

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

WHEREAS, Missouri has an extensive history of supporting our military and strengthening our nation; and WHEREAS, our military personnel and their families receive peace of mind from the fact that they have the F/A-18E/F, which is the most capable, next-generation, multi-role strike fighter flying in combat today, ensuring their safety, protecting our nation, and securing peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, the F/A-18E/F 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, over twenty-four thousand retirees and over fifteen thousand hard working employees in Missouri contribute to the success of programs like the F/A-18E/F; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 nine hundred sixty-nine Missouri suppliers had purchases of approximately seven hundred sixty-four million dollars worth of supplies for programs such as the F/A-18E/F, further contributing to the sustainability of Missouri jobs and making a substantial economic impact on Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the United States invested in a multi-year procurement of F/A-18E/F aircraft in 2010 continuing through 2014 which will save the taxpayer over eight hundred eighteen million dollars; 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 cause an adverse economic impact to Missouri:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session, hereby urge the United States Congress to recognize the importance of the F/A-18E/F to the State of Missouri, our military, and our national security, and support the continued production and full funding of the F/A-18E/F program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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