
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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RAFFERTY, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, ALLOWAY, GORDNER, BAKER,
VULAKOVICH, COSTA, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, WHITE AND TARTAGLIONE,
JUNE 26, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 26, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 911th Airlift Wing.

2 WHEREAS, In 1941, a farm specializing in growing wheat and
3 corn was chosen to become the future site of the 911th Airlift
4 Wing; and

5 WHEREAS, The farm area was located approximately two miles
6 from today's Pittsburgh International Airport; and

7 WHEREAS, The 911th traces its ancestry to January 19, 1963,
8 when the 911th Troop Carrier Group was activated to administer
9 the 758th Troop Carrier Squadron flying the C-119 Flying Boxcar;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The first aircraft conversion of the organization
12 assigned to administer the 758th Troop Carrier was started in
13 November of 1966; and

14 WHEREAS, The 911th participated in Operation Desert
15 Shield/Storm in August of 1990 until March 1991, as more than
16 400 reservists served as volunteers or were activated; and

1 WHEREAS, When Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992, the 911th
2 aircrews and support personnel airlifted food and personnel to
3 aid disaster relief efforts in south Florida; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1993 to 1994, the 911th aircrews and support
5 personnel augmented Air Mobility Command operations for the
6 humanitarian relief flights to Bosnia, in the former Yugoslavia,
7 and airlift support for Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian
8 Gulf Region; and

9 WHEREAS, When USAir flight 427 crashed in nearby Beaver
10 County in September of 1994, 911th personnel volunteered to
11 assist at the crash site, and base facilities were used for
12 emergency response activities until October of 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, In October of 1994, the 911th was redesignated the
14 911th Airlift Wing; and

15 WHEREAS, After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
16 the 911th Airlift Wing responded to the call, flying numerous
17 missions at McChord Air Force Base in support of Operation Noble
18 Eagle; and

19 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing flew operations for Operation
20 Iraqi Freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, Aircrews comprised of pilots, navigators, engineers
22 and loadmasters moved approximately 3,000 passengers and 700
23 tons of cargo per month in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron has
26 assisted more than 2,000 patients in urgent, nonurgent and
27 critical categories and has flown more than 1,000 hours on
28 medical evacuation missions attending to more than 6,000
29 patients; and

30 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing's mission is to organize,

1 recruit and train Air Force Reserve personnel to provide airlift
2 of airborne forces, their equipment and supplies and delivery of
3 these forces and materials by air drop, landing or cargo
4 extraction systems; and

5 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing includes approximately 1,220
6 Air Force Reserve members and the unit employs approximately 320
7 civilians, including more than 180 air reserve technicians
8 holding dual civilian and military positions; and

9 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing is assigned currently to the
10 Air Force Reserve Command's 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve
11 Base, Georgia; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate the 50th anniversary of
13 the 911th Airlift Wing.