

**Development of New Heavy Bomber
(Procurement & Equipment – AF)
Resolution 19-23**

WHEREAS, the current bomber fleet of B-1s, B-2s and B-52s, in 9 squadrons, as a whole is aging; modernization and maintenance costs are increasing with age, and no replacement is immediately projected; and

WHEREAS, as of 2018 the bomber fleet average age for the B-52 is 57, the B-1B is 31 and the B-2 is 24; 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 Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments: An Air Force for an Era of Great Power Competition study recommended to Congress there should be approximately 400 long-range combat aircraft to increase the number of targets that would be needed to penetrate areas in China and Russia; 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 ROA, chartered by Congress, urge the Administration and Congress to budget for a new stealthy long-range strike system or heavy bomber, for the United States.

Renewed: 29 Sept 2019 (Res 16-17), 14 Sept 2016, 10 Aug 2013 and 10 Feb 2010

Adopted by the National Convention, 30 Jun 2007

Source: Department of California, 28 Apr 2007