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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States government to select Ohio to 1
host the permanent headquarters of the United States 2
Space Command. 3

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

WHEREAS, On August 29, 2019, United States Space Command 4
was activated as the eleventh Unified Combatant Command to 5
increase the ability of the Joint Force to project power and 6
influence, reduce decision timelines for space operations, and 7
bring focused attention to defending United States interests in 8
space; and 9

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2020, the Department of the Air Force 10
invited the nation's governors to nominate candidates to host 11
the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; 12
and 13

WHEREAS, The Department of the Air Force anticipates making 14
a final selection for the preferred headquarters location in 15
early 2021; and 16

WHEREAS, When fully established, United States Space 17
Command will have approximately one thousand four hundred 18
military and civilian personnel working in the headquarters; and 19

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, 20

which hosts the National Air and Space Intelligence Center 21
(NASIC), the Department of Defense's primary source for space 22
threat analysis; and 23

WHEREAS, NASIC's mission in Ohio is to discover and 24
characterize space threats to enable full-spectrum multi-domain 25
operations, drive weapon system acquisition, and inform national 26
defense policy; and 27

WHEREAS, NASIC, in Ohio, creates the integrated air, space, 28
missile, and cyberspace advantage that gives policymakers, 29
warfighters, and the acquisition community a war-winning edge; 30
and 31

WHEREAS, The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), 32
headquartered in Ohio, leads the Department of Defense in the 33
discovery, development, and integration of warfighting 34
technologies for our space forces; and 35

WHEREAS, AFRL, in Ohio, leads and develops technologies in 36
human performance, sensors, power and propulsion, aerospace 37
systems, and advanced materials necessary for the advancement of 38
future military satellites, spacecraft, and launch systems; and 39

WHEREAS, Ohio's NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) designs 40
and develops innovative technology to advance NASA's missions in 41
aeronautics and space exploration; and 42

WHEREAS, NASA GRC's Lewis Field in Ohio provides cutting- 43
edge in-space propulsion and power systems for exploration and 44
science missions while serving as a global leader in 45
microgravity and fluid physics research and in advancing 46
materials and electronics for extreme planetary environments; 47
and 48

WHEREAS, NASA GRC's Plum Brook Station in Ohio houses the 49
largest, most powerful, and unparalleled space simulation and 50
spacecraft test facilities in the world performing thermal, 51

vacuum, rocket propulsion, and electromagnetic testing on full- 52
scale, advanced spacecraft, to include human rated systems such 53
as Artemis I Orion and SpaceX; and 54

WHEREAS, The Springfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio, is 55
home to the 178th Wing, including the 178th Intelligence, 56
Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group comprising squadrons 57
supporting NASIC's space intelligence and analysis mission; 58
124th Intelligence Squadron (cyber intelligence surveillance and 59
reconnaissance); 125th Intelligence Squadron (geospatial 60
intelligence); 126th Intelligence Squadron (space intelligence, 61
surveillance and reconnaissance); and the 127th Intelligence 62
Squadron (technical intelligence); and 63

WHEREAS, The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in 64
Ohio includes the Center for Space Research and Assurance and 65
AFIT's School of Strategic Force Studies, which manages 66
execution of space and nuclear continuing education; and 67

WHEREAS, AFIT is the center for Department of Defense 68
aeronautical engineering advanced degree studies and education 69
and serves future Space Force graduates; and 70

WHEREAS, AFIT is the center for Department of the Air Force 71
cyber degree studies and education; and 72

WHEREAS, The 18th Intelligence Squadron in Ohio provides 73
intelligence for the planning, development, and execution of 74
space control operations; and 75

WHEREAS, Ohio's universities excel in space-related 76
research areas including in-space power and propulsion, 77
communications, navigation, positioning and timing, remote 78
sensing and geospatial information, sensors, electronics, 79
payloads, and hypersonic flight; and 80

WHEREAS, Ohio's space industry is anchored by industry 81
providing celestial and inertial navigation depot level repair 82

to intercontinental ballistic missiles, as well as advanced 83
combat aircraft; and 84

WHEREAS, Ohio's space industry is further anchored with 85
commercial pioneers in space exploration and military and 86
defense technology with expertise in the areas of infrared 87
detection and space and missile electronics; and 88

WHEREAS, Ohio has an unparalleled historical link with 89
pioneers of aerospace and space technology, beginning with the 90
Wright brothers and George W. Lewis and including Neil 91
Armstrong, John Glenn, Jim Lovell, Judith Resnick, and more than 92
twenty other NASA astronauts; and 93

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly has enacted numerous 94
measures to enhance the quality of life in Ohio to military 95
families, including laws regarding occupational license 96
reciprocity, in-state college tuition, Medicaid waivers, and 97
unemployment compensation; now therefore be it 98

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 99
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the selection of Ohio to 100
host the permanent headquarters of the United States Space 101
Command; and be it further 102

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 103
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 104
United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the 105
Air Force, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 106
the news media outlets of Ohio. 107