

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1871

A RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress to fund the F/A-22 Raptor Program.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Senate is pleased to join citizens across our great state, our nation, and the world in congratulating our troops on their recent victory in Iraq, as well as the hard working men and women across our state who design and assemble essential equipment and weaponry for our military; and

WHEREAS, Air dominance has become a signature of our armed forces and a determining factor when our military is drawn into combat throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' defense and aerospace industry invests millions of dollars and employs thousands of highly skilled workers in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Defense and aerospace companies in Kansas provide our military with cutting edge technological components that are used to assemble vital military products, like the United States Air Force's new generation fighter, the Lockheed Martin F/A-22 Raptor; and

WHEREAS, Projects like the F/A-22 Raptor will bring more than \$32 million dollars to the Kansas economy while providing thousands of Kansans with high quality jobs, thus stimulating the aerospace industry in the state; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has a tradition of constructing both commercial and military aviation products and is the home of important components of our military's air capabilities, such as the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, as well as dedicated soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen flying and maintaining those aircraft at bases across the country: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the members of this body recognize that the F/A-22 Raptor is critical to the Kansas economy and that the members of this body implore the Congress of the United States to fully fund the F/A-22 program, thus providing our military heroes with the vital resources they need and invigorating our economy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1871 was sponsored by Senators Wagle, Feleciano, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steiner, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, and Vratil.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.