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Stinziano, Terhar, Johnson, Landis, Anielski, Barborak, Dovilla, Milkovich,  
Retherford**

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**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 18  
performance in the air refueling mission; and 19

WHEREAS, The 121st Air Refueling Wing has provided superior 20  
support to operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere around 21  
the world, and following the United Nations resolution concerning 22  
the Libya no-fly zone, was among the first units to respond within 23  
hours to rapidly developing tanker requirements; and 24

WHEREAS, The KC-135 crews at Rickenbacker Air Guard Station 25  
consistently demonstrate their superior performance as the only 26  
Air National Guard unit to compete in the biannual Air Mobility 27  
Command Rodeo, winning multiple awards over the past five years 28  
for Best KC-135 Aircrew, Air Refueling, and Cargo Loading across 29  
the Air Force; and 30

WHEREAS, Geographically, Rickenbacker Air Guard Station is 31  
well located to provide responsive support to the significant 32  
demand for aerial refueling in the eastern United States, 33  
particularly the heavy concentration of fighter and cargo aircraft 34  
in the southeastern states; and 35

WHEREAS, With Rickenbacker Air Guard Station's infrastructure 36  
currently supporting eighteen KC-135R aircraft, the base is well 37  
positioned to accept twelve KC-46A aircraft; and 38

WHEREAS, The local community is a strong supporter of the 39  
base and its resident Airmen, and low local area costs and the 40  
availability of community amenities make Rickenbacker Air Guard 41  
Station well suited to host an active association unit; and 42

WHEREAS, The proven performance and wealth of experience of 43  
the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker Air Guard Station's 44  
outstanding facilities, and the strong local and statewide support 45  
the unit enjoys make Rickenbacker Air Guard Station an ideal 46

location for a KC-46A Main Operating Base; now therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, We, the members of the 130th General Assembly of 48  
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