

Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of this motion is postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

HONORING AIR WINGS AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1585) honoring and recognizing the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1585

Whereas the base originally named Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, the "Gateway to the Pacific", was renamed Travis Air Force Base in 1951;

Whereas Team Travis includes the 13,900 active duty, reservists, and civilians of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, the 615th Contingency Response Wing, and their families;

Whereas the 60th Air Mobility Wing, one of the Air Force's largest air mobility organizations, significantly contributed to the defense of our Nation during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas, after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Team Travis played major roles in providing airlift, air refueling, and aero medical evacuation in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, flying 102,581 hours for Operation Iraqi Freedom and 70,940 hours for Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas in January 2009, Travis aircrews from the 60th Air Mobility Wing and 349th Air Mobility Wing supported humanitarian aid operations in the Darfur region of Sudan;

Whereas the 615th Contingency Response Wing, one of two Air Force Contingency Response Wings, facilitated airlift efforts from Rwanda in support of the Rwandan peacekeeping mission;

Whereas, after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Team Travis conducted the first humanitarian airlift mission, providing search and rescue personnel, medical experts and supplies, and facilitated the delivery of more than 1,000,000 pounds of cargo during the duration of the Haitian Relief Effort; and

Whereas the 60th Air Mobility Wing and Team Travis valiantly fulfill its motto of being "America's First Choice", for true global reach: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors and recognizes the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California;

(2) offers condolences to the families of the brave servicemembers of Team Travis who have lost their lives in defense of the United States; and

(3) commends the actions of private citizens and organizations in the Travis Air Force Base community for their steadfast support of members of the United States Armed Forces and their families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1585, a resolution expressing appreciation of the House of Representatives for the service and sacrifice of the members of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, 349th Air Reserve Wing, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 615th Contingency Response Wing, and Travis Air Force Base.

Affectionately known as "Team Travis," the team includes 13,900 active duty reservists and civilians of the wings. Travis was established in 1942, originally named the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base. In 1951, it was renamed Travis Air Force Base, and its vital missions have continued.

Travis Air Force Base has been called the "Gateway to the Pacific," and brave men and women who have served at Travis know a thing or two about their neighbors, particularly those across the Pacific and in every corner of the globe. Brave men and women of the Travis Air Force Base have fought in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. More recently, Team Travis has played a major role in providing airlift, air refueling, and aero-medical evacuation in support of combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, flying 102,581 hours for Operation Iraqi Freedom and 70,940 hours for Operation Enduring Freedom. That's a lot of flight time.

They have carried out vital humanitarian missions in Berlin, Darfur, Rwanda, and Haiti. Indeed, after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Team Travis conducted the first humanitarian airlift

mission, provided search and rescue personnel, medical experts, and supplies, and facilitated delivery of more than 1 million pounds of cargo during the duration of the Haitian relief effort. They also set up the logistics at the airport, which was destroyed.

After the tragic 2004 tsunami that devastated much of South Asia, Travis delivered more than 2 million pounds of supplies, providing a full third of the entire U.S. relief effort. Given their broad contribution to humanitarian causes around the world, it's clear that the 60th Air Mobility Wing and Team Travis valiantly fulfill their motto of being "America's First Choice."

Not only is Travis a vital and valued base furthering American missions and humanitarianism abroad, it is also a very, very important part of the Solano County economy. Travis spends roughly \$300 million a year in Solano County. They are the largest sector of the economy, and at least 5,600 jobs outside of the air base are included.

For the past 12 years, our good friend, IKE SKELTON, has been a consistent supporter of Travis, and I want to thank him for the honor of presenting this bill today and for his support in making it possible for this bill to move beyond this committee. He has been an extraordinary leader.

Today, let's honor the Travis Air Force Base entire family while offering our condolences to the families of the bravest of the brave servicemembers of Team Travis and all of those who have lost their lives in the defense of the United States. Travis is home to thousands of heroes, and it is my privilege and honor to represent them here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1585.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1585, as amended, which honors the service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing, civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base in California.

I would like to thank the gentleman from California for introducing this resolution. I am honored to pay tribute to Team Travis and the 13,900 active duty members, reservists, and civilians who make Travis Air Force Base, located in northern California, an integral part of our Air Force and our Nation's security.

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is one of the largest mobility organizations and has supported operations during World War II, the Korean War, and the Persian Gulf War. After September 11, the Air Mobility Wing provided close to 175,000 hours of airlift, refueling, and aero-medical evacuation support during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. More recently, the 60th Air Mobility Wing supported humanitarian aid operations in Darfur.