

State of Alabama River Region Reciprocal Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the 908th Airlift Wing, Alabama's only Air Force Reserve unit, is celebrating 50 years of service to our nation, dating back to its establishment as the 908th Troop Carrier Group at Bates Field, Mobile, Alabama in 1963; and*

WHEREAS, *the reservists of the 908th Airlift Wing have served this nation in all manner of military operations, conflicts and humanitarian missions around the world, reminding us that the freedoms we enjoy are not free, but the result of numerous sacrifices of those currently serving in our military and of those men and women who have served throughout our history; and*

WHEREAS, *its members have been and continue to be much more than protectors of our freedoms as they contribute significantly to the quality of life and economic well-being of our communities, as our neighbors, volunteers, police, doctors and nurses, coaches, teachers, members of our civic clubs, churches and so many more;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we, the mayors of the River Region of Alabama hereby proclaim December 1 – 7, 2013 as*

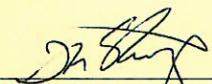
908th AIRLIFT WING APPRECIATION WEEK

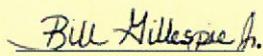
and further proclaim the official slogan of the week to be

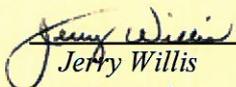
**...THANK YOU 908th AIRLIFT WING FOR BEING "READY...ALWAYS!"
FOR FIFTY YEARS**

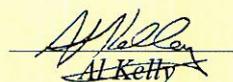
in addition, we hereby call upon all citizens to recognize the impact of the 908th Airlift Wing, its members and their families, have on our communities as we recognize their 50 years of service to the community and nation.

In witness whereof, *we have hereunto set our hands to be affixed on this 14th day of November 2013*

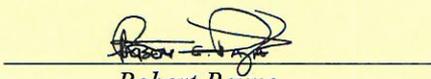

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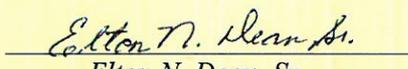

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