



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 349<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base and its contributions to the safety and security of the United States and positive impact on Solano County (Chair Vasquez)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

Chair Vasquez requests that the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 349<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base and its contributions to the safety and security of the United States and positive impact on Solano County.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The history of the 349<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing (AMW) dates back to November 1943 and World War II, when it was activated at Sedalia Army Airfield in Missouri. By 1944, the 349<sup>th</sup> AMW was sent to the European Theater of Operations to fly combat cargo missions. The 349<sup>th</sup> AMW has been activated for many missions across the decades, including the Cuban Missile Crisis, in which its members served to airlift men and supplies to and from the Florida region, as well as activation during the Vietnam War, in which the 349<sup>th</sup> AMW transported hundreds of tons of cargo across the Pacific.

In 1969, the 349<sup>th</sup> AMW moved to its current home of Travis Air Force Base, in Fairfield, CA, where it serves as the associate wing to the 60<sup>th</sup> AMW. Today it is the largest associate wing in the United States Air Force Reserve, with about 3,000 personnel assigned. About 70 percent of the wing's members are traditional reservists who serve at least 42 days per year, while the remaining personnel are full-time Air Reserve Technicians and civil servants.

This year not only marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 349<sup>th</sup> AMW, but Travis AFB as well. In addition to being the largest airlift organization in the United States Air Force, Travis AFB continues to have a significant impact on Solano County. With more than 13,400 military and civilian employees, the base is the County's largest employer, contributing more than \$1.6 billion annually to the local economy.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost associated with preparing this agenda item is nominal and absorbed within the District 4 FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve this resolution, however, that is not recommended as this item is consistent with Board policy. Further, this agenda item provides an opportunity to commemorate a major milestone for the 349<sup>th</sup> AMW just as Travis AFB is engaged in a year-long celebration of its own milestone anniversary.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

349<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION