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Recognizing the United States Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and honoring the pilots and crew members who have served aboard that aircraft.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2002

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. McCRERY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the United States Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and honoring the pilots and crew members who have served aboard that aircraft.

Whereas the B-52 Stratofortress bomber has been the prime weapon in the United States strategic bomber fleet since the first flight of that aircraft in 1952;

Whereas the B-52 bomber as currently configured can perform strategic attack, air interdiction, offensive counter-air, and maritime operations missions;

Whereas the B-52 bomber is capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons of any aircraft in the United States aircraft inventory, including gravity bombs,

cluster bombs, precision guided missiles, and joint direct attack munitions;

Whereas the B-52 bomber was a key component of the United States arsenal during the Cold War;

Whereas during the Cold War, there were always B-52 bombers aloft armed with nuclear weapons forming a major component of America's nuclear deterrence policies;

Whereas during Operation Desert Storm, B-52 bombers delivered 40 percent of all the weapons dropped by coalition forces;

Whereas the B-52 bomber has recently contributed in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan;

Whereas current engineering analyses show that the life span of the B-52 bombers currently in service can be extended to beyond the year 2045; and

Whereas the year 2002 marks the 50th anniversary of the entrance of the B-52 Stratofortress bomber: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress recognizes the United
 3 States Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber on the occa-
 4 sion of its 50th anniversary and honors the pilots and crew
 5 members who have served aboard that aircraft.

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