

1 commanders who have come before, that include Colonel Asa N. Duncan, Brigadier General
2 Ira C. Eaker, and General James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, to name just a few; and

3 WHEREAS, The Mighty Eighth upholds a legacy of military service in its
4 present-day functions as an information operations and intelligence wing along with its
5 long-range nuclear-capable bomber assets; the Eighth Air Force remains a combat-ready
6 presence whose objectives include maintaining international peace and security; and

7 WHEREAS, the Eighth Air Force is an essential component of the United States Air
8 Force Global Strike Command; with the designation Task Force 204, The Mighty Eighth
9 provides on-alert, combat-ready forces at the immediate discretion of the President of the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS, as commander, Major General Thomas Bussiere has issued his
12 expectations for success, and these tenets demand a singular vision of "one force" focused
13 on discipline, excellence, and pride with continuous improvement of its readiness, strong
14 warrior culture, and global strike capability; and, lastly, the Eighth Air Force continues to
15 uphold these priorities to deter the enemy, to assure the public, to integrate seamlessly with
16 other military forces, and to execute orders to the letter; and

17 WHEREAS, while the tyranny of foreign dictators and despots makes for an uneasy
18 world peace, yet, when called upon, The Mighty Eighth will be "in the thick of it" when
19 armed conflicts erupt that involve the United States or its allies; and

20 WHEREAS, the Eighth Air Force has become a welcome addition to community life
21 in Northwestern Louisiana since its move to Barksdale AFB in 1972 and its presence
22 provides a steadfast reminder of the vast air supremacy of the United States military.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 commend the United States Eighth Air Force on the occasion of the seventy-fifth
25 anniversary of its activation and does hereby congratulate the commanders, officers, and
26 airmen of The Mighty Eighth on its exemplary history of military air defense readiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Major General Thomas A. Bussiere, Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana.

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