

Congressman

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STATEMENT

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SOUTHERLAND APPLAUDS PRESERVATION OF TYNDALL JOBS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representative Steve Southerland, II today applauded the Air Force’s decision to maintain Tyndall Air Force Base’s 601st Air Operations Center, saving 385 Bay County jobs. The Air Force had been considering a consolidation of Tyndall’s Air Operations Center with a similar facility at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona before identifying significant cost savings elsewhere.

“I am proud to have been part of this months-long team effort to save 385 critically important military jobs in Bay County. Keeping operations at the 601st AOC is a big victory for North and Northwest Florida and an important step in keeping America safe and secure. I appreciate the dedicated efforts of Governor Scott, the Florida Air National Guard, Tyndall officials, and leaders at all levels of Florida government who joined with me to fight for this essential component in America’s military readiness.”

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