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Recognizing the United States Air Force's Air Force News Agency on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and honoring the Air Force personnel who have served the Nation while assigned to that agency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mr. GONZALEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the United States Air Force's Air Force News Agency on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and honoring the Air Force personnel who have served the Nation while assigned to that agency.

Whereas the Air Force News Agency has served as the primary news and information organization for the United States Air Force since the agency was organized on June 1, 1978;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency currently has more than 480 personnel stationed around the world in 28 locations gathering news, information, and images about United States military missions;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency is capable of providing news, information, and images in the widest array of for-

mats to the American public and the world, including print, television, radio, Internet, and telephone formats;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency provides a critical service to senior leaders and commanders of the Department of Defense and the United States Air Force by providing news, information, and images to service members wherever they are stationed around the world;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency helps ensure the morale and readiness of the members of the United States Armed Forces around the world by covering and reporting on the critical services they provide in service to the Nation, to their remote locations, to their family members, and to the American public;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency has recently contributed significantly in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, the Air Force News Agency's Air Force Broadcasting Service delivered continuous radio and television news and information to coalition forces through the American Forces Desert Network;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency's Air Force News Service provides news, information, and images about the United States Air Force through its official web site, Air Force Link, to more than 3,700,000 Internet users every week, biweekly television news programs to more than 800 television stations and cable systems, and print news stories and images to more than 30,000 subscribers every weekday;

Whereas the Air Force News Agency's Army and Air Force Hometown News Service annually provides more than 800,000 news releases to 12,000 daily and weekly hometown newspapers of active, Reserve, and Guard service members and distributes more than 13,500 Holiday Greetings to 1,085 television stations and 2,906 radio stations each holiday season; and

Whereas the year 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of the Air Force News Agency: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the United States Air Force's Air Force News Agen-
3 cy on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and honors the
4 Air Force personnel who have served the Nation while as-
5 signed to that agency.

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