A RESOLUTION

To urge that Ohio military construction projects receiving funding from the United States Department of Defense begin as originally scheduled to maintain national security and military readiness.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Ohio has defense installations vital to the national security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Military construction projects critical to these missions have been programmed and appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Other national security priorities have necessitated the United States Department of Defense to re-purpose funds from outlined military construction projects and replace these projects in the budget for fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is at risk of
losing $61 million for the construction of a new facility to host the National Air and Space Intelligence Center; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is at risk of losing an additional $6.8 million for the development of a new fire/crash rescue station; and

WHEREAS, The Air National Guard Base at Toledo Express Airport is at risk of losing $15 million for the construction of a new hangar; and

WHEREAS, The Air National Guard Base at Mansfield Lahm Airport is at risk of losing $13 million for the construction of a replacement fire station; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown Air Reserve Station is at risk of losing $8.8 million for the relocation of the main gate; and

WHEREAS, Camp James A. Garfield is at risk of losing $7.4 million for the development of a new machine gun range; and

WHEREAS, The totality of funds at risk in Ohio total over $100 million for critical improvements to Ohio's military institutions; and

WHEREAS, Delayed funding of these critical projects will jeopardize national security and military readiness; and

WHEREAS, Delayed funding of these critical projects will harm the livelihoods of hard-working Ohioans both in and out of uniform; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge that Ohio military construction projects start construction as originally scheduled; and be it further

RESOLVED, Any Ohio military construction projects deferred be prioritized and re-purposed in the budget for fiscal year 2020; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.