

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Bearden**

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7 **SENATE 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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12 WHEREAS, over 1500 men and women from the 97th Bombardment Wing from
13 Eaker Air Force Base were deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm; and

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the 97th BMW commander, George I. Conlan, and other senior base
26 leaders were charged with setting up the 806th Provisional Wing in RAF
27 Fairford, England with Eaker personnel and other Strategic Air Command
28 personnel to run B-52 operations. This base had been closed last year, so the
29 Wing had the insurmountable task of rebuilding the base to accommodate the
30 mission and the needs of the over 2,000 military personnel deployed.

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32 NOW THEREFORE,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
34 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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