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**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Brown, Burke, Coley,
Eklund, Faber, Gardner, Hite, Hughes, Jones, LaRose, Manning, Patton,
Sawyer, Schaffer, Schiavoni, Seitz, Tavares, Uecker, Widener, Cafaro**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To 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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force 179th Airlift Wing is a 5
military airlift organization assigned to the Ohio Air National 6
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 Senate transmit duly 35
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 36
United States, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 37
United States Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United 38
States House of Representatives, to the members of the Ohio 39
Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 40