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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 28, 1989

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President and the Congress of the United  
2 States to express support for the continuation of the V-22  
3 Aircraft Program of the United States Department of Defense.

4 WHEREAS, The V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft design is on the  
5 leading edge of aerospace technology for short take-off and  
6 landing capability; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States has established a position of  
8 worldwide superiority in aerospace technology; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States will lose its position of  
10 superiority in this technology if research and development are  
11 stopped; and

12 WHEREAS, The V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft, with its short take-  
13 off and landing capability, will dramatically reduce airport  
14 congestion and the risk of aircraft collision; and

15 WHEREAS, The V-22 is being built and tested within the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has contractually committed  
3 several billion dollars for the construction of LHD-1 class  
4 ships for the transportation of Marine Corps amphibious assault  
5 units equipped with the V-22 aircraft; and

6 WHEREAS, The V-22 aircraft is designed to be the primary  
7 asset of the newly constituted Special Operations Forces of the  
8 United States Department of Defense; and

9 WHEREAS, The V-22 aircraft is the United States Marine Corps'  
10 highest priority modernization program for replacement of the  
11 aging CH-46 helicopter fleet; and

12 WHEREAS, The primary inter-theater transportation means for  
13 United States ground combat forces is the V-22 aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, The assessment of the United States Special  
15 Operations Forces Command is that, because of unique  
16 capabilities of the V-22 aircraft, use of that aircraft for  
17 transportation of such forces in the future could prevent a  
18 recurrence of the transportation events involved in the Desert  
19 One disaster in 1979; and

20 WHEREAS, The proposed alternatives to the V-22 tilt-rotor  
21 aircraft will cost more than the continued development and  
22 production of the V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft; and

23 WHEREAS, There is extensive potential for the technology used  
24 in the development and production of the V-22 aircraft to  
25 revolutionize the commercial aviation industry in the United  
26 States; and

27 WHEREAS, The possible loss of Federal funds for the V-22 will  
28 have a damaging effect on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in  
29 general, and southeastern Pennsylvania in particular; therefore  
30 be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress  
3 of the United States to strongly support funding for the V-22  
4 aircraft program included in the Department of Defense  
5 appropriation request for fiscal year 1990, and reject any  
6 initiatives to defer, cancel or terminate the program; and that  
7 appropriations available to the United States Department of  
8 Defense for fiscal year 1989 be obligated to ensure the  
9 continued development and production of the V-22 aircraft; and  
10 be it further

11       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
13 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
14 Pennsylvania.