

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-551

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4 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Shapiro, and Council of the Whole

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6 DATE December 12, 2011

COMMITTEE: Planning

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9 **A Resolution requesting and encouraging all United States Senators and Congressional**
10 **Representatives representing Summit County to take all actions necessary and as**
11 **expeditiously as possible to ensure that Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike**
12 **Fighter project will continue to be fully funded in the future, for the Executive and**
13 **Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Lockheed Martin, in association with the United
16 States and its allies, has worked diligently to developed the world's most advanced military
17 aircraft, the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter ("F-35 Fighter"); and

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19 WHEREAS, the F-35 Fighter is critical to the future power and safety of the United
20 States and its allies, with US Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Donley, stating on September
21 19, 2011 that, ""We remain committed to maintaining air superiority and the capability to hold
22 any target at risk. With a fighter fleet now averaging 22 years old and with two decades of
23 declining fighter force structure, modernizing our aging and smaller fighter force depends on the
24 fifth generation capabilities of the Joint Strike Fighter. Simply put, there is no alternative to the
25 F-35 program. It must succeed;" and

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27 WHEREAS, over 1,300 companies in 47 States have contributed to the F-35 Fighter
28 project, creating over 127,000 domestic jobs with an economic impact of over \$12.6 billion; and

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30 WHEREAS, the F-35 Fighter project has economically benefited the State of Ohio,
31 providing for 1,141 jobs and benefiting 46 different supplier locations, with an annual direct
32 economic impact of \$190,000,000 and an annual indirect economic impact of \$210,000,000; and

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34 WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin employs more than 500 individuals in Summit County,
35 and generates millions of dollars in local economic impact associated with the F-35 Fighter
36 project; and

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38 WHEREAS, several of these Lockheed Martin employees design and build flight
39 simulation systems that are used by pilots to train and by engineers to test navigation, weapons,
40 propulsion and many other systems for the F-35 Fighter; and

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42 WEREAS, once the flight simulation systems are built in Summit County, they are used
43 at various test and flight simulation facilities around the United States and the world; and

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45 WHEREAS, as a result of the Congressional Supercommittee's inability to reach a
46 budgetary compromise, automatic spending cuts in the United States Department of Defense
47 budget must begin in 2013, thereby putting funding for the F-35 Fighter project, including the
48 flight simulation systems designed and built in Summit County, in jeopardy; and

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50 WHEREAS, if funding for the F-35 Fighter project is eliminated, Summit County and the
51 rest of the country will lose the high-technology jobs that help build and sustain the type of
52 highly skilled workforce essential to our national security and economic prosperity; and

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4 WHEREAS, a loss of funding for the F-35 Fighter project will lead to critical losses in
5 terms of jobs, technological advantage, investment, and the ability to maintain a leadership
6 position in the global aerospace industry for Summit County, the State of Ohio and the United
7 States as a whole; and

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9 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
10 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to request and encourage all United
11 States Senators and Congressional Representatives who represent Summit County to take all
12 actions necessary and as expeditiously as possible to ensure that Lockheed Martin's F-35 Fighter
13 project will continue to be fully funded in the future.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
16 State of Ohio, that:

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18 SECTION 1

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20 All United States Senators and Congressional Representatives representing Summit
21 County are hereby requested and encouraged to take all actions necessary and as expeditiously as
22 possible to ensure that Lockheed Martin's F-35 Fighter project will continue to be fully funded
23 in the future.

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25 SECTION 2

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27 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to all United
28 States Senators and Congressional Representatives who represent Summit County.

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30 SECTION 3

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32 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
33 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
34 request and encourage the aforementioned action to ensure that the F-35 Fighter Project will
35 continue to be funded by Congress.

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37 SECTION 3

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39 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
40 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be
41 in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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44 SECTION 4

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46 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
47 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
48 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
49 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
50 Ohio Revised Code.

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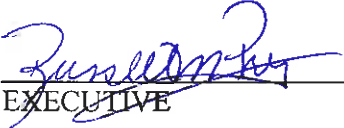
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CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT

APPROVED December 13, 2011


EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote:8-0: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kurt, Lee, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro
ABSENT: Kostandaras, Prentice, Rodgers