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HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SPONSOR STATEMENT HB 476

On September 22, 1996, an AWACS plane, with a call sign of YUKLA 27, crashed shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Force Base. Tragically, its entire crew of twenty-four young men perished in this catastrophic event.

HB 476, which is sponsored by the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, would declare September 22 of each year as YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day. It also calls upon the Governor to issue a proclamation to commemorate the day and direct that Alaska flags be flown at half-staff.

It is only right and proper that we honor the memory of those who sacrificed so much for us. The Committee respectfully urges your support.

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS HB 476

Section 1:

Declares September 22 of each year as YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day in honor of the memory of the airmen who perished as a result of the crash of an AWACS plane on September 22, 1996, while taking off from Elmendorf Air Force Base. Requires the Governor to issue a proclamation and to order Alaska flags to be flown at half-mast on that day.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 476

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Office of the Governor
Title: "An Act establishing YUKLA 27 Remembrance BRU: Executive Operations
Day: _____ Component: Executive Office
Sponsor: House Spec. Comm. Military and Veterans' Affairs
Requester: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 6

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 100	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 476(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

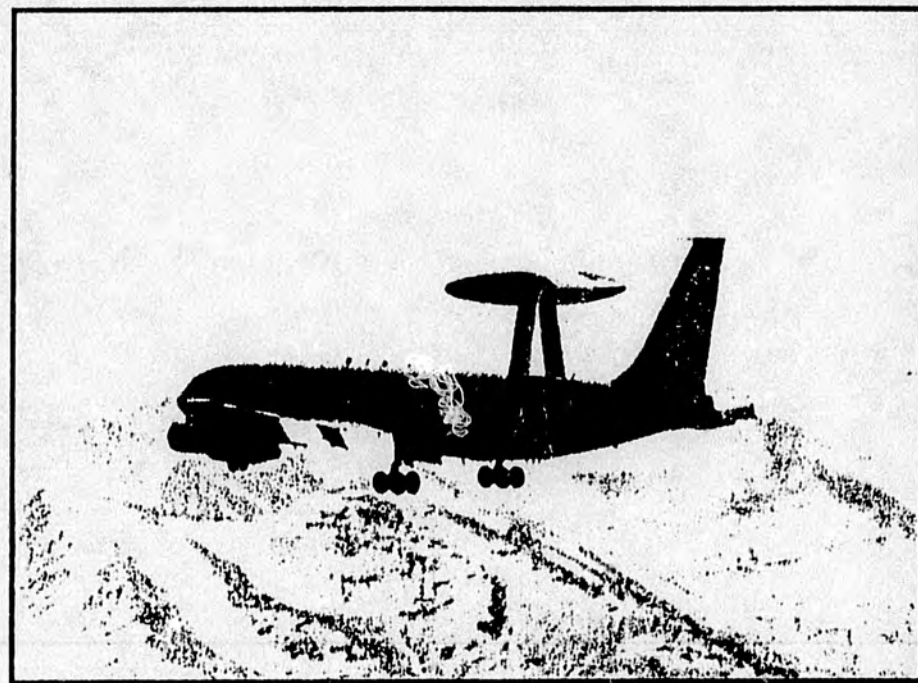
4 Sec. 44.12.090. YUKLA 27 REMEMBRANCE DAY. (a) YUKLA 27
5 Remembrance Day is established on September 22 each year to honor the memory of
6 the American and Canadian airmen who perished in the crash of an Advanced Warning
7 and Control System (AWACS) plane shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Force
8 Base on September 22, 1995. YUKLA 27, the call sign of this tragic flight, contained
9 a crew of 24, none of whom survived.

10 (b) The crew members of YUKLA 27 were Lieutenant Colonel Richard G.
11 Leary, U.S.A.F., Navigator; Major Richard Patrick Stewart II, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew
12 Commander; Major Marlon R. Thomas, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew Commander; Major
13 Steven A. Tuttle, U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Officer; Captain Glenn J. "Skip"
14 Rogers, U.S.A.F., Pilot; Captain Robert J. Long, U.S.A.F., Senior Director; Captain
15 Bradley W. Paakola, U.S.A.F., Pilot; First Lieutenant Carlos A. Arriaga, U.S.A.F.,

1 Weapons Director; Master Sergeant Stephen C. O'Connell, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air
2 Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Bart L. Holmes, U.S.A.F., Flight
3 Engineer; Technical Sergeant Ernest R. Parrish, U.S.A.F., Area Specialist; Sergeant
4 David L. Pitcher, C.A.F., Battle Director Technician; Technical Sergeant Charles D.
5 Sweet, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne Radar Technician; Technical Sergeant Brian K. Van
6 Leer, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A.
7 Bramer, U.S.A.F., Flight Engineer; Technical Sergeant Timothy B. Thomas, U.S.A.F.,
8 Computer Display Maintenance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A. Collins,
9 U.S.A.F., Communications Systems Operator; Master Corporal J.-P. Legault, C.A.F.,
10 Communications Technician; Staff Sergeant Scott A. Bresson, U.S.A.F., Airborne
11 Radar Technician; Staff Sergeant Raymond O. Spencer, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne
12 Surveillance Technician; Senior Airman Joshua N. Weter, U.S.A.F., Computer Display
13 Maintenance Technician; Senior Airman Lawrence E. DeFrancesco, U.S.A.F.,
14 Communications Systems Operator; Airman Darien F. Watson, U.S.A.F., Airborne
15 Surveillance Technician; and Airman Jeshua C. Smith, U.S.A.F., Airborne
16 Surveillance Technician.

