

House Resolution 1020

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this year marks the ten-year anniversary of the 165th Airlift Wing of the
4 Georgia Air National Guard being mobilized for wartime missions, and the Wing has served
5 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn since
6 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 80 percent of the Wing's personnel, which consists of more than 900
8 airmen, has deployed in support of the three major war operations; and

9 WHEREAS, the Wing has eight C-130H2 cargo aircraft, and in ten years, the unit has flown
10 more than 11,363 hours and 7,441 combat sorties; and

11 WHEREAS, the unit has defended this nation's freedom and liberty through superlative
12 service and action, including carrying out wartime tasks in a timely manner, being the first
13 C-130 unit to deploy and operate out of Iraq and fly under the "Red Tail" designation 332
14 Air Expeditionary Wing, supporting the rescue mission of SEAL Team 10 and 3/160 SOAR,
15 where their heroic actions became the subject of Marcus Latrell's book *Lone Survivor*, and
16 being the only squadron in the CENTCOM AOR tasked at 100 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, this unit is one of magnanimous strengths, valiantly and courageously
18 protecting fellow Americans through hard work and sacrifice, and it is abundantly fitting and
19 proper that it be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air
22 National Guard.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 165th Airlift Wing of
25 the Georgia Air National Guard.