

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, in April 2014, the Department of Defense announced that the Pentagon will seek further mission realignments, personnel reductions and procurement decreases as part of the federal budget cutting process; and

Whereas, United States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel states that, in an effort to cut over \$1 trillion over the next decade, the number of soldiers in the United States Army will drop over the next five years from 562,000 to 420,000, and the number of Marines in the United States Marine Corps will drop over the next five years from 202,000 to 175,000; and

Whereas, the Air Force may cut up to 25,000 total force airmen, or about four percent of its people, and up to 550 aircraft or about nine percent of its inventory; and

Whereas, the Pentagon planners intend to reduce procurement of weapons systems by \$66.2 billion from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2019; and

Whereas, Missouri is currently home to a number of major military bases and agencies, including Whiteman Air Force Base near Knob Noster and its 509th Bomb Wing, the only Air Force Unit that operates the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber; the United States Army Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood and its Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiological School (CBRN), Military Police, and Engineer Schools; the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in Arnold; the Missouri National Guard's Ike Skelton Training Center (ISTS) in Jefferson City; the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG) in Springfield; and the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph, among numerous other facilities and locations; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense's spending and related activities triggered nearly \$11.6 billion in household earnings for workers in Missouri, including an estimated \$6.2 billion in direct compensation to active military personnel, civilian personnel, trainees, inactive duty, retired personnel living in the state, workers directly hired by contracted firms, and workers directly hired in tourism or education-related industries, and \$11.6 billion in added household earnings from the multiplier effects; and

Whereas, in total, the Department of Defense's spending and related activities supported 275,000 jobs for state residents, including an estimated 123,000 direct jobs in the state of Missouri and 152,000 jobs added through the multiplier effects. The direct jobs include active military personnel, civilian personnel, trainees, inactive duty, and workers directly hired by contracted firms, and workers directly hired in tourism or education related industries. This does not include retired personnel; and

Whereas, the estimated total output (economic activity) triggered by the Department of Defense's spending and related activities (\$15 billion) and the added multiplier effects (\$24.8 billion) was \$39.8 billion for Missouri; and

Whereas, Missouri's defense industry plays a vital role in the state's economy, employing 160,000 Missourians working to support, either directly or indirectly, over \$12 billion in Department of Defense procurement contracts awarded to Missouri companies, ranking fifth among the states in total dollars; and

Whereas, Missouri's defense procurement contracts are heavily oriented toward research and operational systems and manufacturing companies, particularly aerospace manufacturing at the Boeing Company, Missouri's third largest employer, and its supply chain; and

Whereas, Missouri is home to several outstanding universities, including the University of Missouri, Washington University, and St. Louis University, that conduct cutting edge defense research for the government, providing the innovation needed to keep our military the finest in the world and creating the academic environment necessary to produce critical talent for government and industry workforce; and

Whereas, the nation's primary concern must always be national defense and the security of the United States, including Missouri; and

Whereas, Missouri is heavily committed to providing for our national defense and security as an accommodating partner and a proud home to major military installations and agencies, 63,700 military and federal civilian personnel, and 162,000 citizens who work at companies that manufacture defense systems, provide valuable services, and perform critical research; and

Whereas, Missouri has a vital economic interest in maintaining its military installations and agencies, and in presenting to national

leaders evidence of Missouri's capacity to provide additional, cost effective, and flexible support to defense missions during the federal government's efforts to re-establish its basing, costing, and capabilities:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Department of Defense and Missouri's Congressional delegation to protect, promote, and leverage Missouri's military bases and agencies, keep the number of military personnel in the state intact, and preserve defense industry procurement so that Missouri may continue to support the defense and protection of the state and the United States and keep its economy in sound condition; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for United States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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