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RESOLUTION NO. 97-528

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE COMPETITION OF MILITARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKLOAD

WHEREAS, dependent on the decision of the House-Senate Conference Committee determining the future of McClellan AFB, 2,500 jobs are at stake in the Sacramento region; a payroll exceeding \$200 million, and most importantly, the successful redevelopment of the Base, set for closure in 2001; and

WHEREAS, competition is a critical element ensuring our limited defense dollars are spent efficiently while guaranteeing the highest quality work product, and "business as usual" cannot meet the new demands of our national security and our inability to absorb the cost of inefficiency in military maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Report specifically allows privatization which would reduce the cost of maintaining and operating a ready military force without any loss of military capability; and

WHEREAS, privatization of many industrial and commercial activities would reduce operating costs, eliminate excess infrastructure and allow uniformed personnel to focus on skills and activities directly related to their military mission; and

WHEREAS, independent defense policy and business organizations such as the CATO Institute, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Business Executives for National Security, find that privatization encourages improved service at lower costs, thus allowing funds to be used for defense purposed or deficit reduction; and

WHEREAS, efforts to abort competition represent a dangerous return of the past in spite of clear and convincing evidence that military maintenance and repair functions must evolve rapidly to meet the demands of national security in the 21st century.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Sacramento urges the House and Senate Conferees to preserve the public/private competition and allow McClellan Air Force Base to compete alongside the public sector for a \$220 million repair and maintenance workload.

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