

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**, our military personnel and their families deserve the peace of mind that
8 they have an unparalleled multi-role fighter to keep them safe, protect our nation, and secure
9 peace around the world; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the F-35 is critical to the modernization of our military because it will
12 replace aging and obsolete aircraft and secure United States air superiority for the next
13 generation; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, thousands of hard working, highly educated Missourians contribute to the
16 success of Whiteman Air Force Base and the Marine Corp Mobilization Command; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, these Missourians depend on the economic impact of our military bases to
19 support their jobs and thriving communities; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the F-35 generates more than five hundred high technology, high paying
22 jobs for Missouri; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the global F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program already provides sustained
25 economic impact to Missouri and its citizens of over thirty-five million dollars annually; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is currently reviewing its commitment to the
28 F-35 program and its full funding; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the United States and its global partners have invested in the development

31 of the F-35 for more than a decade; and

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

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

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39 **WHEREAS** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-
40 sixth General Assembly, hereby urge the United States Congress to recognize the importance of
41 the F-35 to the State of Missouri, our military, and our national security, and support high
42 production and full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program; and

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

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