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4 **By: Representatives Wagner, Day and Brownlee**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 COMMENDING THE MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM EAKER AIR FORCE
9 BASE AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN OPERATION DESERT SHIELD
10 AND OPERATION DESERT STORM.

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13 WHEREAS, over 1500 men and women from the 97th Bombardment Wing from
14 Eaker Air Force Base were deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm; and

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16 WHEREAS, Eaker personnel were deployed from the outset from the earliest
17 days of Desert Shield; and

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19 WHEREAS, members of the 97th Air Refueling Squadron continually provided
20 vital air refueling service to U. S. military aircraft from all branches from
21 the earliest days of Desert Shield until the present; and

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23 WHEREAS, air crew members from the 340th Bombardment B-52 Squadron at
24 Eaker were instrumental in the constant bombing of strategic targets in Iraq
25 and Kuwait, helping to bring about a quick and decisive coalition victory; and

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27 WHEREAS, Eaker personnel from maintenance, operational and support units
28 were deployed to several forward air locations which included Saudi Arabia,
29 Lajes, RAF Fairford, England, Turkey, Spain, Guam, and Diego Garcia; and

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31 WHEREAS, the 97th BMW commander, George I. Conlan, and other senior base
32 leaders were charged with setting up the 806th Provisional Wing in RAF
33 Fairford, England with Eaker personnel and other Strategic Air Command
34 personnel to run B-52 operations. This base had been closed last year, so the
35 Wing had the insurmountable task of rebuilding the base to accommodate the

1 mission and the needs of the over 2,000 military personnel deployed.

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL

5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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7 THAT the fine men and women of Eaker Air Force Base who were
8 instrumental in their respective roles in Operation Desert Shield and
9 Operation Desert Storm are worthy of the highest praise possible from a
10 grateful State and Nation.

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