

Resolution No. 2020 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING COLONEL JEFFREY W. NELSON COMMANDER OF THE 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, Colonel Jeffrey W. Nelson distinguished himself as the Commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California, from September 16, 2018 to July 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, assuming the command from his predecessor under unusual circumstances, Colonel Nelson immediately put the community at ease and established himself as a confident leader and the right person to command the Travis Team. The Colonel was well liked and respected as the steady hand who allowed his commanders to do their jobs but tackled the tough issues and ensured units had needed staffing and resources. He skillfully oversaw 24 squadrons, 9,000 personnel, and the Air Force's largest medical center -- the largest Air Mobility Wing in the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Nelson earned the reputation of "grace under pressure," aptly demonstrated by his exceptional leadership through the coronavirus national emergency in Spring of 2020. When Travis was picked to host the first quarantine site in the country, the Colonel reached out to Solano County and city leaders, apprising them of the measures to safeguard the health of Travis and the community. He and his staff worked closely with local officials and the County Health Officer throughout the pandemic to stay in step with evolving conditions. His leadership ensured Travis was able to maintain its global mobility operations while providing installation support to the 1,401 repatriated evacuees and leading the way in the Air Force's pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Nelson recognized the need for strong, effective relations with the local community, and actively worked with civic leaders to ensure the sustainability of current and future operations at Travis. This included engagement by him and his staff in local development projects and community forums and commissions; an active Honorary Commanders program, and quarterly meetings with civic leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Nelson led the effort to strategize the base's twenty-five-year plan – a forward visioning exercise with community partners of how Travis will function in 2043 – ensuring power projection capabilities for decades to come. This effort involved coordination with four local governments and thirty civic leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes Colonel Jeffrey W. Nelson for his outstanding leadership to "Team Travis", his dedication to the United States Air Force, and his contributions to the Solano County community, and wishes Colonel Nelson and his wife Courtney all the best in their future assignments.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2020

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk