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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

COMMENDATIONS: Commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the around-the-world flight known as Global Power 94-7

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the around-the-world flight, known as Global
3 Power 94-7.

4 WHEREAS, Global Power 94-7 was a record-setting around-the-globe flight
5 conducted by two B-52H Boeing Stratofortress bombers in 1994; the flight served to
6 demonstrate American exceptionalism, persistent airpower, and power projection; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Air Force, and its predecessor, the Army Air Corps,
8 have been integral components and elements of the national defense of the United States of
9 America since manned flight was pioneered and incorporated into the American warfighting
10 ethos in the early 1900s; and

11 WHEREAS, aviation pioneers such Orville and Wilbur Wright, Generals Billy
12 Mitchell, Jimmy Doolittle, Curtis LeMay, Francis Gabreski, Chuck Yeager, Robin Olds,
13 Chappie James, and many others undertook daring actions to develop, harness, and then
14 operationalize the unbounded potential of manned flight and laid the critical groundwork to
15 establish the U.S. Air Force as the preeminent air arm in the history of mankind; and

16 WHEREAS, the American bomber force led the way in World War II, crippling
17 German and Japanese war machines and bringing the war to an end, during the waning days
18 of the Vietnam War, forcing the communists to the negotiating table, and in Operation
19 Desert Storm decimating the entrenched army of the forces that had invaded the Kingdom
20 of Kuwait and bringing to a rapid resolution the conflict that had been projected to take
21 months or even years; and

1 WHEREAS, the bomber fleet of the United States Air Force is one of three critical
2 components of the American nuclear deterrence TRIAD; and

3 WHEREAS, for over forty years the bombers of the U.S. Air Force and Strategic Air
4 Command (SAC) stood at-the-ready and on alert to respond to strategic threats and attacks
5 on the United States; these valiant warriors and the maintainers and support teams who
6 ensured a constant readiness to defend the United States kept the Soviet Union at bay and
7 were a critical component in hastening the collapse of what President Ronald Reagan
8 declared as an "evil empire"; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1994, in an effort to demonstrate the critical concept of Global
10 Reach, Global Power, two B-52Hs, manned by 16 crew members, transited the globe in 47.2
11 hours; these highly skilled airmen navigated on an easterly course from Barksdale Air Force
12 Base in Louisiana directly to the Udari Bombing Range in the Kingdom of Kuwait, within
13 three seconds of the anticipated time of target and delivered 27,000 pounds of high
14 explosives; and

15 WHEREAS, upon delivery of the ordnance, the jets continued eastward, transiting
16 ocean after ocean, and arriving back at their home station of Barksdale Air Force in Bossier
17 City, Louisiana, demonstrating to all friends and enemies around the world that at any
18 moment in time, America's Airmen could respond to the direction of the National Command
19 Authority and step into the breach to defend friends and allies and eradicate the behavior of
20 tyrants; and

21 WHEREAS, the brilliant airmanship of the officers of the 2nd Bombardment Wing
22 (Heavy), and the maintainers, security personnel, tankers, mission planners, and others
23 demonstrated to the world what teamwork looks like and underscored their capacity,
24 accuracy, precision, and commitment to excellence.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26 commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the around-the-world flight known as Global
27 Power 94-7; does hereby pay sincere tribute to all the warrior-airmen who set a record in
28 1994 and who both continued the tradition of aerial dominance of the United States Air
29 Force and paved the way for a future of American excellence in aviation for decades to
30 come; and does hereby recognize all of the gallant airmen who transited the earth in 1994,

- 1 honorary citizens of our great state, wish them well, and thank them for their efforts to
 - 2 defend liberty and stand guard of our great republic.
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