

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **WHEREAS**, United States Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta recently announced that
3 the Pentagon will seek new rounds of base closures, mission realignments, and procurement
4 decreases as part of the federal budget cutting process; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Secretary Panetta states that, in an effort to cut \$487 billion over the next
6 decade, the number of soldiers in the United States Army will drop over the next five years from
7 562,000 to 490,000, and the number of marines in the United States Marine Corps will drop over
8 the next five years from 202,000 to 182,000; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the President's FY 2013 Budget adjusts Air Force military end strength to
11 501,000, with net reductions of 3,900 active duty, 5,100 Air National Guard, and 900 Air Force
12 Reserve billets, reflecting an especially severe impact on the Guard and Reserves; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Pentagon planners intend to reduce procurement of weapons systems
15 by more than 10% in FY2012 to \$108.5 billion, down from \$120.6 billion in FY2011; and

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

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27 **WHEREAS**, according to the latest available data, the Department of Defense employs
28 approximately 26,000 civilian and active duty military personnel in Missouri at more than 11
29 major locations across the state, and provides additional funding for approximately 26,000
30 members of the Reserves and National Guard; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, civilian and active duty military personnel and members of the Reserves
33 and National Guard are paid \$1.9 billion in wages and salary and contribute \$3.4 billion to the
34 gross state product; and

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

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

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

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54 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is heavily committed to providing for our national defense and
55 security as an accommodating partner and a proud home to major military installations and
56 agencies, 52,000 military personnel, and 160,000 citizens who work at companies that
57 manufacture defense systems, provide valuable services, and perform critical research; and

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

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64 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
65 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
66 concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Department of Defense and Missouri's
67 Congressional delegation to protect, promote, and leverage Missouri's military bases and
68 agencies, keep the number of military personnel in the state intact, and preserve defense industry
69 procurement so that Missouri may continue to support the defense and protection of the state and
70 the United States and keep its economy in sound condition; and

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72 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
73 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for United
74 States Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta and each member of the Missouri Congressional
75 delegation.

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