

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02

A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD 147TH FIGHTER WING AND URGING STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RETAIN THE 147TH AT ELLINGTON FIELD FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the 147th Fighter Wing is an invaluable homeland security asset to the region, and its realignment would have adverse economic consequences to the region, and make this region more vulnerable to external threats; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) will develop recommendations for closure and realignment of military installations by early 2005; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army National Guard's 149th Aviation Battalion and the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station Houston are also located at Ellington with the 147th Fighter Wing, enhancing regional security, and joint location of these units and NASA at Ellington Field increases operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston region is home to over 5 million people and the region's refining, petrochemical industries, ports, Johnson Space Center and medical center are important assets and potential terrorist targets; and

WHEREAS, local officials and the Ellington Field Task Force are working to assure that retaining the 147th will meet BRAC criteria for military value and economic efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Shoreacres recognizes that retaining the Texas Air National Guard 147th Fighter Wing is important to the region, and state and federal officials are strongly urged to support efforts to retain the 147th at Ellington Field and be it further,

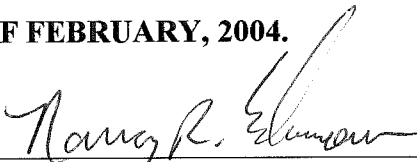
Section 2. Resolved that the Governor and Adjutant General of Texas be urged to make all appropriate efforts to retain the 147th Fighter Wing as a vital regional homeland security resource at Ellington Field.

Section 3. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice as of this date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council is posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Chapter 551, TX Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at

all times during which this resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approved and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passed and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004.



Nancy R. Edmonson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shari Tait, City Secretary