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Honoring the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Mr. COSTELLO (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. SKELTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command, and for other purposes.

Whereas the passage of the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–433) revoked the law prohibiting consolidation of military transportation functions, and President Reagan subsequently ordered the establishment of a United States Transportation Command;

Whereas October 1, 2007, marks the 20th anniversary of the activation of the Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois;

Whereas the Transportation Command is comprised of the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois,

the Military Sealift Command at Washington, DC, and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois;

Whereas the assigned responsibilities of the Transportation Command include providing common-user and commercial transportation, terminal management, aerial refueling, global patient movement, and serving as the mobility joint force provider;

Whereas Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm first demonstrated the Transportation Command as a fully operational command in both peacetime and wartime;

Whereas the Transportation Command has continued to prove its worth during many contingency and peacekeeping operations around the world, including United Nations operations in Iraq, Rwanda, and Somalia, as well as North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations in Serbia and Kosovo;

Whereas the Transportation Command has supported many humanitarian relief operations transporting relief supplies to victims of foreign and domestic natural disasters;

Whereas after terrorist attacks killed nearly 3,000 people and wounded thousands on September 11, 2001, the Transportation Command became a vital asset in the global war on terrorism, supporting members of the Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and around the world;

Whereas from October 2001 to September 2007, the Transportation Command, its components, and its national partners have transported approximately 4,000,000 passengers, 9,000,000 short tons of cargo, and over

4,000,000,000,000 gallons of fuel in support of the global war on terrorism;

Whereas in 2003 the Secretary of Defense charged the Transportation Command with the responsibility of improving the logistics, efficiency, and interoperability of distribution-related activities throughout the Department of Defense; and

Whereas the 2005 quadrennial defense review recognized the importance of joint mobility and the critical role that it plays in global power projection, cited the successful investment in cargo transportability, strategic lift, and prepositioned stock, and called for continued recapitalization and modernization of the airlift and aerial tanker fleet: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the sacrifices and commitment of the
3 approximately 155,000 men and women who com-
4 prise the United States Transportation Command,
5 including active and reserve components, civilian em-
6 ployees, and contractors;

7 (2) honors the families of the United States
8 Transportation Command and their sacrifices while
9 their loved ones are deployed around the world;

10 (3) owes the men, women, and families of the
11 Transportation Command a debt of gratitude; and

12 (4) honors the achievements of the Transpor-
13 tation Command during the global war on terrorism.

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