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S. RES. 185

Recognizing and commending the personnel of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, for their participation and efforts in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Operation Allied Force in the Balkan region.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the personnel of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, for their participation and efforts in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Operation Allied Force in the Balkan region.

Whereas the personnel of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, developed and provided many of the munitions, technical orders, expertise, and support equipment utilized by NATO during the Operation Allied Force air campaign;

Whereas the 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) developed at the Air Armament Center was the very first weapon dropped in Operation Allied Force;

Whereas the Air to Ground 130 (AGM 130) standoff missile, developed at the Air Armament Center, enabled the F-15E Strike Eagle aircrews to standoff approximately 40 nautical miles from targets and attack with very high precision; and

Whereas the reliable performance of the JDAM and AGM 130 enabled the combat air crews to complete bombing missions accurately, effectively, and with reduced risk to crews, resulting in no casualties among NATO air personnel, thereby making these munitions the ordinance favored most by combat air crews: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the men and women of Eglin Air
3 Force Base, Florida, for their contributions to the
4 unqualified success of Operation Allied Force;

5 (2) recognizes that the efforts of the men and
6 women of the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air
7 Force Base, Florida, helped NATO conduct the air
8 war with devastating effect on our adversaries, en-
9 tirely without American casualties in the air combat
10 operations;

11 (3) expresses deep gratitude for the sacrifices
12 made by those men and women and their families in
13 their support of American efforts in Operation Allied
14 Force; and

15 (4) commits to maintaining the technological
16 superiority of American air armament as a critical

- 1 component of our Nation's capability to conduct and
- 2 prevail in warfare while minimizing casualties.

