

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, The Boeing Company Integrated Defense Systems (Boeing), based in
3 St. Louis, Missouri, has been building and maintaining refueling tankers for the United States
4 Air Force (USAF) for 50 years and has more experience building tankers than any other company
5 in the world; and

6 **Whereas**, Boeing has proposed the KC-767 as a replacement for the KC-135
7 Stratotanker, an American-made tanker that has been in use since 1958; and
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9 **Whereas**, the KC-767 meets or exceeds all USAF requirements, including range
10 and fuel offload capabilities, mission flexibility for carrying patients, passengers, and material;
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13 **Whereas**, the KC-767 will interoperate with 99% of USAF's existing equipment,
14 saving an estimated \$4 billion in lifecycle costs, and will operate from existing infrastructure
15 throughout the world saving the expense of costly runway, tarmac, and hangar expansion
16 required for a larger plane; and
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18 **Whereas**, the KC-767 would have created or sustained 44,000 jobs in 40 states
19 with 300 suppliers; and
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21 **Whereas**, on February 29, 2008, the USAF announced the selection of European
22 Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), a company based in France, and its partner
23 Northrop Grumman Corporation, for a contract to replace aerial refueling tankers, a contract that
24 could reach in excess of \$100 billion in value; and
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26 **Whereas**, the U.S. Government has a WTO lawsuit pending against EADS
27 regarding illegal subsidies that have caused great harm to U.S. Industry; and
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