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8 URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO
9 ADOPT A DUAL-SOURCE APPROACH TO THE PROPOSED AERIAL REFUELING
10 TANKER PROJECT.
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12 WHEREAS, we note that the Department of Defense is
13 exploring its contracting options for the aerial refueling
14 tanker project; and

15 WHEREAS, the project is of vital importance to
16 American national security and force projection priorities
17 worldwide; the project has already been delayed for years and
18 would benefit from the dual-source approach, which would allow
19 for faster production of the tankers; and

20 WHEREAS, a single-source contract would create an
21 estimated 42,000 American jobs, while adopting the dual-source
22 approach could create as many as 90,000 jobs; in the present
23 economic climate, where unemployment is at historic levels,
24 job creation is among our nation's highest priorities; and

25 WHEREAS, the dual-source contract would allow
26 Northrop Grumman Corporation and EADS the opportunity to
27 assemble the tankers in the State of Alabama; the tanker

1 project may represent Alabama's foremost economic development
2 project for 2010; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the United States
5 Department of Defense to adopt a dual-source approach in
6 awarding contracts for the aerial tanker projects.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
8 resolution will be provided to the President of the United
9 States, the Secretary of Defense, and each member of Alabama's
10 Congressional Delegation.