

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 79

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WEBB (Sponsor), DAY, PACE, FUNDERBURK,  
ATKINS AND WALTON GRAY (Co-sponsors).

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2 **Whereas**, the F/A-18E/F Block II Super Hornet is the Navy's next generation  
3 carrier-based strike fighter with advanced air-to-ground and air-to-air operational capabilities,  
4 and will be the backbone of the fleet for the next 25 years; and

5 **Whereas**, the Department of Navy testified to a strike fighter shortfall of over 240  
6 aircraft by 2016, which poses a significant operational risk by diminishing deterrent capabilities  
7 and limiting surge capability to respond to a crisis; and

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9 **Whereas**, aging F/A-18A-D aircraft are being used far beyond their original design  
10 life limits; and

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12 **Whereas**, any additional delay in F-35C initial operational capability (IOC) will  
13 significantly increase the strike fighter shortfall; and

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15 **Whereas**, both FY2010 defense authorization and appropriations bills authorized  
16 the Navy to enter into a multi-year procurement (MYP) contract to buy additional F/A-18 E/F  
17 Block II Super Hornets to mitigate the TACAIR shortfall; and

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19 **Whereas**, F/A-18A-D Hornets and F/A-18E/F Super Hornets currently fly 30% of  
20 all TACAIR sorties and 50% of all CENTCOM Close Air Support missions; and

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22       **Whereas**, 100% of the Super Hornets have been delivered on time and at cost; and

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24       **Whereas**, reliability and low operating costs for the F/A-18E/F have generated  
25 20% in savings versus F/A-18A-D aircraft; and

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27       **Whereas**, current F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Program of Record production line ends  
28 in FY2013 without additional aircraft procurement; and

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30       **Whereas**, shutting down the production line results in loss of industrial base and  
31 limits the domestic strike fighter market to only a single manufacturer; and

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33       **Whereas**, the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Program supports 23,426 direct and indirect  
34 jobs with 191 companies across the State of Missouri and has an estimated one billion dollars  
35 of total economic impact in Missouri:

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37       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
38 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
39 concurring therein, hereby support procurement of the F/A-18E/F Block II Super Hornet under  
40 a multi-year contract as a highly capable, low risk, and affordable mitigation to the Navy's  
41 TACAIR shortfall; and

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43       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
44 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
45 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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