

*Memorandum*

*To: City Council Members*

*From: Mayor Jerry Munson*

*Date: January 18, 2002*

*Ref: Resolution of Support/Ellsworth AFB*

*Attached please find a Resolution of Support for Ellsworth Air Force Base and the personnel that provide support to our nation. The Resolution of Support will be presented at a public reception on February 6, 2002.*

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ELLSWORTH AFB PERSONNEL  
AS AN OUTANDING COMPONENT OF OUR NATION'S DEFENSES

WHEREAS: Ellsworth Air Force Base's personnel have been an integral part of every facet of the Greater Rapid City Community's sense of identity and pride as a gateway to Mt. Rushmore, our Nation's Shrine of Democracy; and

WHEREAS: Ellsworth personnel have been called upon to defend our nation in a continuing series of conflicts extending back to the earliest day of World War II. Ellsworth's personnel served through the past century's Cold War, spanning over forty-five years of East-West confrontations; occasionally punctuated by conflicts of the gravest magnitude; and

WHEREAS: Ellsworth's personnel provided substantial contributions to our nation's involvement in the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam and Gulf Wars and numerous other conflicts and confrontations in the decades spanning the latter 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

WHEREAS: Ellsworth's personnel have been the U.S. Air Force's lead unit for the B-1B Lancer conventional mission upgrade program that has converted their bombers into Global Power strike aircraft capable of engaging an enemy within hours of being alerted; and

WHEREAS: Ellsworth's 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing flew their B-1B Lancers into their "birth of combat" in a Persian Gulf Operation and were subsequently returned to the same theater to repeat their newly developed capabilities; and

WHEREAS: Their flawless performance was instrumental in achieving a decisive victory in the NATO liberation of Kosovo and most recently in response to direct attacks upon New York City and our Nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: In the current War Against Terror, Ellsworth's personnel, both those deployed in direct support of the Afghanistan Campaign against the al-Qaida and Taliban and those who remained at Ellsworth to protect its aircraft and facilities as valuable national defense assets have performed their wartime missions with the professionalism of true patriots; and

WHEREAS: Many Ellsworth personnel have sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties and numerous others were disabled by virtue of their dedication to service, their fellow personnel, and sense of commitment to their profession.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rapid City, South Dakota, that February 6, 2002, be declared a day to "Salute to Ellsworth Air Force Base", its 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, the military and civilian personnel assigned to its critical national defense mission and to those family members who so proudly stand in support of our "Defenders of Democracy."

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2002.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer  
(SEAL)