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Sen. David Pearce's Whiteman Air Force Base Resolution Passed by Senate

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Senate today unanimously passed [Senate Concurrent Resolution 16](#), sponsored by Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg). The resolution urges the U.S. Air Force to choose Whiteman Air Force Base, located in Missouri's 31st State Senate District, as the headquarters for Global Strike Command.

The Global Strike Command program coordinates all of the Air Force's nuclear operations, amounting to a major organizational shift within the Air Force. It will take control of all the branch's nuclear missions, most likely by the end of 2009.

"If the Air Force chooses Whiteman Air Force Base as its headquarters for Global Strike Command, it will mean approximately 900 new jobs for Missouri," Sen. Pearce said. "Establishing western Missouri as a national security headquarters would result in a big boost for our local and state economy.

Whiteman is currently one of six bases under consideration to serve as headquarters for Global Strike Command. Air Force officials have said they will make their decision by June.

The resolution now moves to the House for similar consideration.

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