A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
which hosts the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), the Department of Defense's primary source for space threat analysis; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, NASA GRC's Plum Brook Station in Ohio houses the largest, most powerful, and unparalleled space simulation and spacecraft test facilities in the world performing thermal,
vacuum, rocket propulsion, and electromagnetic testing on full-scale, advanced spacecraft, to include human rated systems such as Artemis I Orion and SpaceX; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ohio's space industry is anchored by industry providing celestial and inertial navigation depot level repair
to intercontinental ballistic missiles, as well as advanced combat aircraft; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the selection of Ohio to host the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; 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 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media outlets of Ohio.