset and a needed component of joint training. The location of this unit, near a range the size of Fort Chaffee, makes it ideal for Air Forces to participate in joint training with other services. This along with its capability to handle additional aircraft make it an ideal point of departure for aircraft participating in training on the Fort Chaffee training range. Our County Government realizes that the loss of the flying mission of the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing will have a negative impact on joint force training as well as the local economy.

The Court passed a resolution, No. 2005-7, on June 21, 2005 which urges the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to overturn the recommendation to realign the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. The resolution encourages the Commission to consider additional missions for the 188<sup>th</sup>.

The Resolution is attached for your review and is forwarded with my full support and endorsement.

Handwritten signature of David Hudson in cursive.

David Hudson  
Sebastian County Judge

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 7

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SEBASTIAN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT;

A RESOLUTION TO THE 2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION TO OVERTURN THE RECOMMENDATION TO REALIGN THE 188<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER WING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SEBASTIAN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT:”

WHEREAS, the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard has been identified by the Department of Defense for realignment in the 2005 base realignment and closure plan; and,

WHEREAS, said proposed realignment would eliminate the 188<sup>th</sup> mission of flying F-16 aircraft; and,

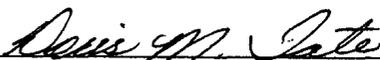
WHEREAS, information relied on by the Department of Defense to make its recommendation regarding the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is incomplete and inaccurate; and,

WHEREAS, the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has substantial military value as evidenced by its operational readiness, the ability of the 188<sup>th</sup> base to accommodate more aircraft at low cost, and the capability of joint operations training using the Fort Chaffee range. Eliminating the flying mission of the 188<sup>th</sup> would greatly reduce the capability to do joint training (Army, Navy, Air Force) on missions such as close air support which are essential in today's troops in contact warfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Sebastian County Quorum Court that the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission is urged to overturn the recommendation to realign the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Furthermore, the Court encourages the BRAC Commission to consider additional missions for the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. The unit's capabilities now and in the future create exceptional military value that will significantly enhance the nation's defense.

DATED: June 21, 2005

APPROVED:   
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:   
COUNTY CLERK