

RESOLUTION R-2010-008

Supporting JSF (F-35A) Basing at Shaw AFB and McEntire JNCB, South Carolina

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, South Carolina is honored that Shaw Air Force Base and McEntire Joint National Guard Base are being considered for deployment of the Joint Strike Fighter, F-35A, aircraft to replace the Fighting Falcon, F-16CJ, aircraft which are now at Shaw and McEntire; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is proud of the cooperative planning and preparations that it has completed or is in the process of completing in conjunction with other community organizations, such as Richland County and the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, so that it can fully support the proposed F-35A aircraft operations, the Guardsmen, the Airmen and their families who will live in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia realizes the strengths of McEntire and Shaw during this site selection process, including an indisputable record of military excellence, our proximity to various training ranges, a modern and frequently evolving infrastructure, wide-open, rural surroundings, the near proximity of excellent training airspace (MOAs and Warning Areas), and fully operational electronic weapons training range (Poinsett Range); and

WHEREAS, McEntire and Shaw demonstrated to the site assessment team that they have the people and facilities to accept the new aircraft at an extremely low cost to the taxpayer while continuing to provide combat capability recognized as the best in the Air Force for the core mission set which happens to be the same missions the F-35A will be responsible for; and

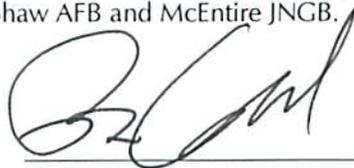
WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is in favor of basing JSF at both locations, Shaw and McEntire, so that the current synergistic working relationship may continue between our communities and that of Sumter County; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia this 17th day of February, 2010, that the City of Columbia is proud of the role it has played in the defense of our country by way of Shaw Air Force Base and McEntire Joint National Guard Base and looks forward to increasing its role by continuing the relationship with the Department of Defense and the Sumter Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Columbia, South Carolina pledges its full support and cooperation to the Joint Strike Fighter, F-35A, mission to Shaw AFB and McEntire JNCB.

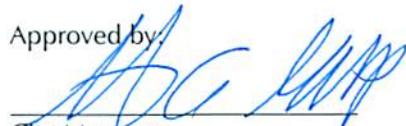
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City Manager & Economic Development



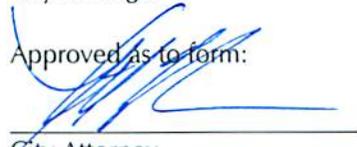
Mayor

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City Manager

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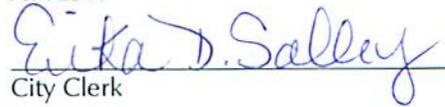


City Attorney

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ATTEST:



City Clerk

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