

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, The Boeing Company Integrated Defense Systems (Boeing), based in
3 St. Louis, Missouri, has been building and maintaining refueling tankers for the United States
4 Air Force (USAF) for 50 years and has more experience building tankers than any other company
5 in the world; and

6 **Whereas**, Boeing has proposed the KC-767 as a replacement for the KC-135
7 Stratotanker, an American-made tanker that has been in use since 1958; and

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9 **Whereas**, the KC-767 meets or exceeds all USAF requirements, including range
10 and fuel offload capabilities, mission flexibility for carrying patients, passengers, and material;
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13 **Whereas**, the KC-767 will interoperate with 99% of USAF's existing equipment,
14 saving an estimated \$4 billion in lifecycle costs, and will operate from existing infrastructure
15 throughout the world saving the expense of costly runway, tarmac, and hangar expansion
16 required for a larger plane; and

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18 **Whereas**, the KC-767 would have created or sustained 44,000 jobs in 40 states
19 with 300 suppliers; and

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21 **Whereas**, on February 29, 2008, the USAF announced the selection of European
22 Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), a company based in France, and its partner
23 Northrop Grumman Corporation, for a contract to replace aerial refueling tankers, a contract that
24 could reach in excess of \$100 billion in value; and

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26 **Whereas**, the U.S. Government has a WTO lawsuit pending against EADS
27 regarding illegal subsidies that have caused great harm to U.S. Industry; and

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29 **Whereas**, EADS routinely sells military products and technology to countries on
30 the U.S. Embargo list; and

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32 **Whereas**, the EADS tanker is wasteful and bad for the environment as it burns
33 24% more fuel and pumps 30% greater emissions into our environment than the KC-767; and

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35 **Whereas**, EADS and Northrop Grumman have never jointly built a tanker aircraft
36 or delivered an air-to-air refueling boom, while Boeing has built and upgraded over 2,000
37 operational tankers and delivered over 1,800 air-to-air refueling booms; and

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39 **Whereas**, given the current state of the U.S. economy, taxpayer dollars should not
40 be used to fund the economic growth of European countries, while America loses 44,000 quality
41 jobs associated with the KC-767; and

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43 **Whereas**, relying on a foreign supplier of military equipment is unwise and not in
44 the national security interest of the country:

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46 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
47 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
48 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Air Force to reconsider its decision to replace
49 the KC-135 refueling tanker with a tanker supplied by a foreign company that is substantially
50 built in foreign countries; and

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52 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly strongly urges the
53 President of the United States and Congress to immediately and vigorously investigate the

54 proposed outsourcing of taxpayer-funded jobs, and its impact on the U.S. economy and the
55 procurement process that made possible this transfer of billions of dollars to foreign workers; and
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57 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly urge the President of the
58 United States and Congress to investigate and thoroughly review the benefits, costs, and national
59 security risks associated with contracting for the design and construction of high-technology
60 military equipment and systems in and by foreign nations which may not always share U.S.
61 interests, objectives, and missions; and

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63 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
64 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
65 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air
66 Force, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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