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### **Utah Air National Guard Presents Display Honoring Senator Jake Garn**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Air National Guard will host a ceremony to honor Senator Jake Garn’s service to the ANG Saturday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Building 210 auditorium at the Utah ANG Base. A display cabinet will be unveiled to honor his accomplishments and will be permanently located in the 151<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing Headquarters building.

Members of the Utah Air and Army National Guard will be invited to attend the ceremony which will recognize Senator Garn’s service as both a former member of the Guard as well as a member of the U.S. Senate.

Senator Garn is a former active-duty U.S. Navy pilot and a retired brigadier general in the Utah ANG. During his career in the Guard, he flew the KC-97L, C-97J and C-124, and was also activated and flew missions in and out of Vietnam before the war was fully underway. One of his key contributions to the National Guard as a senator was the conversion of the KC-135 A-model to the KC-135 E-model. This conversion positively impacted the tanker community as a whole. His contribution, in turn, created more efficiency and offload capability. In his flying career, Senator Garn has flown more than 13,000 hours.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate in 1974, he worked as an insurance executive and served as mayor of Salt Lake City. As senator, he served three terms from 1975 to 1993. In November 1984, Garn was invited by NASA to fly as a payload specialist on flight 51-D of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*. During the seven-day mission, he performed various medical tests. *Discovery* Flight 51-D landed at Cape Canaveral April 19, 1985, after orbiting the earth 109 times. In December 1992, Senator Garn received the very prestigious aviation award, the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy. He is the only individual in aviation history to hold three pilot’s wings for the Navy, Air Force and NASA.

Senator Garn retired on January 3, 1993, from the U.S. Senate after 18 years of distinguished service and returned to Utah to spend time with his family and work in his own consulting practice.

**Media Notes:** The Utah ANG Base is located at 765 N. 2200 W. (just east of Salt Lake International Airport). Media interested in covering the event should contact Lt. Col. Lisa Olsen at (801) 245-2446.