
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FARRY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to support full
2 funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a proud history
4 of supporting our nation's military; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will continue its
6 critical role as part of the supplier base for the F-35 Joint
7 Strike Fighter (F-35); and

8 WHEREAS, The F-35 program creates advanced-technology jobs
9 that build a highly skilled work force essential to our national
10 security and economic prosperity in Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of our armed services need the latest
12 technology supporting them as they protect our nation and ensure
13 peace around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, There is currently discussion in Congress about
15 continuing full funding and production of the F-35; and

16 WHEREAS, Threats to peace and our national interests are
17 continuing to emerge; and

18 WHEREAS, The F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever

1 built and is needed to replace the aging fleet of military
2 aircraft that have been in use for 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, The F-35 will not only provide needed support for
4 our nation's military but will also strengthen our international
5 alliances and ensure the success of our peacekeeping missions;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The F-35 also plays a key role in our nation's and
8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's economy, responsible for
9 nearly 127,500 direct and indirect jobs nationwide, including
10 more than 1,000 in Pennsylvania and more than \$65 million in
11 economic impact in Pennsylvania alone; and

12 WHEREAS, The F-35 supports more than 900 suppliers across the
13 country, including places like Teletronics in Bucks County,
14 Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States has been investing in the
16 production of the F-35 for more than a decade and will lose the
17 benefits of this investment if full funding and planned
18 production are not continued; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the United States
21 Congress to recognize the importance of the F-35 Joint Strike
22 Fighter to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States
23 and our allies around the world by supporting full funding for
24 the F-35 program; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
27 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.