

Senate Resolution 629

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Rogers of the 21st, Thompson of the 33rd, Hill of the 32nd and Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to refrain from cuts to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
2 program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as production of the F-22 draws down at Lockheed Martin's facility in Marietta,
4 Georgia, production on major components of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter has begun; and

5 WHEREAS, the F-35 will provide the United States military and a number of allied partners
6 with an affordable fifth generation multi-role stealth fighter that is critical to our national
7 security and global cooperation; and

8 WHEREAS, there are some members of Congress who are contemplating cuts to the F-35
9 program; and

10 WHEREAS, major portions of the F-35 are being built in the State of Georgia, which adds
11 to our great state's list of credentials; and

12 WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin's Marietta operations are economically important to this state,
13 with a \$689 million annual payroll that covers employees from 53 counties and nearly \$200
14 million in subcontracts to over 300 Georgia companies; and

15 WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin Marietta has an infrastructure that allows Georgia to be a
16 center for the development and manufacture of large scale aerospace projects; and

17 WHEREAS, if additional F-35 aircraft are cut from the defense budget, there would be a
18 negative impact on local economies and the economic recovery of this state as a whole; and

19 WHEREAS, cuts could cost jobs and negatively impact our state's aerospace manufacturing
20 capability; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia is currently ranked number five in the nation and continues to be a
22 leader in aerospace technology; and

23 WHEREAS, if the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program is insufficiently funded, Georgia's place
24 as a leader in the aerospace technology field is threatened.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 request the United States Congress to adequately fund the production of F-35 Joint Strike
27 Fighters and urge the Georgia congressional delegation to stand against cuts to funding of
28 the F-35 program.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia congressional
31 delegation.