## **RESOLUTION NO. 09-268**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA THAT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE TO THE BAY COUNTY ECONOMY AND OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Parker supports the retention of all missions at Tyndall AFB, which has an outstanding history of performance by Tyndall's F-15 Air Superiority training squadrons;

**WHEREAS,** The F-15 Eagle will continue to be an integral part of the Air Force arsenal through the future retirement of the aircraft;

WHEREAS, Tyndall Air Force Base has a long standing history of efficiently producing outstanding F-15 Air Superiority pilots for the Combat Air Force and Air National Guard since 1983;

WHEREAS, The training environment at Tyndall AFB is second to none, offering close proximity to the Gulf Range, outstanding training resources, a cadre of senior instructor pilots and unique synergies with other key training programs, including Ground Controlled Intercept Training, Basic Crew Chief Training and F-15 Intel Officer Training;

WHEREAS, The F-15 squadrons at Tyndall Air Force Base affect more than One Thousand Bay County jobs with significant economic impact on the community and these military members, support personnel and their families are a vital part of the Bay County community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Parker, Florida respectfully requests that:

Section 1. The honorable Secretary of the Air Force, Michael B. Donley and the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norton A. Schwartz review and reconsider Air Force proposals to eliminate F-15 squadrons at Tyndall AFB in fiscal year 2010;

Section 2. That the U.S. Air Force will reassess any proposed alternatives to the continued operation of F-15 training squadrons at Tyndall AFB and provide a compelling factual rationale to Florida's congressional delegation in support of any proposed movement of the F-15 school house from Tyndall Air Force Base in the future.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Parker, Florida, this 7th day of April, 2009.

CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA

Brenda G. Hendricks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adonna S. Mullen, City Clerk

City of Parker, Florida