

Introduced by

Representatives Strinden, Owens, Sanford, Delmore, Glassheim, Holman, Mock, Mooney,  
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Senators Murphy, Schneider, Triplett

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Air Force to select the Grand Forks Air Force  
2 Base as the active duty main operating base for the new KC-46A refueling tanker mission.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Grand Forks Air Force Base is one of four finalists to serve as the active  
4 duty main operating base for the United States Air Force's new KC-46A tanker mission; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Grand Forks Air Force Base successfully hosted a KC-135 tanker mission  
6 for over fifty years, from 1960 to 2010; and

7 **WHEREAS**, existing infrastructure and recent expansions in housing capacity would lend to  
8 successfully hosting the KC-46A tanker mission; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Grand Forks Air Force Base has an exemplary record of service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the vast, open airspace of the Northern Plains has proven to be an ideal  
11 setting for the operation of both training and active duty aerial missions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Grand Forks Air Force Base was selected to house and support unmanned  
13 aircraft missions being launched around the globe; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the geographic location of the Grand Forks Air Force Base provides access to  
15 strategic aerial routes over the North Pole; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Grand Forks community showed its overwhelming support for the Grand  
17 Forks Air Force Base during base realignment and closure in 2005;

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**  
19 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

20 That the Sixty-third legislative assembly urges the United States Air Force to select the  
21 Grand Forks Air Force Base as the active duty main operating base for the new KC-46A  
22 refueling tanker mission.

- 1        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 2 to the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the Grand Forks Air Force Base, the General
- 3 Air Force Chief of Staff, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.