

Senate Resolution 875

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

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 SENATE that this body honors the
22 fiftieth anniversary of the first flight of the Lockheed Martin C-130, recognizes that the

1 Hercules will continue to be an ambassador for the State of Georgia for decades to come, and
2 declares 2004 the "Year of the Hercules."

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.