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**Senator Hackett**

**Cosponsors: Senators Maharath, Hoagland, Roegner**

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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  
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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 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 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