

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1738

A RESOLUTION commemorating the reactivation of the 924th Air Refueling Squadron under the 931st Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base on April 2, 2017.

WHEREAS, Prior to reforming as the 924th Air Refueling Squadron (924th), the squadron originally operated as the 24th Transport Squadron stationed at Morrison Field in Florida from 1942 to 1943. The 24th Transport Squadron transported soldiers across the South Atlantic ferrying route during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The 924th was activated in 1959 at Castle Air Force Base (AFB) and was assigned to the 93rd Bombardment Wing; and

WHEREAS, The 924th was equipped with Boeing KC-135 Stratotankers, used to refuel the B-52 Stratofortress, and was tasked with training KC-135 aircrews for Strategic Air Command tanker units; and

WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, the 924th Air Refueling Squadron was reassigned to assist in combat missions overseas. The 924th also participated in both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Family members of 924th personnel supported their aviators while they were on deployment during times of peace and times of conflict and took care of family responsibilities until they were once again reunited; and

WHEREAS, During periods of inaction, the 924th kept half of its aircraft fully fueled and at the ready in the event of a Soviet attack during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, It is significant to note that Strategic Air Command's first all-female flight crew was activated within the 924th in 1982; and

WHEREAS, The 924th was deactivated in 1992 as a result of the military drawdown at the conclusion of the Cold War and the closure of Castle AFB; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2017, the 924th will be reactivated at McConnell AFB as a reserve unit under the 931st Air Refueling Wing and will be equipped with the newly commissioned KC-46A Pegasus aircraft: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the reactivation of the 924th Air Refueling Squadron under the 931st Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base on April 2, 2017; and

Be it further resolved: That we honor and remember all service members, past and present, and we are forever thankful for their commitment to service; and

Be it further resolved: That family members are to be commended for their deep sense of patriotism and for supporting members of the 924th during family separations; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Goddard.

Senate Resolution No. 1738 was sponsored by Senator Dan Goddard.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.