

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

WHEREAS, on September 18, 1947, the United States Air Force was officially established as a separate and independent branch of the United States Armed Forces, following the passage of the National Security Act of 1947; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-eight years, the United States Air Force has served as a critical pillar of America’s national defense, providing unmatched capabilities in air, space, and cyberspace, and protecting the freedoms and security of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has had a profound impact on the Caddo Parish community through the presence and service of **Barksdale Air Force Base**, one of the most historic and significant installations in the nation, located in neighboring Bossier Parish but deeply interwoven into the social, cultural, and economic life of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Barksdale Air Force Base is home to the **2nd Bomb Wing** and the **Air Force Global Strike Command**, housing one of the nation’s premier fleets of long-range bombers and serving as a cornerstone of America’s strategic deterrence capabilities; and

WHEREAS, generations of Airmen stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base have lived, worked, and raised families in Caddo Parish, strengthening schools, neighborhoods, and civic institutions, while contributing to the economic vitality and cultural diversity of our region; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish hold deep gratitude for the sacrifices and service of the men and women of the United States Air Force, past and present, who have stood watch over freedom and contributed to the strength and resilience of our Parish and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proudly recognize and commemorate the **78th Anniversary of the United States Air Force**, and extends its deepest appreciation to the Airmen, veterans, and families whose service and sacrifices have strengthened the United States of America and enriched the community of Caddo Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy shall be shared with the leadership of Barksdale Air Force Base and the United States Air Force in recognition of this enduring partnership and legacy.

Attest:

Ken Epperson
Vice President
District 12