

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 37

**Introduced by Assembly Members Knight and Butler
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37—Relative to F-35 aircraft and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 37, as introduced, 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.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There is currently discussion in Congress about
2 continuing full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike
3 Fighter Program; and
4 WHEREAS, Threats to peace and our national interests are
5 continuing to emerge; and
6 WHEREAS, The F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever
7 built and is needed to replace the aging fleet of military aircraft
8 that have been in use for 30 years; and
9 WHEREAS, The F-35 will not only provide needed support for
10 our nation's military but will also strengthen our international
11 alliances and ensure the success of our peacekeeping missions;
12 and
13 WHEREAS, The United States has been investing in the
14 production of the F-35 for more than a decade and will lose the

1 benefits of this investment if full funding and planned production
2 are not continued; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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