SENATE MEMORIAL 24

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE NOT TO REDUCE FORCES AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, the training squadron at Holloman air force base will inactivate, transferring six of its nine F-117 aircraft to other Holloman squadrons, and the remaining three F-117 aircraft will be placed in attrition reserve, resulting in a reduction of two hundred twenty-one military and nine civilian authorizations; and

WHEREAS, the forty-eighth rescue squadron will inactivate and move its six HH-60 helicopters to other air force locations, decreasing manpower by one civilian and one hundred sixty-seven military authorizations; and

WHEREAS, the downsizing of the fourth space warning squadron and its reduction in security support requirements

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results in a reduction of fifty-one military authorizations; and

WHEREAS, overall these actions will result in a new reduction of four hundred thirty-nine military and ten civilian authorizations; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in manpower of this proportion at Holloman by the United States air force would cause severe economic difficulties in the city of Alamogordo; and

WHEREAS, both civilian and military employees of Holloman air force base reside in Alamogordo and contribute heavily to the local tax base of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the United States air force to reconsider the proposed reductions at Holloman air force base in Alamogordo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of the air force, the secretary of defense and the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 1998 February 16, 1998 Mr. President: Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred SENATE MEMORIAL 24 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS. Respectfully submitted, Gloria Howes, Chairman

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