

## ***General Robin Rand Recognition***

***WHEREAS***, General Robin Rand commanded the largest fighter wing in United States Air Force with over 7,000 personnel, an annual budget of \$540 million, and assets totaling more than \$9 billion during one of the most important eras in the history of Luke Air Force Base; and

***WHEREAS***, during General Rand's tenure, the wing completed two highly successful training programs graduating over 900 F-16 pilots and 900 crew chiefs; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's combat focused, transformational leadership style led to the development of the 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's Expeditionary Thunderbolt Training and Wing Warrior Wellness programs which together ensured over 1,600 Thunderbolts were fully prepared for combat operations as they were deployed in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's vision, planning and execution of the wing's jet modification program has ensured F-16 fighter pilot production meets Combat Air Forces' demands well into the future; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's tireless support of Luke's personnel resulted in converting excess military family housing units into new temporary living facilities for families in transition and led to the establishment of a Fitness Annex that doubled available space and equipment to keep the men and women of Luke fit-to-fight; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's efforts to improve base security were significant as he led a \$4.7 million project to construct new gates and a \$7.9 million project to connect the west and east sides of the base thereby eliminating entry points that no longer meet force protection standards; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's involvement was critical to the success of the Honorary Commanders Program, Fighter Country Partnership, and Luke-West Valley Council as these groups played a fundamental role in serving Luke's Airmen and protecting the base's mission through legislation and other community programs; and

***WHEREAS***, General Rand's outstanding participation during the Glendale Community Conversation program ensured understanding of the Luke Air Force mission and the Global War on Terror for the citizens of Glendale and the West Valley; and

***WHEREAS***, the outstanding sense of pride General Rand instilled in his people culminated in his wing's overall "Excellent" rating during the 2005 Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection.

***NOW THEREFORE***, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona on behalf of the City Council, do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to General Robin Rand for his dedication to Glendale, Luke Air Force Base, and the nation.

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006.*