

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 80

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37—Relative to F-35 aircraft and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 37, Knight. F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

This measure would urge the Congress of the United States to recognize the importance of the F-35 aircraft and to support the full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

WHEREAS, There is currently discussion in Congress about continuing full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program; and

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

WHEREAS, The F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever built and is needed to replace the aging fleet of military aircraft that have been in use for 30 years; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Our military personnel and their families deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing that they have an unparalleled multirole fighter to keep them safe, protect our nation, and secure peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, The F-35 is critical to the modernization of our military because it will replace aging and obsolete aircraft and secure United States air superiority for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Many Californians depend on the economic impact of our military bases to support their jobs and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, The F-35 generates more than 27,000 direct and indirect high technology, high paying jobs for California; and

WHEREAS, The global F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program already provides sustained economic impact to California and its citizens of over six billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress is currently reviewing its commitment to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program and its full funding; and

WHEREAS, Investing in the technological superiority of our military is a fitting honor to the millions of citizens of California and the United States who have served our nation by protecting our freedom through military service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California urges the Congress of the United States to recognize the importance of the F-35 aircraft and to support the full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.