17 (c) The governor shall issue a proclamation to commemorate YUKLA 27
18 Remembrance Day and shall direct that the Alaska flag be flown at half-mast on that
19 day. The day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups
20 and the public.

In Memory of
the Crew of
YUKLA 27



"YUKLA," the call sign for all
962nd AACCS flights, is from
an Alaskan dialect meaning
"EAGLE."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE CREW MEMBERS OF YUKLA 27

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA
27 SEPTEMBER 1995

*Arrival of the Family Members of YUKLA 27

*Presentation of the Colors

*National Anthems of Canada and the United States

*Invocation

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

Chaplain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

Chaplain: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Chaplain: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Congregational Hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight, are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our help for years to come,
remain our guard, while life shall last and our eternal home.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130
John 14:1-4

Meditation

*Meritorious Service Medal Presentation

Wreath Laying Ceremony

United States and Canadian Forces in Alaska

3rd Wing, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron,
381st Intelligence Squadron
Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

The Air Force Hymn

"Lord Guard and Guide the Ones Who Fly"

*Military Honors

Rifle Salute
Taps

*Benediction

Fly By

CREW MEMBERS OF YUKLA 27

Richard G. Leary, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Navigator

Richard P. Stewart II, Major, USAF
Mission Crew Commander

Marlon R. Thomas, Major, USAF
Mission Crew Commander

Steve Tuttle, Major, USAF
Airborne Surveillance Officer

Glenn "Skip" Rogers, Captain, USAF
Pilot

Robert John Long, Captain, USAF
Senior Director

Bradley W. Paakola, Captain, USAF
Pilot

Carlos Alberto Arriaga, First Lieutenant, USAF
Weapons Director

Stephen C. O'Connell, Master Sergeant, USAF
Advanced Air Surveillance Technician

Bart L. Holmes, Technical Sergeant, USAF
Flight Engineer

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Area Specialist

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Battle Director Technician

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Flight Engineer

Timothy B. Thomas, Technical Sergeant, USAF
Computer Display Maintenance Technician

Mark A. Collins, Technical Sergeant, USAF
Communications Systems Operator

J. P. Legault, Master Corporal, CAF
Communications Technician

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Airborne Radar Technician

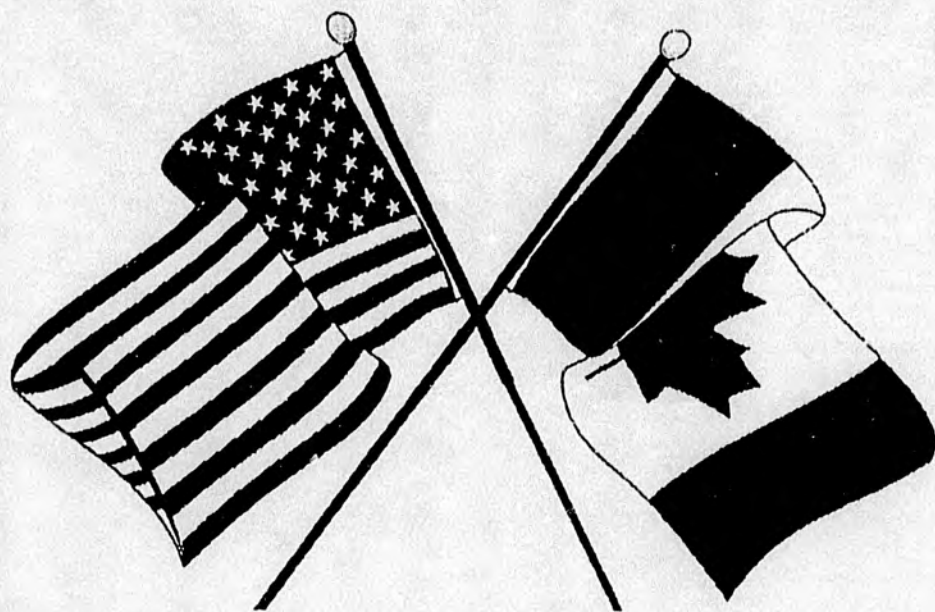
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"HIGH FLIGHT"

by

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds--and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of--wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence, Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew,
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.