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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the United States Air

3 Force on its 60th Anniversary.

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5 WHEREAS, this year marks the year-long celebration of

6 the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force as an independent

7 branch of the nation's military and is the centennial of the

8 first contract for military aircraft to the Wright Brothers in

9 1907, and

10 WHEREAS, the theme of this year's celebration is

11 "Heritage to Horizons: Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space

12 Power" as this country honors the valor, courage, and

13 commitment of generations of airmen and airwomen who have

14 risked their lives in the defense of freedom, and

15 WHEREAS, America's air force is the largest and most

16 technologically advanced air force in the world, with more

17 than 9,000 aircraft in service and more than 350,000 personnel

18 on active duty, and

19 WHEREAS, the stated mission of the U.S. Air Force today

20 is "to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United

21 States of America and its global interests - to fly and fight

22 in Air, Space, and Cyberspace," and

23 WHEREAS, Florida is proud to be home to five U.S. Air

24 Force Bases and three Air Stations - Eglin AFB, Tyndall AFB,

25 Hurlburt Field, MacDill AFB, Patrick AFB, Avon Park Air

26 Station, Cape Canaveral Air Station, and Duke Field, and

27 WHEREAS, this anniversary year is an opportunity for

28 all Americans to honor the many patriotic men and women who

29 have served in the United States Air Force and its predecessor

30 organizations and especially to recognize the more than 54,000

31 airmen and airwomen who have paid the ultimate price for their

1 | country - giving their lives for freedom, justice, and the
2 | American way of life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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6 | That the Senate pauses in its deliberations to
7 | commemorate the personal sacrifice of the members of the
8 | United States Air Force and to celebrate its 60th year of
9 | commitment and resolve in protecting this country's freedom.

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