

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
2 join the airmen, the United States Department of Defense employees,
3 and the families of Dyess Air Force Base, along with the Abilene
4 community, in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the C-130
5 Hercules aircraft in the Big Country; and
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7 WHEREAS, On February 8, 1961, the 64th Troop Carrier Wing
8 began a distinguished era of service with the arrival of the first
9 C-130 on the base; the early missions of the C-130s included
10 responding to the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 and delivering
11 support to the Distant Early Warning radar sites along the Arctic
12 Circle with ski-equipped transport models; longer-range models
13 were developed over the years, and the latest version of the
14 aircraft, the C-130J Super Hercules, began arriving in 2010; and
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16 WHEREAS, The 64th Troop Carrier Wing passed the leadership
17 torch to the 516th Tactical Airlift Wing in 1963, followed by the
18 463rd Airlift Wing in 1972 and the 7th Wing in 1993; the 317th
19 Airlift Group of today was activated in 1997; and
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21 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, more than 17,000 maintenance
22 workers and aircrew members have kept the C-130 Hercules ready to
23 respond to the next crisis; the Dyess C-130s have delivered
24 critical cargo under enemy fire and have been used to carry out
25 numerous humanitarian missions, such as airlifting refugees to
26 safety, fighting forest fires, and responding to Gulf Coast

1 hurricanes; the steadfast support of the Abilene community has been
2 an intregal part of the outstanding success of the C-130 mission at
3 Dyess Air Force Base; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby pay tribute to all who have participated in the missions and
6 the maintenance of the Dyess Air Force Base C-130 Hercules aircraft
7 over the last 50 years; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor
9 of the 50th anniversary of the C-130 Hercules aircraft at Dyess Air
10 Force Base.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 43 was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 43 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor