



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Development of New Heavy Bomber Resolution No. 16-17

WHEREAS, the current bomber fleet of B-1s, B-2s and B-52sas a whole is aging; modernization and maintenance costs are increasing with age, and no replacement is on the horizon; and

WHEREAS, the B-52 first deployed in 1955, with the newest aircraft in the fleet being delivered over 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, there is an operational need for a new, stealthy long-range strike system or heavy bomber with nuclear and conventional capabilities, and day and night survivability during persistent presence in hostile airspace; and

WHEREAS, the bomber program is one of the USAF's top priorities but only encompasses approximately two percent of Air Force investment, and is at risk of having deliveries postponed; and

WHEREAS, the DoD 2017 budget requested \$846.4 million for small diameter bombs; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 budget request includes \$341.5 million for a long range surface-to-air missiles that is scheduled to be fielded on the Air Force B-1 Bomber by the end of Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the "Long Range Strike (LRS) will provide a synergistic, more cost-effective force multiplier power projection capability in the post-2020 threat environment" that will replace the aging bomber fleet;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Administration and Congress to continue to budget for and initiate development of a new stealthy long-range strike system or heavy bomber, for the United States.

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