

Senate Resolution 872

By: Senators Collins of the 6th, Lamutt of the 21st, Tanksley of the 32nd, Clay of the 37th and Price of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the first flight of the Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules
- 2 and declaring 2004 the "Year of the Hercules"; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia joins citizens across the state, the nation, and the world in
- 4 recognizing that the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft has made significant and lasting
- 5 contributions to humanitarian, peace-keeping, and military operations around the globe in
- 6 the 50 years since its first flight on August 23, 1954; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the aircraft has remained in continuous production in Marietta, Georgia, and is
- 8 the longest continuous military aircraft production line in history; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the production of this aircraft continues to provide employment for thousands
- 10 of dedicated Georgia engineers, technicians, and machinists from more than 70 counties
- 11 across our state; and
- 12 WHEREAS, more than 65 countries and all of the armed forces of the United States operate
- 13 the Hercules, and crews have landed on dirt strips, snow and ice, and unimproved and paved
- 14 roads in rugged, remote areas of the world where no other transport airplane is capable of
- 15 operating; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Hercules is seen worldwide as a provider of help to the war-stricken and
- 17 persecuted people of the world, with crews delivering everything from personnel to
- 18 emergency relief supplies and medicine; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the new C-130J model has broken 54 world aviation records and thus furthers
- 20 the amazing legacy of the more than 2,200 Hercules aircraft that came before it.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 22 GEORGIA that this body honors the fiftieth anniversary of the first flight of the Lockheed

- 1 Martin C-130, recognizes that the Hercules will continue to be an ambassador for the State
 - 2 of Georgia for decades to come, and declares 2004 the "Year of the Hercules."
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- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
 - 4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lockheed Martin Corporation.