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Troy, Gross, Lanese, Young, T., Ghanbari, Patton, Loychik, Weinstein**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress, and the United States 1
Department of Defense, to maintain the C-130 fleet at the 2
United States Transportation Command's 2018 Mobility 3
Capabilities and Requirements Study's recommendation of 300 4
aircraft, and to recapitalize the Reserve Component C-130H 5
fleet to the C-130J. 6

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing of the United States Air 7
National Guard (ANG), originally the 164th Fighter Squadron, was 8
organized in Mansfield, Ohio, on June 20th, 1948; and 9

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing closed out its tactical 10
fighter mission in 1976, and the unit converted to the C-130B 11
Hercules aircraft; and 12

WHEREAS, Upgrade to the C-130H was completed in 1991; and 13

WHEREAS, All told, the 179th Airlift Wing has been 14
supporting variations of C-130 aircraft for well over forty 15
years; and 16

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing was active during Desert 17
Shield/Storm providing airlift support throughout the 18
Continental United States and Europe; and 19

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force (USAF) did not include 20
Mansfield among eight possible locations for support of the C- 21
130J Super Hercules, the newest version of the C-130, and the 22
only model still in production; and 23

WHEREAS, With its strong record and robust crew, the 179th 24
Airlift Wing in Mansfield plays a crucial role in the vitality 25
of Central Ohio and our national defense; and 26

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing has been the recipient of 27
numerous awards, decorations, and recognitions, including the 28
USAF Outstanding Unit Award (twice), the Colonel Alan P. Tappan 29
Memorial Trophy (Outstanding Ohio ANG Unit - seven times), the 30
Curtis N. "Rusty" Metcalf Trophy (Outstanding ANG Airlift/Tanker 31
unit), the Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Award, the 32
ANG Comptroller Organization of the Year, the Military Airlift 33
Command Outstanding Intelligence Branch of the Year, the ANG 34
Maintenance Effectiveness Award, first runner-up 21AF 35
Outstanding Reserve Forces Unit, and many individual awards and 36
decorations for outstanding performance; and 37

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing has participated in 38
humanitarian airlift efforts throughout the world, including 39
Provide Relief/Restore Hope in Somalia, has been involved in 40
Operation Provide Promise in Bosnia, in support of United 41
Nations relief efforts and Operations Joint Guard and Forge in 42
support of NATO operating out of Rhein-Main and Ramstein Air 43
Base, Germany; and 44

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing responded to disaster 45
relief tasking in the wake of hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, and 46
Katrina, was tasked to provide airlift support for invading 47

forces in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy, and served as 48
lead unit for the ANG deployment for Operation Southern Watch in 49
support of the Southwest Asia no-fly zone; and 50

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing and Mansfield Lahm Airport 51
have a long history working collaboratively with NASA Glenn 52
Research Center's Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, providing 53
critical logistics and operational support; and 54

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing provided a chase C-130H to 55
accompany both the Super Guppy's arrival and departure missions, 56
significantly enhancing the safe operation of the Super Guppy in 57
crosswind takeoffs and landings; and 58

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing supported NASA's Super 59
Guppy and the Artemis I spacecraft for testing at the Armstrong 60
Test Facility, Space Environments Complex before launching 61
humans to the Moon on the future Artemis II mission; and 62

WHEREAS, NASA Glenn and the State of Ohio partnered to 63
develop a transportation route between the 179th Airlift Wing 64
and NASA Glenn's Armstrong Test Facility to enhance and continue 65
the national capability for testing large spacecraft at this 66
one-of-a-kind test facility; and 67

WHEREAS, The United States Transportation Command's 2018 68
Mobility Capabilities and Requirements Study (MCRS) identified 69
that the Theater Airlift Aircraft C-130 fleet size to support 70
the National Defense Strategy in Fiscal Year 2023 should be no 71
less than 300 aircraft, and the USAF in its 2021 President's 72
Budget indicated it intended to reduce the C-130 fleet to 255 73
aircraft by 2026 and divest the entire C-130H fleet; and 74

WHEREAS, The USAF considered eight ANG C-130H units to 75
receive new C-130J aircraft (eight aircraft per unit) in 2021, 76
but only selected three of those units, and the 179th Airlift 77
Wing was not included in the group being considered; and 78

WHEREAS, The USAF awarded Lockheed Martin a \$15 billion C- 79
130J Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract for its C- 80
130J Super Hercules Program in July of 2020 for a period of five 81
years with an execution period of ten years; and 82

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio, 83
possesses the personnel, facilities, experience, and capacity to 84
support the C-130J Super Hercules air craft; and has a 85
significant economic impact of over \$80 million per year in the 86
local Mansfield area; and serves as the foundation to support 87
air improvements and a Federal Aviation Administration control 88
tower; now therefore be it 89

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 90
Assembly of the State of Ohio, pending the USAF final decision 91
to assign the Information Warfare Wing mission in the Fall of 92
2021 to one of the two ANG bases under consideration to 93
transition from operating C-130H aircraft to taking on this new 94
mission, urge the Congress of the United States to direct the 95
USAF in the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act to either 96
modernize as necessary the C-130H fleet or recapitalize ANG C- 97
130H units with new C-130J aircraft in keeping with the 2018 US 98
Transportation Command MCRS using the \$15 billion previously 99
awarded to Lockheed Martin for the C-130J program; and be it 100
further 101

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 102
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 103
United States Secretary of Defense, the President Pro Tempore 104
and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk 105
of the United States House of Representatives, the members of 106
the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 107