



## RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### Countermeasure Defensive Systems Resolution No. 16-20

**WHEREAS**, the Air Force Component conducts aerial refueling missions with KC-135s which are over 50 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, Air Reserve Component mobility aircraft, operate worldwide in support of the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployed United States forces and various contingencies, all of which are in range of the low to medium infrared missiles threat; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant portion of their missions is flown in areas where one of the primary threats encountered is a widely proliferated array of shoulder-fired infrared missiles; and

**WHEREAS**, modernization of the defensive countermeasure systems on the aircraft supporting these missions will greatly increase combat capability and survivability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Air Reserve Component leadership supports the modernization of defensive systems as a top priority to fulfill combat requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable defensive capabilities are necessary across the total force's equipment inventory to ensure seamless integration of the Reserve Components in the fight; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement for Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures was established in 1998 and there are still over 200 unfunded requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, currently fielded defensive systems installation is not completed for KC-135 Stratotankers to protect the aircraft from current and future infrared threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Air Reserve Component aerial refueling tankers are tasked to operate in environments of increasing levels of infrared missile threat complexity and lethality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to authorize and appropriate funds to provide countermeasures to protect aircraft and personnel during takeoffs, landings, and low altitude refueling missions.

Renewed: 14 September 2016, 10 August 2013, 10 February 2010, 28 June 2008 and 30 July 2005