

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6022

A RESOLUTION supporting the Airborne Laser Program and urging the United States Congress to provide the necessary funding for the on-going development and operation of the program.

WHEREAS, The Airborne Laser Program has the potential to be one of the cornerstones of the nation's layered missile defense architecture against ballistic missile threats; and

WHEREAS, Significant program development accomplishments during 2008 included firing a high-energy laser through the Airborne Laser's beam control/fire control system, completing the first ground test of the entire weapon system integrated aboard the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, The Airborne Laser will demonstrate its capabilities against a boosting missile in 2009 and also offers multi-mission potential and capability to fill capability gaps in surface-to-air missile defense, cruise missile defense and air-to-air defense; and

WHEREAS, Now is the time for the United States to stay the course in supporting the Airborne Laser program system as one of the future cornerstones of the nation's missile defense shield against ballistic missile threats; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing Wichita facility, and its Kansas employees, have played a vital role in the development and modification of the first Airborne Laser system on a 747-400, and if the program continues after this year's shoot-down demonstration, Wichita will potentially receive many long-term benefits from the program; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we support the continued robust investment in development for the Airborne Laser program and that we respectfully urge the United States Congress to provide the necessary funding for the on-going development and operation of the Airborne Laser Program; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the United States Department of Defense to continue the development and operation of the Airborne Laser System.

House Resolution No. 6022 was sponsored by Don Myers.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*