

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 171

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Future Vertical Lift, a Department of Defense and U.S. Army modernization initiative.

WHEREAS, the United States of America faces a growing multi-faceted national security threat from near-peer challengers around the world; and

WHEREAS, our warfighters require vertical lift aircraft with greater reach, speed, agility, lethality, and survivability to compete in the critical anti-access, anti-denial environment; and

WHEREAS, the Future Vertical Lift (FVL) initiative involves a futuristic family of aircraft for the U.S. Department of Defense to meet emerging threats, and the U.S. Army modernization plan involves six mutually supporting priorities, including FVL, to enable the joint force to counter rapidly advancing threats; and

WHEREAS, two U.S. Army FVL programs, Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA), seek to modernize the vertical lift fleet by delivering the most modern, versatile, and lethal weapons systems to win on the modern battlefield; and

WHEREAS, FVL will expand the U.S. Army National Guard's mission as an operational strategic reserve, which is essential for national security interest, and expand opportunities and capabilities for the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to a number of economically significant National Guard and Reserve units. It is also proud to share the premiere Fort Campbell military installation, which supports 58,000 jobs and has an annual economic impact of over \$10 billion to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's military academic and research institutions and military industry are critical in supporting U.S. national security priorities; and

WHEREAS, federal defense and military spending in Tennessee is significant, totaling almost \$3 billion annually. Our great State is also home to over 75,000 highly skilled, loyal, dependable, and disciplined military defense personnel (active, civilian, and Guard/Reserve); and

WHEREAS, the FVL program presents opportunities for innovation and economic growth in Tennessee's aerospace and defense sectors for many decades to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the efforts to support and fully fund the critically important U.S. Army Future Vertical Lift programs in the federal budget and subsequent authorization and appropriations legislation, due to the impact of these vital aviation platforms on the State of Tennessee and the readiness of the U.S. military.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.