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**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.

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