

# *Resolution No. 2019 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING DEPUTY COMMANDER GARY GOTTSCHALL, 60<sup>TH</sup> OPERATIONS GROUP, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE**

**WHEREAS**, Gary Gottschall, distinguished himself as the Deputy Commander of the 60th Operations Group, Travis Air Force Base, from January 2013 to January 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, as the 60th Operations Group commander, Gary Gottschall was responsible for more than 1,000 personnel and 8.5 billion in assets and all mission support activities including an operations support squadron providing air traffic control, weather, intelligence, flight management support, KC-10 initial qualification and upgrade training; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Travis liaison and advisor to the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), Gary Gottschall provided extensive support and invaluable guidance to the Commission during his six years. As a command pilot and commander, he brought a level of technical expertise that was unparalleled and indispensable in updating the Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Plan and the Travis Land Use Sustainability Plan to ensure Travis AFB remains a vital national strategic asset; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Gottschall led the collaborative effort between Solano County, wind energy representatives and public and private stakeholders to implement the local "CRADA" – Cooperative Research and Development Agreement – a process to find solutions to radar interference Travis air traffic controllers experienced from wind turbines and allow this source of green energy to continue. Gary became the expert and authority on the CRADA and directly contributed to finding a radar solution; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Gottschall worked directly with city and county officials to foster the creation of the Airport Influence Area with Solano County which directly led to the protection of over 900 square miles of airspace and secured the flying routes for Air Mobility Command's largest base. He was also instrumental in synergizing with county officials and local developers to expand developable areas outside the radar line of sight, allowing for construction of renewable wind turbine developments within the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary was instrumental in several significant innovations at Travis, including developing a process to protect low altitude maneuvering airspace in the approach path to the newly built assault runway to ensure this essential training capability for Travis and the Air Force; and in bringing to Solano the newly developed Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool to assess glare from solar panels and evaluate development proposals for the ALUC commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Gottschall was an active participant and key advisor to the Travis Community Consortium, and the lead on numerous Air Force Community Partnership projects, involving coordinating military construction activity with local governments, such as improving the North Gate access road and facilitating the parallel taxiway project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes Gary Gottschall for his outstanding contributions to Travis Air Force Base and the Solano County community and wishes him and his wife Trish the best at their next assignment at Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019

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ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk