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Senate Resolution

A resolution supporting the decision of the United States Air Force concerning the KC-45 Tanker Contract.

WHEREAS, after an extensive evaluation process, the United States Air Force awarded a 35-billion-dollar jet tanker contract to Northrop Grumman Corporation, and

WHEREAS, engineering and program management for the production of these vital military aircraft will be in Melbourne, Florida, creating more than 1,500 direct and indirect new jobs in our state, and

WHEREAS, efforts to overturn the decision of the United States Air Force concerning its detailed analysis of this project and contract could prove detrimental to our national security, and it is imperative that elected officials support the decisionmakers whom they entrust with these important determinations, and

WHEREAS, Florida workers are ready, able, and eager to begin constructing this aircraft that the U.S. Air Force has rated as superior in five out of five categories, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate supports the decision of the United States Air Force concerning the awarding of the KC-45 jet tanker contract and looks forward to the talented workers of the great State of Florida beginning work on this critically important project.