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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2024

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**ENCOURAGING THE SELECTION OF ARIZONA AS ONE OR MORE NATIONAL TEST RANGES FOR
THE OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN SHARED NATIONAL AIRSPACE.**

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1 Whereas, the State of Arizona has a tremendous history of directly
2 contributing to the national security and defense of the United States of
3 America; and

4 Whereas, the State of Arizona greatly appreciates the dedicated and
5 selfless service of the men and women assigned to Fort Huachuca, Luke Air
6 Force Base, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, the
7 Yuma Proving Ground, the Barry M. Goldwater Range complex and auxiliary
8 fields, and the Reserve and National Guard units across the state; and

9 Whereas, the State of Arizona's military operations have attracted
10 aerospace, defense and national security industry to the state and have led
11 to increased technological advances and important supporting relationships
12 with universities, research laboratories and technical colleges; and

13 Whereas, national security and defense sectors are increasingly
14 important to this state's economy as they create and support 190,000 jobs and
15 generate more than \$18 billion in revenue; and

16 Whereas, the economic impact of military operations would not have been
17 possible without the past and continuing congressional and state leadership
18 support; and

19 Whereas, our military investments, military expertise, technically
20 trained workforce and geographic and climatic diversity has positioned the
21 State of Arizona well in retaining its military operations and competing for
22 next-generation technology projects; and

23 Whereas, remotely piloted vehicles, cyberspace and intelligence,
24 surveillance and reconnaissance mission areas will be high priority areas of
25 defense and national security budgets.

26 Therefore

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the

28 Senate concurring:

29 1. That, as military spending continues to be downsized in the
30 foreseeable future, the State of Arizona must look to find ways to sustain
31 and expand its direct support to the national security and defense sectors.

32 2. That the State of Arizona should specifically leverage its
33 congressional and state leadership, current military expertise, technical
34 workforce, and geographical and climate diversity to provide a concerted
35 effort to aggressively pursue the high priority requirements of the United
36 States Department of Defense.

37 3. That the State of Arizona compete for and be selected as one or
38 more of the six national test ranges under the 2012 National Defense
39 Authorization Act, an act that directs the Federal Aviation Administration in
40 coordination with the United States Department of Defense and the National
41 Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine how to safely operate
42 unmanned aircraft systems in shared national airspace.

43 4. That a Federal Aviation Administration national test range based in
44 the State of Arizona will attract additional research, development and
45 operations of unmanned aerial systems supporting national security, defense

1 and civil aviation, thereby creating increased enduring economic impact and
2 jobs for the State of Arizona.

3 5. That the creation of these test ranges will mark the first step in
4 what will undoubtedly be a long-range process, leading to a common-day
5 occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly
6 together in the national airspace.