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H. C. R. No. 4

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

То	urge the Congress of the United States to maintain	1
	operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at	2
	Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport in Mansfield,	3
	Ohio.	4

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

WHE	REAS,	The	United	States	Air	Force	179t	h Air	rlift	Wing	is	a	5
military	airli	.ft c	rganiza	ation a	ssign	ed to	the	Ohio	Air	Natior	nal		6

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Guard and stationed at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport; and	7			
WHEREAS, Due to its superior record, the 179th Airlift Wing	8			
received a mission to operate the C-27J Spartan aircraft, a twin	9			
turboprop aircraft with short takeoff and landing capabilities,	10			
ideal for the nation's current military needs and for providing	11			
rapid response support for homeland emergencies; and	12			
WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has published proposed	13			
personnel actions associated with plans to retire more than 300	14			
aircraft nationwide, including the C-27J; and	15			
WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has plans to move	16			
personnel positions among states to mitigate the impact of the	17			
reductions; and	18			
WHEREAS, The United States Air National Guard, including the	19			
179th Airlift Wing, is responsible for homeland defense, and the	20			
C-27J is an important tool in accomplishing this mission; and	21			
WHEREAS, The 179th Airlift Wing has made United States Air	22			
National Guard history by deploying the C-27J in Afghanistan in	23			
Operation Enduring Freedom; and	24			
WHEREAS, Closing the Air National Guard Station at	25			
Mansfield-Lahm, relocating its personnel, and diverting or	26			
retiring its C-27J aircraft would create discontinuity and weaken	27			
national defense and homeland disaster readiness; now therefore be	28			
it	29			
RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States is urged to	30			
maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm	31			
Regional Airport to ensure Ohio and our nation will continue to	32			
benefit from the unique experience and capabilities of its	33			
personnel and the region; and be it further	34			
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	35			
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	36			

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President of the United States, to the President Pro Tempore and	37
Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the	38
Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the	39
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news	40
media of Ohio.	41