

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DOHRMAN (Sponsor), COX, HOSKINS, DAVIS, LYNCH, PIKE, RHOADS, MOON, MILLER, WIELAND, CIERPIOT, REHDER, ROSS, HAMPTON, MESSENGER, LICHTENEGGER, SOMMER, LANT, ALLEN, POGUE, BRATTIN, NEELY, HICKS, JUSTUS, SWAN, MCGAUGH, BROWN, FITZPATRICK, GOSEN, HINSON, WILSON, SOLON, CRAWFORD, MAYFIELD, WALKER, SMITH, REDMON, FITZWATER, FRAKER, CROSS, ENGLISH, CORNEJO, ENGLUND, BURNS, MIMS, BLACK, WHITE, GANNON, REIBOLDT, PFAUTSCH AND FRANKLIN (Co-sponsors).

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WHEREAS, the state of Missouri has a long history of supporting the military in their mission to protect the American people; and

WHEREAS, Whiteman Air Force Base, home to the 442nd Fighter Wing, is dedicated to delivering dynamic air power for the United States and acting as both a powerful deterrent to enemies and as an assurance to American citizens and allies; and

WHEREAS, the 442nd Fighter Wing has a rich legacy of defending the United States and its allies through its involvement in World War II, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the 442nd is to maintain and support the A-10 Thunderbolt II at the highest level of combat readiness; and

WHEREAS, the A-10 Thunderbolt II is the Air Force's only fighter plane designed for close-air support providing critical front-line support for American forces on the ground and conducting combat search and rescue missions; and

WHEREAS, the A-10 Thunderbolt II is vital to providing Missouri civilian and military jobs as the 442nd Fighter Wing is the largest tenant unit at Whiteman Air Force Base and has a payroll of around \$40 million dollars, a personnel force of 1,100 people, and an economic impact of millions of dollars in the local community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Air Force to retain the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft fleet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the

31 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, and each member of Missouri's
32 congressional delegation.

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