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To provide for the transfer of a Vietnam-era Cessna L-19D Bird Dog aircraft that is excess to the needs of the Department of State to Army Aviation Heritage Foundation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF VIETNAM-ERA CESSNA L-19D**
4 **BIRD DOG AIRCRAFT TO ARMY AVIATION**
5 **HERITAGE FOUNDATION.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—The Secretary of
7 State may convey, without consideration, to the Army
8 Aviation Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization

1 incorporated in the State of Georgia, all right, title, and
2 interest of the United States in and to a Vietnam-era
3 Cessna L-19D Bird Dog aircraft (serial No. 24020, Na-
4 tional registration number N32FL) (in this section re-
5 ferred to as the “aircraft”) that is excess to the needs
6 of the Department of State. The conveyance shall be made
7 by means of a conditional deed of gift

8 (b) CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT.—The aircraft shall be
9 conveyed in its current “as is” condition. The Secretary
10 is not required to repair or alter the condition of the air-
11 craft before conveying ownership of the aircraft.

12 (c) CONDITION ON CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary
13 shall include in the instrument of conveyance of the air-
14 craft the following conditions:

15 (1) The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation
16 may not convey any ownership interest in, or trans-
17 fer possession of, the aircraft to any other party
18 without the prior approval of the Secretary.

19 (2) The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation
20 shall operate and maintain the aircraft in compli-
21 ance with all applicable limitations and maintenance
22 requirements imposed by the Administrator of the
23 Federal Aviation Administration.

24 (d) REVERTER UPON BREACH OF CONDITIONS.—If
25 the Secretary determines at any time that the Army Avia-

1 tion Heritage Foundation has conveyed an ownership in-
2 terest in, or transferred possession of, the aircraft to any
3 other party without the prior approval of the Secretary,
4 all right, title, and interest in and to the aircraft, including
5 any repair or alteration of the aircraft, shall revert to the
6 United States, and the United States shall have the right
7 of immediate possession of the aircraft.

8 (e) CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED
9 STATES.—The conveyance of the aircraft shall be made
10 at no cost to the United States. Any costs associated with
11 the conveyance and costs of operation and maintenance
12 of the aircraft conveyed shall be borne by the Army Avia-
13 tion Heritage Foundation.

14 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
15 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
16 in connection with a conveyance under this section as the
17 Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of
18 the United States.

19 (g) CLARIFICATION OF LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding
20 any other provision of law, upon the conveyance of owner-
21 ship of the aircraft to the Army Aviation Heritage Foun-
22 dation, the United States shall not be liable for any death,
23 injury, loss, or damage that results from any use of that
24 aircraft by any person other than the United States.

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