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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States  
Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary.

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Mr. DURBIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United  
States Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–433) revoked prohibitions on the consolidation of military transportation functions, and President Reagan subsequently ordered the establishment of a unified transportation command within the Armed Forces;

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

Whereas the United States Transportation Command consists of—

(1) the United States Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois;

(2) the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois;

(3) the Military Sealift Command in Washington, District of Columbia; and

(4) the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois;

Whereas Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm provided a wartime test for the United States Transportation Command, resulting in a command that is fully operational in both peacetime and wartime;

Whereas the United States Transportation Command has continued to prove its worth during United States contingency operations, such as Operation Desert Thunder (enforcing United Nations resolutions in Iraq) and Operation Allied Force (North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations against Serbia), and United States peacekeeping endeavors, such as Operation Restore Hope (in Somalia), Operation Support Hope (in Rwanda), Operation Uphold Democracy (in Haiti), Operation Joint Endeavor (in Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Operation Joint Guardian (in Kosovo);

Whereas the United States Transportation Command has also supported numerous humanitarian relief operations transporting relief supplies to victims of natural disasters at home and abroad;

Whereas the United States Transportation Command is a vital element in the war against terrorism, supporting the Armed Forces around the world;

Whereas since October 2001, the United States Transportation Command, and its components and national partners, have transported nearly 4,000,000 passengers,

9,000,000 short tons of cargo, and more than 4,000,000,000,000 gallons of fuel in support of the war on terrorism;

Whereas in 2003 the Secretary of Defense designated the Commander of the United States Transportation Command as Distribution Process Owner to serve as the single Department of Defense entity to “improve the overall efficiency and interoperability of distribution related activities—deployment, sustainment and redeployment support during peace and war”;

Whereas the Quadrennial Defense Review of 2005 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; and

Whereas the assigned responsibilities of the United States Transportation Command include—

(1) providing common-user and commercial transportation, terminal management, and aerial refueling;

(2) providing global patient movement for the Department of Defense through the Defense Transportation System;

(3) serving as the Mobility Joint Force Provider; and

(4) serving as Distribution Process Owner for the Department of Defense: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) honors the sacrifice and commitment of the

3       155,000 members of the Armed Forces (including

1 the National Guard and Reserve) and civilian em-  
2 ployees and contractors that comprise the United  
3 States Transportation Command and recognizes the  
4 debt of gratitude of the American people;

5 (2) honors the families of United States Trans-  
6 portation Command members and recognizes their  
7 sacrifices while their loved ones are deployed around  
8 the world; and

9 (3) recognizes the success of United States  
10 Transportation Command over the last 20 years and  
11 its continuing vital contributions to the war against  
12 terrorism.

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