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Grossman, Mallory, Perales, Phillips, Pillich, Ruhl, Scherer, Smith, Strahorn,
Stinziano, Terhar**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the 1
United States Air Force to give full consideration 2
to Rickenbacker Air Guard Station in Columbus, 3
Ohio as the location for the KC-46A Main Operating 4
Base. 5

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

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force currently is examining 6
candidate bases for the initial fielding of twelve KC-46A 7
aircraft; and 8

WHEREAS, The proven performance of the Ohio Air National 9
Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing, based at Rickenbacker Air Guard 10
Station in Columbus, Ohio, in combination with the location, 11
infrastructure, and community associated with the site, would be 12
of unique benefit to the Air Force; and 13

WHEREAS, The men and women of the 121st Air Refueling Wing 14
continue a lineage of proud service to our national defense that 15
spans over seventy years; and 16

WHEREAS, These Guardsmen stand ready to fulfill any mission 17

assigned to them, and have a proven track record of exemplary performance in the air refueling mission; and

WHEREAS, The 121st Air Refueling Wing has provided superior support to operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere around the world, and following the United Nations resolution concerning the Libya no-fly zone, was among the first units to respond within hours to rapidly developing tanker requirements; and

WHEREAS, The KC-135 crews at Rickenbacker Air Guard Station consistently demonstrate their superior performance as the only Air National Guard unit to compete in the biannual Air Mobility Command Rodeo, winning multiple awards over the past five years for Best KC-135 Aircrew, Air Refueling, and Cargo Loading across the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Geographically, Rickenbacker Air Guard Station is well located to provide responsive support to the significant demand for aerial refueling in the eastern United States, particularly the heavy concentration of fighter and cargo aircraft in the southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, With Rickenbacker Air Guard Station's infrastructure currently supporting eighteen KC-135R aircraft, the base is well positioned to accept twelve KC-46A aircraft; and

WHEREAS, The local community is a strong supporter of the base and its resident Airmen, and low local area costs and the availability of community amenities make Rickenbacker Air Guard Station well suited to host an active association unit; and

WHEREAS, The proven performance and wealth of experience of the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker Air Guard Station's outstanding facilities, and the strong local and statewide support the unit enjoys make Rickenbacker Air Guard Station an ideal location for a KC-46A Main Operating Base; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, We, the members of the 130th General Assembly of

the State of Ohio, urge the Honorable Michael B. Donley, the 49
Secretary of the United States Air Force, and General Mark A. 50
Welsh, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, to give 51
Rickenbacker Air Guard Station every consideration in selecting a 52
location for the KC-46A Main Operating Base; and be it further 53

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 54
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 55
Secretary of the United States Air Force, to the Chief of Staff of 56
the United States Air Force, and to the news media of Ohio. 57