

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Introduced by: Representatives Duniphan, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Broderick, Brown (Jarvis), Brown (Richard), Burg, Clark, Davis, Derby, Duenwald, Eccarius, Elliott, Flowers, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gillespie, Glenski, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Heineman, Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Holbeck, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jaspers, Jensen, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kloucek, Koistinen, Konold, Kooistra, Lange, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, Michels, Monroe, Murschel, Nachtigal, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Pitts, Pummel, Rhoden, Richter, Sebert, Sigdestad, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Duane), Teupel, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, and Wick and Senators McCracken, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Craddock, Daugaard, de Hueck, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Diedrich (Elmer), Drake, Duxbury, Everist, Greenfield, Hagen, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Koetzle, Koskan, Madden, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), Symens, Vitter, Volesky, and Whiting

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing Ellsworth Air Force Base personnel as an  
2 outstanding component of our nation's defenses.

3 WHEREAS, Ellsworth Air Force Base has been hosted by the Western South Dakota's Black  
4 Hills communities of Rapid City and Box Elder for the past sixty years; and

5 WHEREAS, Ellsworth personnel have been called upon in a demanding series of national  
6 defense responses over decades of conflicts extending throughout World War II, an enduring  
7 Cold War spanning over forty-five years, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War,  
8 other armed conflicts in Southwest Asia, the NATO liberation of Kosovo, and most recently in



1 response to direct attacks upon New York City and our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.; and

2 WHEREAS, Ellsworth's military and civilian personnel endured the rigors of over thirty years  
3 of strategic nuclear deterrence, were often deployed in support of various world crisis situations  
4 for extended periods of time, and sacrificed their lives and individual liberties to represent our  
5 nation's defense policies and treaty obligations; and

6 WHEREAS, Ellsworth's aircrews and support personnel have transformed their B-1B aircraft  
7 from a Cold War nuclear deterrent to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century conventional strike aircraft capable of flying  
8 nonstop from Ellsworth to any worldwide location and directly engaging the enemy with the  
9 most advanced precision weapons using unprecedented timing and accuracy; and

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

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
15 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that February 6,  
16 2002, be declared a day to salute Ellsworth Air Force Base, its 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, the military and  
17 civilian personnel assigned to its critical national defense mission, and those family members who  
18 so proudly stand in support of our "Defenders of Democracy."