



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Concurrent F-35 Bed-down with the Reserve Components Resolution No. 16-16

WHEREAS, a significant surge capability of the fighter aircraft mission exists in the Reserve Component; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process modified a number of National Guard and Reserve facilities forcing them to lose their fighter aircraft mission; and,

WHEREAS, aircraft programs do not traditionally reach the programmed numbers initially set out in the beginning of production due to funding and mission changes throughout their acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, the F-35 Lightning II is scheduled to begin delivery to primarily active duty units in the initial stages of its bed-down with the Reserve Components getting the last of the F-35s to come off of the production line producing a fighter gap in the Air National Guard; and,

WHEREAS, the concurrent and proportional delivery of the F-35 to the Reserve Components in conjunction with the delivery to the Active Duty would allow the Reserve Components to train, prepare and deploy alongside the total force; and,

WHEREAS, without the concurrent and proportional delivery of the F-35 to the Reserve Components over the same timeline will cause an undue mission burden on the Active Duty if the F-35 were to be rotated into contingency operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Air Force to bed-down the F-35 concurrently with the Reserve Components in a proportion of the mission for which the Reserve and Air National Guard are manned.

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