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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 29, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve
2 Command 911th Airlift Wing.

3 WHEREAS, In 1941, a farm specializing in growing wheat and
4 corn was chosen to become the future site of the 911th Airlift
5 Wing; and

6 WHEREAS, The farm area was located approximately two miles
7 from today's Pittsburgh International Airport; and

8 WHEREAS, The 911th traces its ancestry to January 19, 1963,
9 when the 911th Troop Carrier Group was activated to administer
10 the 758th Troop Carrier Squadron flying the C-119 Flying Boxcar;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The first aircraft conversion of the organization
13 assigned to administer the 758th Troop Carrier was started in
14 November of 1966; and

15 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing has the motto "Relevant and
16 Ready...We are the leanest mission capable unit in AFRC. We keep

1 'em flyin' on time and under budget"; and

2 WHEREAS, The 911th participated in Operation Desert
3 Shield/Storm in August of 1990 until March 1991, as more than
4 400 reservists served as volunteers or were activated; and

5 WHEREAS, When Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992, the 911th
6 aircrews and support personnel airlifted food and personnel to
7 aid disaster relief efforts in south Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, From 1993 to 1994, the 911th aircrews and support
9 personnel augmented Air Mobility Command operations for the
10 humanitarian relief flights to Bosnia, in the former Yugoslavia,
11 and airlift support for Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian
12 Gulf Region; and

13 WHEREAS, When USAir flight 427 crashed in nearby Beaver
14 County in September of 1994, 911th personnel volunteered to
15 assist at the crash site, and base facilities were used for
16 emergency response activities until October of 1994; and

17 WHEREAS, In October of 1994, the 911th was redesignated the
18 911th Airlift Wing; and

19 WHEREAS, After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
20 the 911th Airlift Wing responded to the call, flying numerous
21 missions at McChord Air Force Base in support of Operation Noble
22 Eagle; and

23 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing flew operations for Operation
24 Iraqi Freedom; and

25 WHEREAS, Aircrews comprised of pilots, navigators, engineers
26 and loadmasters moved approximately 3,000 passengers and 700
27 tons of cargo per month in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron has
30 assisted more than 2,000 patients in urgent, nonurgent and

1 critical categories and has flown more than 1,000 hours on
2 medical evacuation missions attending to more than 6,000
3 patients; and

4 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing's mission is to organize,
5 recruit and train Air Force Reserve personnel to provide airlift
6 of airborne forces, their equipment and supplies and delivery of
7 these forces and materials by air drop, landing or cargo
8 extraction systems; and

9 WHEREAS, The unit participates in joint service training
10 exercises and supports active duty forces in airborne training;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing includes approximately 1,220
13 Air Force Reserve members and the unit employs approximately 320
14 civilians, including more than 180 air reserve technicians
15 holding dual civilian and military positions; and

16 WHEREAS, The 911th Airlift Wing is assigned currently to the
17 Air Force Reserve Command's 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve
18 Base, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Moon Township will honor the 911th on July 4, 2013,
20 during its July 4th celebration at Moon Park; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
22 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve Command 911th Airlift
23 Wing.