

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to fully support Future Vertical Lift, a vital
2 modernization initiative of the Department of Defense and the United States Army.

3 WHEREAS, the United States of America is undertaking critical modernization
4 efforts across all branches of the U.S. military as it faces a growing multi-faceted national
5 security threat from challengers around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, our warfighters require vertical lift aircraft with greater reach, speed,
7 agility, lethality, and survivability to compete in critical anti-access, anti-denial
8 environments; and

9 WHEREAS, the Future Vertical Lift initiative involves a futuristic family of aircraft
10 developed for the U. S. Department of Defense to meet emerging threats, and the U. S.
11 Army modernization plan involves six mutually supporting priorities, which include
12 Future Vertical Lift to enable the joint force to counter rapidly developing threats; and

13 WHEREAS, two U. S. Army Future Vertical Lift programs – Future Long-Range
14 Assault Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft – seek to modernize the
15 vertical lift fleet by developing the most modern, versatile, and lethal weapons systems to
16 win on the modern battlefield; and

17 WHEREAS, Kentucky's Fort Knox and Fort Campbell stand among the nation's
18 most elite military installations and mission-critical bases with approximately 32,000
19 military personnel and over 7,000 civilian personnel assigned; and

20 WHEREAS, Fort Knox, with an overall Kentucky economic impact of \$2.6 billion
21 in 2020, hosts the newly established V Corps, headquarters for oversight of the U.S.
22 Army operational planning and mission command of rotational forces in Europe, as well
23 as the national headquarters for Army Human Resources Command, Army Recruiting
24 Command, First Army Division East, Army First Theater Sustainment Command, Army
25 Reserve 84th Training Command, Army Reserve 100th Training Division (Leader
26 Development), and the Adjutant General Corps; and

27 WHEREAS, Fort Campbell, which had an overall Kentucky economic impact of

1 \$4.5 billion in 2020, hosts the acclaimed 101st Airborne Division and the 160th Special
2 Operations Aviation Regiment, which is our nation's foremost expeditionary fighting
3 command; and

4 WHEREAS, by 2030, Fort Campbell will become the first home of the Army's new
5 Future Vertical Lift aircraft; and

6 WHEREAS, the Kentucky National Guard fields approximately 8,000 personnel in
7 state, national, and world-wide missions, and also operates Bluegrass Station, where the
8 facility's largest employer, Lockheed Martin, supports contracts with the United States
9 Special Operations Command which have an economic impact of over \$204 million
10 annually and over 2,200 personnel are employed; and

11 WHEREAS, the Future Vertical Lift program presents opportunities for innovation
12 and economic growth in Kentucky's aerospace and defense sectors for decades to come;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
15 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

16 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly reaffirms the critical importance of the U. S.
17 Army's Future Vertical Lift programs and the impact of these critical aviation platforms
18 on the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the readiness of the United States Military.

19 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky General Assembly requests the full support of the
20 Kentucky Congressional delegation to ensure full funding for the Future Vertical Lift
21 Program in the President's federal budget and subsequent authorization and
22 appropriations legislation.

23 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
24 copy of this Resolution to Kentucky's Congressional delegation and to the office of
25 Representative Walker Thomas.