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**Representatives John, Kick**

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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 support of the Southwest Asia no-fly zone; and

WHEREAS, The United States Transportation Command's 2018 Mobility Capabilities and Requirements Study (MCRS) identified that the Theater Airlift Aircraft C-130 fleet size to support the National Defense Strategy in Fiscal Year 2023 should be no less than 300 aircraft, and the USAF in its 2021 President's Budget indicated it intended to reduce the C-130 fleet to 255 aircraft by 2026 and divest the entire C-130H fleet; and

WHEREAS, The USAF considered eight ANG C-130H units to receive new C-130J aircraft (eight aircraft per unit) in 2021, but only selected three of those units, and the 179th Airlift Wing was not included in the group being considered; and

WHEREAS, The USAF awarded Lockheed Martin a \$15 billion C-130J Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract for its C-130J Super Hercules Program in July of 2020 for a period of five years with an execution period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio, possesses the personnel, facilities, experience, and capacity to support the C-130J Super Hercules air craft; and has a significant economic impact of over \$80 million per year in the local Mansfield area; and serves as the foundation to support air improvements and a Federal Aviation Administration control tower; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, pending the USAF final decision to assign the Information Warfare Wing mission in the Fall of 2021 to one of the two ANG bases under consideration to transition from operating C-130H aircraft to taking on this new mission, urge the Congress of the United States to direct the USAF in the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act to either

modernize as necessary the C-130H fleet or recapitalize ANG C- 80  
130H units with new C-130J aircraft in keeping with the 2018 US 81  
Transportation Command MCRS using the \$15 billion previously 82  
awarded to Lockheed Martin for the C-130J program; and be it 83  
further 84

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 85  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 86  
United States Secretary of Defense, the President Pro Tempore 87  
and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk 88  
of the United States House of Representatives, the members of 89  
the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 90