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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE MARKETING AND EFFECTIVE USE OF AIRSPACE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL
CONTRACTS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

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1 Whereas, the State of Arizona's military operations are increasingly
2 important to this state's economy as they create and support tens of
3 thousands of jobs and generate more than nine billion dollars in revenue; and

4 Whereas, the economic impact of military operations would not have been
5 possible without the past congressional and state leadership support and the
6 work of the servicemen and servicewomen at the following military
7 installations: Luke Air Force Base, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson,
8 the Yuma Proving Ground and Yuma Marine Air Corps Station, Fort Huachuca in
9 southeastern Arizona, and the Barry M. Goldwater Range Complex in
10 southwestern Arizona as well as several auxiliary fields; and

11 Whereas, this success has given the State of Arizona a tremendous
12 military and defense history in national security and aerospace; and

13 Whereas, the growth in our military operations has led to increased
14 technological advances at the military bases and has led to great
15 relationships with universities and technical colleges; and

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

20 Therefore

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
22 Senate concurring:

23 1. That, as military spending continues to be downsized in the
24 foreseeable future, the State of Arizona must look to finding ways to
25 continue its history of growth through projects awarded by the United States
26 Department of Defense.

27 2. That the State of Arizona should specifically leverage its
28 congressional and state leadership, current military expertise, workforce,
29 and geographical and climate diversity to provide a concerted effort to
30 aggressively pursue the opportunity for the State of Arizona to be awarded
31 one or more of the six available sites under the 2012 National Defense
32 Authorization Act, an act that provides for a five-year program in which test
33 sites will be used for the Federal Aviation Administration to coordinate with
34 the United States Department of Defense to determine how to safely operate
35 unmanned aircraft systems in shared national airspace.

36 3. That the test program will explore uses for the aircraft outside
37 traditional military applications and for enhanced military operations.

38 4. That the creation of these test sites will mark the first step in
39 what will undoubtedly be a long process, eventually leading to a common-day
40 occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly
41 together in the national airspace.