

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-22



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "KEEP CANNON" INITIATIVE

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WHEREAS, the Clovis Army Air Base was activated during World War II and closed at the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, the base was reactivated during the Korean conflict and has been continuously serving the national defense since that time; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has a long history of both combat and peace time service to the safety and security of the country; and

WHEREAS, the Carlsbad community has supported Cannon Air Force Base, its mission and the United States Air Force personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense, on May 13, 2005, announced its recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as a part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base meets all announced criteria governing the base closure evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has favorable flying conditions, is in close proximity to the Melrose Bomb range, has recently refurbished both runways and other infrastructure and has infrastructure capable of accommodating an expanded mission; and

WHEREAS, through foresight and planning by local and state officials, air right easements have been previously acquired to eliminate encroachment issues that have impacted other Air Force bases; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Training Range Initiative should be finalized before the end of 2005, allowing supersonic training at Melrose Bomb Range and the associated military airspace; and

WHEREAS, from the inception of the air expeditionary force (AEF) concept, Cannon Air Force Base has served as a lead wing; and

WHEREAS, the Carlsbad City Council believes the closure recommendation fails to follow the announced criteria; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has vowed to lead and support efforts to overcome the recommendation of the Defense Department; and

WHEREAS, Congressional Leaders have also pledged to lead efforts to overcome the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD to exert whatever means and energy is necessary to obtain the removal of Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list, and encourage the citizens of Carlsbad to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, e-mails and communications showing the support of the community for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2005.



Bob Forrest

Bob Forrest, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenea Chambliss

Deputy City Clerk