

City of Muleshoe

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi – Chairman
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Honorable Anthony J. Principi:

On behalf of the City Council for the City of Muleshoe, I wish to express support for the efforts of our good friends in Clovis, Portales and Eastern New Mexico in opposing the closing of Cannon Air Force Base as recommended by the Department of Defense.

The military significance of Cannon Air Force Base is substantial. The abundance of air space with no encroachment issues provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots, the weather in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas provides for year round training, and the completion of the New Mexico Training Range Initiative will allow for supersonic training at Melrose Bomb Range.

Cannon Air Force Base has a very positive affect on the economy and culture of Muleshoe and West Texas. The presence and impact of the base is a major reason that Clovis is becoming a major trade center for our area. The other nearest major trade centers for our citizens are Lubbock and Amarillo each being 80 to 90 miles from Muleshoe. Clovis is 30 miles from Muleshoe and allows our citizens ready access to goods and services that are otherwise less accessible.

Cannon Air Force Base is a primary provider of Homeland Security for Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. One particular incident occurred approximately two years ago when the Juvenile Probation office in Muleshoe received a bomb threat. The Cannon Air Force Base bomb squad quickly responded to provide expert support to our local law enforcement.

The enclosed Resolution of the Muleshoe City Council represents the support of the City of Muleshoe and the citizens of this area for the Base Realignment and Closure Committee to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the base closure list as proposed by the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

Cliff Black, Mayor

RES. NO. R-620-0605

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 does not fit the criteria provided for base closure; and,

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues thus providing for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots; and

WHEREAS, the weather in Eastern New Mexico provides for year round training ability; 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, Cannon Air Force Base personnel and their families have contributed greatly to the local community as well as the surrounding area including communities in West Texas; and,

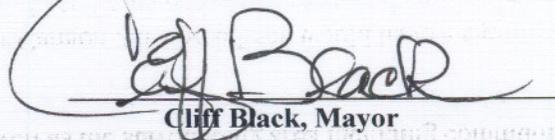
WHEREAS, the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have a significant adverse impact on the City of Muleshoe and West Texas both financially and culturally; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Muleshoe and the other communities of West Texas support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure; and,

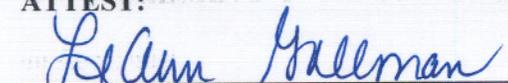
WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base is a primary provider of Homeland Security support services in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MULESHOE, TEXAS: the citizens of Muleshoe and the Muleshoe City Council wholeheartedly support any and all efforts to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the Base Closure and Realignment Commission's base closure list.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE, 2005.


Cliff Black, Mayor

ATTEST:


LeAnn Gallman, City Secretary