

Senate Resolution 672

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Bearden of the 30th, Still of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the C-130J Super Hercules of Lockheed Martin for its
2 outstanding achievements in aerospace innovation and mission-critical operations, as well
3 as for its contributions to the defense of our state and nation; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the C-130J Super Hercules was the inaugural winner of the Georgia Chamber
5 of Commerce 2025 Coolest Thing Made in Georgia Award, recognizing its excellence in
6 Georgia-based manufacturing, innovation, and economic impact; and

7 WHEREAS, the C-130J Super Hercules is the worldwide choice in tactical airlift, serving
8 28 operators in 25 nations, highlighting its scale, reliability, and pristine reputation, carrying
9 out missions involving aerial refueling, aerial spray, air drop, Arctic support, assault airlift,
10 cargo delivery, medevac, humanitarian aid, firefighting, troop transport, VIP support, and
11 auxiliary operations; and

12 WHEREAS, the C-130J Super Hercules is based in Lockheed Martin's Marietta Facility,
13 home to a workforce of 5,600 Georgia-based employees boasting a \$4.5 billion economic
14 impact across the State of Georgia annually; and

15 WHEREAS, the C-130 is the longest running military aircraft production line in world
16 history and recently celebrated 70 years since the first flight; and

17 WHEREAS, it has been foundational to our nation's security and continues to evolve to meet
18 ever-changing needs; and

19 WHEREAS, the C-130J Super Hercules manufacturing processes leverage more than 350
20 Georgia-based suppliers, benefitting small businesses and local communities in Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, every C-130J aircraft has been manufactured in Marietta, Georgia, more than
22 2,700 total aircraft since 1954, showcasing Lockheed Martin's commitment to the State of
23 Georgia and to our nation's defense; and

24 WHEREAS, the C-130J Super Hercules has been proven in every challenging operational
25 environment, and its versatility across 20 mission sets combined with its structural durability
26 is the standard for reliability, safety, and excellence; and

27 WHEREAS, the new year marks the 75th anniversary of the Lockheed Martin site in
28 Marietta, Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, at the center of the site's legacy is the C-130 Hercules, the longest continuously
30 running military aircraft manufacturing line in history; and

31 WHEREAS, the C-130J constantly innovates to meet ever-changing customer requirements
32 in an evolving defense landscape; offers the potential to have all of Lockheed Martin
33 integrated into one cockpit; and the C-130J Super Hercules, the current production model,

34 provides new capabilities across 20 mission sets and demonstrates proven performance in the
35 world's most demanding environments; and

36 WHEREAS, the flag of the United States on a C-130's tail section represents United States
37 of America diplomacy, strength, and commitment; every time Lockheed Martin's C-130
38 aircraft operates on foreign soil, the State of Georgia and the United States of America is
39 represented; and

40 WHEREAS, the C-130's success in every corner of the world has brought immense pride to
41 Lockheed Martin and the State of Georgia, setting the standard for innovation and precision
42 within the aerospace industry.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 commend and congratulate Lockheed Martin for the production of the C-130J for its
45 outstanding achievements in the realm of aerospace and extend their best wishes for
46 Lockheed Martin's commitment to do what is right, respect others, and perform with
47 excellence.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
49 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Lockheed Martin,
50 the public, and the press.