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P.O. Box 429
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May 28, 2014

The Honorable Gordon Gollott
Mayor, City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
Gautier, MS 39553

SUBJECT: Preservation of C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission for Keesler Air Force Base

Dear Mayor Gollott,

Attached is Resolution Number 229-14, which requests the Department of Defense to recognize the National Defense and Security value of Keesler Air Force Base and its C-130 Tactical Airlift Mission and to preserve and retain that mission at Keesler Air Force Base during the current fiscal re-organization.

It is the desire of the City of Biloxi Mayor and City Council that the City of Gautier, as well as the other Coastal cities, join in and adopt a similar resolution.

Thank you, in advance, for your support as we strive to retain the current mission of Keesler Air Force Base and its contributions to our Mississippi Gulf Coast as a whole!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Glavan", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Kenny Glavan
Vice President
Biloxi City Council

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Attachment

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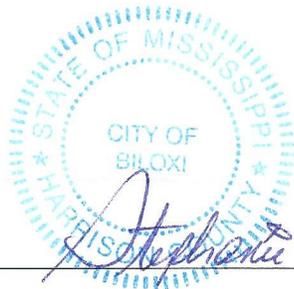
COUNTY OF HARRISON

CITY OF BILOXI

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Stephanie P. Rosetti, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Council, of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution Number 229-14 is a true copy of the original Resolution, which will be placed on the record of the Council Minutes of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, of a duly held meeting on the 6th day of May, 2014, and that the original Resolution appears on record in the Clerk of the Council's Office from which this copy is taken and compared.

DONE this the 28th day of May, 2014.



Stephanie P. Rosetti

RESOLUTION NO. 229-14

RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY VALUE OF KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE AND ITS C-130 TACTICAL AIRLIFT MISSION AND TO PRESERVE AND RETAIN THAT MISSION AT 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 City of Biloxi and its personnel have become an essential partner in our local community, but more importantly, its 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,

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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 BILOXI, 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 Clerk of Council 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 Tactical Airlift Mission and personnel at Keesler Air Force Base.

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The foregoing Resolution having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Fayard, seconded by Councilmember Newman, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Tisdale	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Fayard		
	Deming			

The President then declared the Resolution adopted this the 6th day of May, 2014.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Keeli Campbell
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Paul L. Tisdell
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 8 day of May, 2014.

APPROVED:

BJ Holloway
MAYOR