

House Resolution 27

By: Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air Force; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air Force have
7 long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the vital role that they have played in
8 leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, these military heroes, initially as citizen airmen of the 116th Bomb Wing which
11 in 1996 met the challenge of converting from F-15 fighters to B-1B bombers, have diligently
12 and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training and have served their country
13 with honor and distinction; and

14 WHEREAS, following the deactivation of the 116th Bomb Wing in 2002, these patriots
15 became part of the first ever blended Air National Guard and active duty wing in the United
16 States Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, their critical mission of battlefield surveillance continues today as these
18 outstanding flyers serve in E-8C Joint STARS aircraft while maintaining their position as one
19 of the premier units in the United States Air Force; and

20 WHEREAS, the Museum of Aviation, under the guiding hand of its director, Paul Hibbitts,
21 has restored and is displaying a B-1B bomber as a permanent commemoration and tribute to
22 all the past and current members of this unit; and

1 WHEREAS, their selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of
2 human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
3 accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized
4 appropriately.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body commend the 116th Air Control Wing of the United States Air
7 Force for its efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this
8 country and state; recognize the outstanding service of the Museum of Aviation in its
9 restoration and display of the B-1B bomber; and extend their most profound and sincere
10 appreciation to them and all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to
11 lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 116th Air Control Wing
14 of the United States Air Force and to Paul Hibbitts, director of the Museum of Aviation.