

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Brinkley, Allen, Anderson,
Barrington, Bass, Bice,
Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen,
Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm,
David, Fields, Floyd, Ford,
Fry, Garrison, Griffin,
Halligan, Holt, Jech,
Jolley, Justice, Loveless,
Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei,
Newberry, Paddack, Pittman,
Quinn, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,
Shortey, Silk, Simpson,
Smalley, Sparks,
Standridge, Stanislowski,
Sykes, Thompson, Treat,
Wyrick, and Yen of the
Senate

and

Derby of the House

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the efforts of the
Oklahoma National Guard and all of the Citizen Airmen
of the 138th Fighter Wing in their pursuit of the F-
35 mission at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Air National Guard traces its lineage and
history to 1941 as the 125th Aero Squadron, with service to the

1 United States of America first in World War II and for over 70 years
2 since; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma National Guard has answered the call of
4 our Nation's defense by consistently mobilizing and deploying more
5 National Guard men and women than any other State, including Tulsa's
6 138th Fighter Wing's deployments to Operations Provide Comfort,
7 Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and
8 Enduring Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, the 138th Fighter Wing has provided seamless defense of
10 our Nation's southern border by performing the Air Combat Alert
11 mission, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, since February 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Air National Guard has consistently
13 answered the call of our State's emergencies, as evidenced by
14 Tulsa's 138th Fighter Wing's mobilizations on State Active Duty in
15 support of relief efforts due to tornadoes, winter storms, and other
16 natural and manmade disasters; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma National Guard maintains a history of
18 excellence, as proven by the 138th Fighter Wing's record of
19 unequalled exercise, inspection, and evaluation success, as well as a
20 fighter pilot cadre beyond compare; and

21 WHEREAS, the men and women of the 138th Fighter Wing's
22 subordinate units - the 138th Operations Group, the 125th Fighter
23 Squadron, the 138th Mission Support Group, the 138th Maintenance
24 Group, the 138th Medical Group, and the 219th Engineering

1 Installation Squadron live the Air Force values of: Integrity First,
2 Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do; and

3 WHEREAS, the 138th Fighter Wing has flown many venerable
4 aircraft, with names such as the O-38E, Vigilant, Grasshopper, Owl,
5 Mustang, Thunderjet, Shooting Star, Sabre Interceptor,
6 Stratofreighter, Globemaster, Super Sabre, Corsair II, and since
7 1993, the F-16 Fighting Falcon; and

8 WHEREAS, like all the great aircraft flown in the past, the F-16
9 Fighting Falcon, shall too eventually be replaced, in this instance
10 by the F-35 Lightning; and

11 WHEREAS, Communities across the State of Oklahoma, and
12 specifically the City of Tulsa, have partnered with the men and
13 women of the 138th Fighter Wing to ensure the Tulsa Air National
14 Guard Base is ready, willing, and able to receive the F-35 mission;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the acquisition of the F-35 will have a positive
17 economic impact to the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma with
18 over 1,100 well-paying jobs with a sustained payroll of over \$80
19 million dollars for the next 50-60 years; and

20 WHEREAS, the people of the Great State of Oklahoma
21 wholeheartedly support all of our military personnel, especially the
22 citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard and their
23 endeavors.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature fully supports the efforts of the
5 Oklahoma National Guard and all of the Citizen Airmen of the 138th
6 Fighter Wing in their pursuit of the F-35 mission at the Tulsa Air
7 National Guard Base.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
9 National Guard Major General Robbie L. Asher, Adjutant General.

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