

House Resolution No. 4466

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has a proud history of supporting our military and strengthening
2 our nation; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has provided strategic air support to the nation's military since
5 World War II; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is the home of the Air Force Global Strike Command and our
8 military men and women are at the forefront of United States national air defense; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, our military personnel and their families deserve the peace of mind that
11 they have an unparalleled multi-role fighter to keep them safe, protect our nation, and secure
12 peace around the world; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the F-35 is critical to the modernization of our military because it will
15 replace aging and obsolete aircraft and secure United States air superiority for the next
16 generation; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, thousands of hard working, highly educated Missourians contribute to the
19 success of Whiteman Air Force Base and the Marine Corp Mobilization Command; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, these Missourians depend on the economic impact of our military bases to
22 support their jobs and thriving communities; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the F-35 generates more than five hundred high technology, high paying
25 jobs for Missouri; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the global F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program already provides sustained
28 economic impact to Missouri and its citizens of over thirty-five million dollars annually; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is currently reviewing its commitment to the
31 F-35 program and its full funding; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the United States and its global partners have invested in the development
34 of the F-35 for more than a decade; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, our military is currently testing the aircraft and we are on the verge of
37 realizing the return on this long-term investment; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, to slow production would increase the marginal cost of each aircraft and
40 curb the strategic security and economic benefits of the program:

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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
43 House of Representatives, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, hereby urge the United States
44 Congress to recognize the importance of the F-35 to the State of Missouri, our military, and our
45 national security, and support high production and full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
46 program; and

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
49 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
50 President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
51 United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional
52 delegation.

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