

## **USTC NOMINEE GENERAL RANDALL REED OPENING STATEMENT**

**Chairman Reed, Ranking Member Wicker, thank you for the opportunity to appear before this distinguished committee and the American people. I am humbled to be the President's nominee to command United States Transportation Command and equally grateful to both the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs for their confidence and support. It is also a great opportunity to testify with my friend Lieutenant General Xavier Brunson.**

**I also want to thank the current Commander of U.S. Transportation Command, General Jacqueline Van Ovost and her spouse Alan Frosh for their celebrated leadership of USTRANSCOM and their friendship throughout the years. General Van Ovost has an enviable relationship with this committee, and if confirmed, I will build upon that trust.**

**My joy stems from family. Here today, providing me strength, is my bride and best friend Lynn who successfully balanced a professional life with maintaining as much stability as possible for our three sons. I am grateful Alexander, seated with us, was able to take a break from his passion as a flight instructor to support Dad. My pride in my**

**young men is directly related to Lynn's devotion which extends far beyond the Reed home as countless service members and families of every service continue to benefit from her care and advocacy.**

**Endless devotion also describes my parents, both who are watching this morning. Thank you both for the values I've used to inspire and support so many since the 1980s. I also benefit from a tradition of military service with family members surviving action in every major conflict since the Great War, raised the son of an active-duty Airman and Vietnam Veteran as well growing up in a joint community just south of here in Hampton Roads.**

**That early exposure to all military branches set an important foundation for my own military service, especially during assignments supporting multiple combatant commands with national and international consequences. Foundational assignments include a tour as a joint logistician in the Pentagon grappling global issues as well as a Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché appointment resolving regional challenges at the nexus of multiple combatant commands, government agencies, allies, and partners.**

**If confirmed, I am committed to bringing that experience and more to bear. Committed to empower the men and women of USTRANSCOM, in partnership with, commercial industry, allies, and partners to remain the most responsive and strategic mobility capability the world has ever seen. The responsive and strategic nature of USTRANSCOM, while vital to our national security, faces increasingly capable contests and disruptions in the air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace domains.**

**Despite contests and disruptions from determined and sophisticated adversaries, If confirmed, I will ensure USTRANSCOM's contribution to strengthen a lethal joint force. This will include but is not limited to continuing the pursuit of an ever ready, modernized sealift, airlift, and air refueling fleet. If confirmed, I will also prioritize cyber resilience for both USTRANSCOM and other members of the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise.**

**Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Wicker, if confirmed, I cannot imagine a greater honor than to work with this committee, our like-minded allies and partners, our commercial industry professionals, our services and our combatant commands to ensure Together We Deliver. Distinguished Members, I welcome your questions.**