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To authorize the conveyance by the Secretary of the Navy to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission in Huntsville, Alabama, of certain F-14D Tomcat aircraft, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for himself, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. STRONG, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maverick Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN F-14D TOMCAT AIR-**
2 **CRAFT TO U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER**
3 **COMMISSION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may
5 convey, without consideration, to the U.S. Space and
6 Rocket Center Commission in Huntsville, Alabama (in this
7 section referred to as the “Commission”), all right, title,
8 and interest of the United States in the following:

9 (1) F-14D Tomcat aircraft (Bureau Number
10 163283).

11 (2) F-14D Tomcat aircraft (Bureau Number
12 164602).

13 (3) F-14D Tomcat aircraft (Bureau Number
14 159437).

15 (b) **GIFT.**—Any conveyance under subsection (a)
16 shall be made by means of a conditional deed of gift.

17 (c) **CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED**
18 **STATES.**—Any conveyance under subsection (a) shall be
19 made at no cost to the United States. Any costs associated
20 with such conveyance, costs of determining compliance
21 with terms of the conveyance, and costs of operation and
22 maintenance of the aircraft conveyed shall be borne by the
23 Commission.

24 (d) **CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT TO BE CONVEYED.**—

25 (1) **AS-IS CONDITION.**—The Secretary may not
26 be required to repair or alter the condition of any

1 aircraft prior to conveying such aircraft under sub-
2 section (a).

3 (2) MANUALS; CERTAIN SPARE PARTS AND
4 EQUIPMENT.—If the Secretary elects to convey to
5 the Commission the aircraft under subsection (a),
6 the Secretary shall, prior to such conveyance, pro-
7 vide to the Commission—

8 (A) any operations manuals of the Depart-
9 ment of Defense or the Navy specific to the F-
10 14D Tomcat aircraft; and

11 (B) such excess spare parts or equipment
12 from stocks of the Navy as the Secretary deter-
13 mines necessary to restore such aircraft, or op-
14 erate or display such aircraft once restored, for
15 a use specified in subsection (e)(2).

16 (3) NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE OTHER SUP-
17 PORT.—The Secretary may not be required to pro-
18 vide any spare part, equipment, manual, or other
19 form of support not specified in paragraph (2)(B) as
20 a result of or in connection with a conveyance au-
21 thorized under subsection (a).

22 (4) AGREEMENTS FOR RESTORATION AND OP-
23 ERATION.—The Secretary may authorize the Com-
24 mission to enter into one or more agreements with
25 a qualified nonprofit organization for the purpose of

1 restoring the aircraft conveyed under subsection (a)
2 for a use specified in subsection (e)(2).

3 (e) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall
4 require that any conveyance of aircraft under subsection
5 (a) be carried out by means of an instrument of convey-
6 ance that includes, at a minimum, the following:

7 (1) A condition that such aircraft do not pos-
8 sess any capability for use as a platform for launch-
9 ing or releasing munitions or any other combat ca-
10 pability, as determined by the Secretary.

11 (2) A condition that the Commission may only
12 use such aircraft for display or operation in a public
13 static display, an airshow, or a commemorative event
14 to preserve United States naval aviation heritage.

15 (3) A condition that the Commission shall oper-
16 ate and maintain such aircraft in compliance with all
17 applicable limitations and maintenance requirements
18 imposed by the Administrator of the Federal Avia-
19 tion Administration.

20 (4) A condition that, if the Secretary deter-
21 mines at any time that the Commission has con-
22 veyed an ownership interest in, or transferred pos-
23 session of, such aircraft to any party without the
24 prior approval of the Secretary or has violated a
25 condition specified in paragraph (2) or (3), all right,

1 title, and interest in and to the aircraft, including
2 any repair or alteration of the aircraft, shall revert
3 to the United States, and the United States shall
4 have the right of immediate possession of the air-
5 craft.

6 (5) Such other terms and conditions as the Sec-
7 retary considers appropriate to protect the interests
8 of the United States, which may include require-
9 ments for demilitarization and indemnification and
10 may restrict further disposition or use.

11 (f) CLARIFICATION OF LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of law, upon the conveyance to the
13 Commission of interests in the aircraft under subsection
14 (a), the United States may not be liable for any death,
15 injury, loss, or damage that results from any use of such
16 aircraft by any person other than the United States.

17 (g) APPLICABLE LAW.—The conveyance of an air-
18 craft under subsection (a), and the use of such aircraft
19 following such conveyance, shall be subject to all applica-
20 ble Federal and State laws and regulations, including the
21 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the
22 Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et
23 seq.), chapter 37 of title 18, United States Code (com-
24 monly referred to as the “Espionage Act”), the regulations
25 set forth in subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code

1 of Federal Regulations (commonly referred to as the
2 “International Traffic in Arms Regulations”), subchapter
3 C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations
4 (commonly referred to as the “Export Administration
5 Regulations”), and chapter V of title 31, Code of Federal
6 Regulations (commonly referred to as the “Foreign Assets
7 Control Regulations”).

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