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1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to

3 join the airmen, the United States Department of Defense employees,

4 and the families of Dyess Air Force Base, along with the Abilene

5 community, in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the C-130

6 Hercules aircraft in the Big Country; and

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

WHEREAS, The 64th Troop Carrier Wing passed the leadership

16 torch to the 516th Tactical Airlift Wing in 1963, followed by the

17 463rd Airlift Wing in 1972 and the 7th Wing in 1993; the 317th

18 Airlift Group of today was activated in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, more than 17,000 maintenance

20 workers and aircrew members have kept the C-130 Hercules ready to

21 respond to the next crisis; the Dyess C-130s have delivered

22 critical cargo under enemy fire and have been used to carry out

23 numerous humanitarian missions, such as airlifting refugees to

24 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.