

RESOLUTION NO. 902

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE IN RECOMMENDING THE TULSA BASE OF THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD AS THE OPTIMUM LOCATION FOR THE NEW F-35 LIGHTNING II FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLEET; ACKNOWLEDGING THE 138TH FIGHTER WING, LOCATED AT TULSA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, AS ONE OF THE PREMIER COMBAT UNITS IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE; URGING THE PENTAGON TO STATION THE NEXT GENERATION OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT TULSA

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force is currently deliberating the location of the future F-35 “Lightning II” Fighter Wing; and

WHEREAS, since 1957 citizen airmen of the Oklahoma Air National Guard have served with honor, distinction and effectiveness when called to duty by the State of Oklahoma or the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa 138th Fighter Wing of the Oklahoma Air National Guard is possessed of operational excellence as acknowledged by the Air Force itself; a distinguished combat history in eleven overseas combat operations; pilot demographics well suited to new aircraft technology; a notable recruitment and retention rate; strategic access to special-use airspace and military training ranges; newly updated facilities, including new aircraft apron, weather shelters, fuel storage and ammunition storage; and

WHEREAS, the 138th Fighter Wing enjoys broad support and a close relationship with the Tulsa community and its civic leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW:

Section 1. The City of Broken Arrow recommends the Tulsa 138th Fighter Wing of the Oklahoma Air National Guard as future home to the next generation of fighter aircraft, the F-35 “Lightning II,” due to be deployed beginning in 2022; and

Section 2. The City of Broken Arrow supports the Governor of the State of Oklahoma and her task force, in urging the United States Air Force to station its next generation of fighter aircraft at the Tulsa based of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

This Resolution is approved in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Broken Arrow on this 15th day of December, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL) Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney