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Recognizing the 4th anniversary of the Trump administration's Secretary of the Air Force announcing Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, as the preferred location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TUBERVILLE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 4th anniversary of the Trump administration's Secretary of the Air Force announcing Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, as the preferred location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command.

Whereas, on January 13, 2021, the Department of the Air Force announced Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, as the preferred location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command;

Whereas January 13, 2025, marks the 4th anniversary of this decision being announced during the first presidential administration of Donald J. Trump;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump directed the Secretary of Defense to reestablish the United States Space Command as a unified combatant command on December 18, 2018;

Whereas, as a result of President Donald J. Trump's direction, the Secretary of Defense directed the Air Force Strategic Basing Office to initiate a basing action for the preferred permanent location of the headquarters of the United States Space Command (referred to in this preamble as the "2019 Basing Action");

Whereas, on April 15, 2019, the Secretary of the Air Force was given the authority to make a decision on the preferred permanent location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command;

Whereas, as a result of President Trump's direction, the Secretary of Defense reestablished United States Space Command as a unified combatant command on August 29, 2019;

Whereas the Secretary of the Air Force signed a memorandum approving a provisional headquarters pending the selection of a preferred permanent location for the United States Space Command on January 15, 2020;

Whereas, as a result of concerns expressed by Congress regarding the 2019 Basing Action, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force met to discuss a modified basing action and approved such action on April 27, 2020 (referred to in this preamble as the "Strategic Basing Action");

Whereas the Strategic Basing Action was initiated on May 14, 2020, and contains 3 phases, starting with the Self-Nomination Phase and the solicitation of proposals from

military bases interested in hosting the headquarters of the United States Space Command;

Whereas, during the Self-Nomination Phase, 66 candidate locations in 26 States were nominated, and the Air Force Strategic Basing Office determined 50 locations met the initial nomination criteria;

Whereas the second phase of the Strategic Basing Action (referred to in this preamble as the “Evaluation Phase”) began on July 23, 2020, and assessed each of the 50 locations based on 21 criteria under 4 evaluation factors, “Mission”, “Capacity”, “Community”, and “Costs to the Department of Defense”;

Whereas the Evaluation Phase concluded on November 18, 2020, and the Department of the Air Force publicly announced 6 finalists to advance to the third phase of the Strategic Basing Action on November 19, 2020, ranked as—

- (1) Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama;
- (2) Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska;
- (3) Joint Base San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas;
- (4) Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado;
- (5) Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and
- (6) Patrick Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral, Florida;

Whereas the 2022 Department of Defense Inspector General report titled “Evaluation of the Air Force Selection Process for the Permanent Location of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters” found that there was a large drop off in qualifications after the top 2 locations during the Evaluation Phase;

Whereas the third phase of the Strategic Basing Action (referred to in this preamble as the “Selection Phase”) was conducted from December 4, 2020, through January 7, 2021;

Whereas the findings from the Selection Phase resulted in the 6 finalists from the Evaluation Phase being ranked as—

- (1) Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama;
- (2) Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico;
- (3) Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska;
- (4) Joint Base San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas;
- (5) Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and
- (6) Patrick Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral, Florida;

Whereas, during the Strategic Basing Action, Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, consistently ranked as the top location throughout the process and compared more favorably across the 4 key factors and 21 criteria than any other finalist location;

Whereas the results of the Strategic Basing Action found that Huntsville, more so than any other finalist location, provided a large, qualified workforce, quality schools, superior infrastructure, and low initial and recurring costs to the Department of Defense;

Whereas the results of the Strategic Basing Action prove that Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, was and remains the best location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command and informed the decision of the Department of the Air Force to select the site as the preferred location on January 13, 2021;

Whereas the findings of the Strategic Basing Action have been supported by reports following subsequent Department of Defense Inspector General and Government Accountability Office investigations; and

Whereas despite an extensive process determining that Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, was the best possible location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command, on July 31, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden and his administration chose to disregard the findings of the Strategic Basing Action and announced the intention to locate the headquarters at the fifth best location, Colorado Springs, Colorado: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes that the United States Air  
3       Force’s basing action approved on April 27, 2020  
4       (referred to in this resolution as the “Strategic Basing  
5       Action”), complied with law and policy and was  
6       justified in identifying Huntsville, Alabama, as the  
7       preferred permanent location for the headquarters of  
8       the United States Space Command;

9               (2) strongly commends President Donald J.  
10       Trump and his first presidential administration for  
11       completing a robust and fact-based Strategic Basing  
12       Action focused on what was best to ensure the na-  
13       tional security and fiscal responsibility of the United  
14       States and well-being of service members and their  
15       families;

1           (3) strongly condemns President Joseph R.  
2           Biden and his presidential administration for dis-  
3           regarding the findings of the Strategic Basing Ac-  
4           tion and allowing the headquarters of the United  
5           States Space Command to be based at the fifth best  
6           location; and

7           (4) encourages President Donald J. Trump and  
8           his incoming second presidential administration to  
9           halt the Biden administration's disastrous decision  
10          and immediately proceed in establishing a perma-  
11          nent headquarters for the United States Space Com-  
12          mand at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.