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C I T A T I O N
TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE
KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR., TROPHY

The Koren Kolligian, Jr., Trophy is awarded to Major Henry M. Dyches, Jr., in recognition of his outstanding feat of airmanship in successfully coping with an emergency while participating in aerial flight.

On 7 July 1969, Major Dyches distinguished himself by displaying superior airmanship and professionalism which averted the loss of a WC-135B and the lives of nine aircrew members. On that date, while departing Yokota Air Base, Japan, Major Dyches' aircraft experienced a mechanical failure which prevented movement of the pilot's flight control column and corresponding rotation to a takeoff attitude. With the use of only elevator trim control, a successful takeoff was accomplished at the runway overrun. By expertly utilizing available trim, differential spoilers, and throttle control; Major Dyches executed a successful emergency landing in minimum weather conditions averting a major catastrophe that would have taken the lives of many innocent civilians residing near the airfield.

Major Dyches' outstanding feat of airmanship conforms to the highest standards established for the Koren Kolligian, Jr., Trophy and reflects great credit upon himself, the Military Airlift Command, and the United States Air Force.

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