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A RESOLUTION

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force has had a presence in Idaho for more than 56 years, with numerous facilities, including Mountain Home Air Force Base and Boise's Gowen Field; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Air Force approved Joint Strike Fighter basing criteria for both training and for operational bases for the new F-35 mission; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base was selected as a finalist as an operational base and Boise's Gowen Field was selected as a finalist as a training base; and

WHEREAS, Southern Idaho's climate is well-suited to these missions, with more than 321 flyable days per year, a key selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities provide ample and unhindered training airspace close to installations, which enables more training time and less fuel consumed; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities are unencumbered by the encroachment of civilian land use, which lowers the environmental impact on surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho facilities have the capacity to support at least three squadrons each, including runway space, ramp space, personnel housing, and maintenance and hangar bays necessary to accommodate these new missions; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ is a patriotic community, and supports members of our community in the military, and would welcome the new F-35 mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the City Council and the Mayor of the City of _____, Idaho, that we urge the U.S. Air Force to select Idaho for its F-35 missions.