

**CITY OF GAUTIER
Consent Item #5
Fact Sheet**

Council Meeting:
Title:

June 3, 2014
Resolution requesting the Department of Defense to recognize national defense and security value of Keesler Air Force Base and ITSC-130 Tactical Airlift Mission and to preserve and retain Mission Keesler during current fiscal re-organization

Introduced by:
Contact Person/Telephone

City Manager 497-8000 Ext. 306

Summary Explanation: Approval of resolution requesting the Department of Defense to recognize national defense and security value of Keesler Air Force Base and ITSC-130 Tactical Airlift Mission and to preserve and retain Mission Keesler during current fiscal re-organization.

EXHIBITS FOR REVIEW

Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plan Maps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Order	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submittal Authorization	City Manager

Staff Recommendation:

Approval

Motion Made by:													
Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Second Made by:													
Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Voted as follows:		Ayes	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Mayor	Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 1	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 5	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Taken:

There came for consideration of the Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 000-2014

RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY VALUE OF KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE AND ITSC-130 TACTICAL AIRLIFT MISSION AND TO PRESERVE AND RETAIN MISSION KEESLER DURING CURRENT FISCAL RE-ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Keesler Air Force Base plays an essential role in the defense and security of our nation through its numerous technical and operational training programs, including its C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that the Department of Defense is in the process of reorganizing its military missions and may be looking at the C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission at Keesler Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, for many years Keesler Air Force Base has been the leading center in the nation for the training of personnel for technical, tactical, and operational purposes, and continues to assist the nation in the defense of its national security both at home and abroad through cyber-training programs, its C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission, other flight mission programs, and logistical and operational training programs; and

WHEREAS, the C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission is strategically located at Keesler because of its proximity to other related training and operational programs at Keesler, and should be recognized as an important and integral part of the overall defense contribution of Keesler Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Keesler Air Force Base is a vital part of the economic fabric of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and its personnel have become an essential partner in our local community, but more importantly, it's missions such as the C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission have become a cornerstone of the national defense and security structure that protects and defends our nation; and

WHEREAS, as recognition of the importance and quality of the missions and personnel located there Keesler Air Force Base was awarded the 2013 Air Force Installation Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of our nation to protect and preserve both the missions and personnel located and stationed at this outstanding Air Force Base during this current round of re-organization by the Department of Defense by retaining the C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission at Keesler Air Force Base;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. The United States Department of Defense is hereby requested and urged to preserve and retain the C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission and personnel at Keesler Air Force because of their critical and essential role in the security and defense of our nation, and, if programs and personnel within the Defense Department structure must be relocated or re-aligned, those programs and personnel should be transferred to rather than from Keesler Air Force Base, which is currently recognized by the Air Force itself with its award for the highest quality facility and operation.

SECTION TWO. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, thereby requesting them to represent the best interest of both the nation and the people of Mississippi by urging the Department of Defense to preserve and retain the C-130 Tactic I Airlift Mission and personnel at Keesler Air Force Base.

Motion made by **BLANK**, seconded by **BLANK** and the following vote was recorded:

AYES:

NAYS:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

BLANK by Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, at the meeting of June 3, 2014.