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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution supporting the decision of the United
3 States Air Force in awarding the contract for the
4 Long-Range Strike Bomber to Northrop Grumman.

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6 WHEREAS, after an extensive evaluation process, the United
7 States Air Force awarded the Long-Range Strike Bomber contract
8 to Northrop Grumman Corporation in October 2015, and

9 WHEREAS, a new strategic bomber is essential to our
10 national defense and Northrop Grumman is the only company that
11 has designed, built, maintained, and modernized a long-range,
12 stealth bomber of this type in its production of the B-2 Spirit
13 aircraft, and

14 WHEREAS, federal auditors in the Government Accountability
15 Office, a nonpartisan congressional agency, announced February
16 16, 2016, that they had rejected a protest by two other bidders
17 and upheld the United States Air Force's awarding of the
18 contract to Northrop Grumman, and

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

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

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28 That the Senate supports the decision of the United States
29 Air Force concerning the awarding of the Long-Range Strike
30 Bomber contract and looks forward to the start of this
31 critically important project by the outstanding workers at
32 Northrop Grumman.