

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1713

A RESOLUTION supporting the Future Vertical Lift program
as a part of United States Army modernization.

WHEREAS, The United States of America faces a growing multi-faceted national security threat from near-peer challengers around the world; and

WHEREAS, The national security of the United States requires multiple critical modernization efforts across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to five military installations, major members of the United States defense industrial base, world-class academic institutions and strategic assets essential to our national defense; and

WHEREAS, Our servicemen and women require vertical lift aircraft with greater reach, speed, agility, lethality and survivability to compete in the critical anti-access, anti-denial environments around the world; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army modernization plan involves six mutually supporting priorities, including Future Vertical Lift, to enable the joint force to counter evolving threats; and

WHEREAS, The Future Vertical Lift program involves a next-generation family of aircraft, enabling the United States Department of Defense to successfully meet these emerging and rapidly evolving threats; and

WHEREAS, Within the Future Vertical Lift program, the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program seeks to modernize the vertical lift fleet by delivering the most modern, versatile and lethal weapons systems in the world in order to win on the modern battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft will serve as the primary air assault, aerial medical evacuation and medium utility aircraft for the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps is likewise assessing the platform for its future utility and attack requirements; and

WHEREAS, Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft would enhance the capability of the United States Army National Guard to execute national security missions and respond to domestic contingencies, such as natural disasters, as well as position the Guard as an operational strategic reserve; and

WHEREAS, The Future Vertical Lift program generally, and the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program in particular, will help drive innovation and create research, development and employment opportunities in the Kansas aerospace and defense ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, The Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program can deliver significant economic benefits and advance Kansas' objective to grow and diversify the state's economy while supporting national security efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Future Vertical Lift and Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft programs will require full funding and support from the federal government: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the state of Kansas supports the United States Army's Future Vertical Lift program, including the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program as part of United States Army modernization plan; and

Be it further resolved: The state of Kansas requests the full support of the Kansas congressional delegation to ensure full funding for the Future Vertical Lift program, including the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program, in the President's federal budget and subsequent authorization and appropriations legislation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives serving Kansas.

Senate Resolution No. 1713 was sponsored by Senators Suellentrop, Alley, Baumgardner, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Hilderbrand, Kerschen, Masterson, McGinn, Petersen, Ware, Warren and Wilborn.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.