

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 20

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1           **WHEREAS**, In April 2014, the Department of Defense announced that the Pentagon will  
2 seek further mission realignments, personnel reductions, and procurement decreases as part of  
3 the federal budget cutting process; and

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5           **WHEREAS**, United States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel states that, in an effort to  
6 cut over \$1 trillion over the next decade, the number of soldiers in the United States Army will  
7 drop over the next five years from 562,000 to 420,000, and the number of marines in the United  
8 States Marine Corps will drop over the next five years from 202,000 to 175,000; and

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10           **WHEREAS**, the Air Force may cut up to 25,000 total force airmen, or about 4 percent  
11 of its people, and up to 550 aircraft, or about 9 percent of its inventory, and

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13           **WHEREAS**, the Pentagon planners intend to reduce procurement of weapons systems  
14 by \$66.2 billion from FY2016 to FY2019; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, Missouri is currently home to a number of major military bases and  
17 agencies, including Whiteman Air Force Base near Knob Noster and its 509th Bomb Wing, the  
18 only Air Force Unit that operates the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber; the United States Army  
19 Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood and its Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and  
20 Radiological School (CBRN), Military Police, and Engineer Schools; the National  
21 Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in Arnold; the Missouri National Guard's Ike Skelton  
22 Training Center (ISTS) in Jefferson City; the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group  
23 (TASMG) in Springfield; and the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph, among numerous other  
24 facilities and locations; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Defense's spending and related activities triggered nearly  
27 \$11.6 billion in household earnings for workers in Missouri, including an estimated \$6.2 billion  
28 in direct compensation to active military personnel, civilian personnel, trainees, inactive duty,  
29 retired personnel living in the state, workers directly hired by contracted firms, and workers

30 directly hired in tourism or education related industries, and \$11.6 billion in added household  
31 earnings from the multiplier effects; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, in total, the Department of Defense's spending and related activities  
34 supported 275,000 jobs for state residents, including an estimated 123,000 direct jobs in the state  
35 of Missouri and 152,000 jobs added through the multiplier effects. The direct jobs include active  
36 military personnel, civilian personnel, trainees, inactive duty, workers directly hired by  
37 contracted firms, and workers directly hired in tourism or education related industries. This does  
38 not include retired personnel; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the estimated total output (economic activity) triggered by the Department  
41 of Defense's spending and related activities (\$15.0 billion) and the added multiplier effects  
42 (\$24.8 billion) was \$39.8 billion for Missouri; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's defense industry plays a vital role in the state's economy,  
45 employing 160,000 Missourians working to support, either directly or indirectly, over \$12 billion  
46 in Department of Defense procurement contracts awarded to Missouri companies, ranking 5th  
47 among the states in total dollars; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's defense procurement contracts are heavily oriented toward  
50 research and operational systems and manufacturing companies, particularly aerospace  
51 manufacturing at the Boeing Company, Missouri's 3rd largest employer, and its supply chain;  
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54 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to several outstanding universities, including the  
55 University of Missouri, Washington University, and St. Louis University, that conduct cutting  
56 edge defense research for the government, providing the innovation needed to keep our military  
57 the finest in the world and creating the academic environment necessary to produce critical talent  
58 for the government and industry workforce; and

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60 **WHEREAS**, the nation's primary concern must always be national defense and the  
61 security of the United States, including Missouri; and

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63 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is heavily committed to providing for our national defense and  
64 security as an accommodating partner and a proud home to major military installations and  
65 agencies, 63,700 military and federal civilian personnel, and 162,000 citizens who work at

66 companies that manufacture defense systems, provide valuable services, and perform critical  
67 research; and

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69 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has a vital economic interest in maintaining its military  
70 installations and agencies and in presenting to national leaders evidence of Missouri's capacity  
71 to provide additional, cost effective, and flexible support to defense missions during the federal  
72 government's efforts to re-establish its basing, costing, and capabilities:

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74 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
75 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
76 concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Department of Defense and Missouri's  
77 Congressional delegation to protect, promote, and leverage Missouri's military bases and  
78 agencies, keep the number of military personnel in the state intact, and preserve defense industry  
79 procurement so that Missouri may continue to support the defense and protection of the state and  
80 the United States and keep its economy in sound condition; and

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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
83 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for United  
84 States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and each member of the Missouri Congressional  
85 delegation.

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