

No. R-249. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

(H.C.R.167)

Offered by: Representatives Morgan, L. of Milton and Morgan, M. of Milton

Whereas, since 1907, when the Aeronautical Division of the Signal Corps was established, (a unit renamed in 1918 as the Air Service, U.S. Army; designated as the Army Air Corps in 1926; and starting in 1941, known as the U.S. Army Air Force), aviation has served as a core component of U.S. military strategy, and

Whereas, following many years of advocacy from military flyers, and based on World War II experiences, the National Security Act of 1947, 61 *Stat.* 495, which established the modern U.S. military organizational structure, included in its provisions Section 207, establishing the Department of the U.S. Air Force as a separate military branch, and

Whereas, since its inception, the U.S. Air Force has played a major role in every American military conflict and has served as a technology pioneer, and

Whereas, the Vermont Air National Guard and its 158th Fighter Wing, established in 1946, serves as the Green Mountain State's contribution to the U.S. Air Force, and

Whereas, September 18, 2022 is the date formally marking the branch's 75th anniversary, and throughout 2022, the U.S. Air Force is staging commemorative events in celebration of this historic milestone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall, Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General, Major General Gregory Knight, and the Commander of the 158th Flight Wing, Colonel David W. Shevchik.