

RESOLUTION NO. 900839

Commending United States Air Force Captain Karl B. Major on his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and for his exemplary service record.

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WHEREAS, United States Air Force Captain Karl B. Major, a native Kansas Citian, 1978 graduate of Southwest High School and son of Dr. Schwab S. Major and Wilma J. Major, recently graduated from the grueling U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base located in the scorched and barren Mojave Desert of California and has been assigned to the 6512 Test Squadron at Edwards as a test pilot; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment is the latest entry on Captain Major's exemplary service record which began on May 8, 1982, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from Oklahoma State University where he was recognized as the school's Distinguished Graduate from Air Force ROTC and the outstanding student in the Mechanical Aerospace Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 he graduated from the select Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program at Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, Texas, and was immediately assigned to the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron stationed at McClellan AFB at Sacramento, California, flying the 4-engine turboprop HC-130 modified for the air refueling of helicopters. In less than a year he qualified for the unit's special operations mission, a record for that squadron, and was promoted to First Lieutenant. In 1986 he upgraded to aircraft commander in the minimum time allowed by regulation and was promoted to Captain; and

WHEREAS, Captain Major has been selected to attend numerous specialized training schools operated by the Air Force and has served as an instructor pilot at various locations. He has been awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal and Commendation Medal and has been credited on five occasions, along with his crew, for saving the lives of endangered individuals during specialized air rescue missions; and

WHEREAS, Captain Major, who just last week celebrated the first anniversary of his marriage to Sari Lane, has in just a few short years compiled an exemplary record for outstanding personal performance and service to his country as a proud member of the Air Force team and as such has set an example for others to follow; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby heartily congratulate and commend United States Air Force Captain Karl B. Major on the occasion of his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and for the exemplary service record that he has compiled in the service of his country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in witness thereof, and that a copy hereof be presented to Captain Major in token of the pride taken by the Mayor and Council and citizens of the Kansas City Area in the outstanding accomplishments of this City's native son through his proud and unselfish service to his country in the cause of freedom.