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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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WHEREAS, Missouri has an extensive history of supporting our military and strengthening our nation through companies like the Boeing Company in its defense systems located in St. Louis and St. Charles; and

WHEREAS, our military personnel and their families receive peace of mind that they have the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, which is the most capable, next-generation, multi-role strike fighter in combat today, ensuring their safety, protecting our nation, and securing peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet is the most capable, multi-role strike fighter in production today and will continue to provide air superiority to the United States and its allies for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of retirees and hardworking employees in Missouri contribute to the success of programs like F/A-18E/F and the EA-18G Growler; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, hundreds of millions of dollars were spent on materials from more than 900 Missouri suppliers for programs such as the F/A-18E/F, further contributing to the sustainability of Missouri jobs and substantial economic impact in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the United States invested into a multi-year procurement of F/A-18E/F Super Hornet aircraft in 2010, which will continue through 2014 and will save the taxpayers over \$818 million; and

WHEREAS, every F/A-18E/F aircraft has been delivered to our military on time and at cost, providing the only capable and affordable multi-strike fighter today; and

WHEREAS, limiting the production of the F/A-18E/F program would increase costs of the only affordable multi-strike fighter flying in combat today, effectuating adverse economic impact to Missouri; and

WHEREAS, ending production will cause a shortfall on available capable aircraft for the United States Navy:

35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
36 House of Representatives, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, hereby urge the United States
37 Congress to recognize the importance of the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet program to the State of
38 Missouri, our military, and our national security, and to support the continued production and
39 full funding of the F/A-18E/F program; and

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

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