

RESOLUTION #114

WHEREAS, Saudi Arabia, a Middle East ally of the United States, wishes to buy seventy-two (72) McDonnell Douglas F-15 Eagle Fighter Aircraft; and

WHEREAS, The Royal Saudi Air Force supported the United Nations in the Gulf War with some ninety (90) F-15 Aircraft, previously acquired from the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States works closely with the Royal Saudi Air Force, and would continue to exercise control of the flying ability of F-15s purchased by the Saudis through control over life cycle support; i.e., maintenance, equipment upgrades and spare parts of such aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Saudi Arabian government has made clear its determination and ability to purchase other aircraft, specifically the British Tornado Fighter or European fighter aircraft, to meet its requirements if it is unable to obtain the additional F-15 Eagles it seeks; and the sale of European built aircraft will strengthen their aircraft industry in competition with United States industry on current and future projects; and

WHEREAS, diversion of the Saudi aircraft order from McDonnell Douglas to a foreign supplier would weaken United States control over the use and availability of such aircraft by depriving the United States of control over the continuing use of such aircraft afforded by control over their life cycle support; and

WHEREAS, extension of the production run of the F-15 aircraft would materially contribute to the minimum defense industrial production base required by the national security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of the proposed F-15 sale are enormous; \$5 billion income potential, 350,000 man-years of employment, \$3 billion in tax revenues, local, state and federal, and the future improvement of the United States balance of trade;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS;

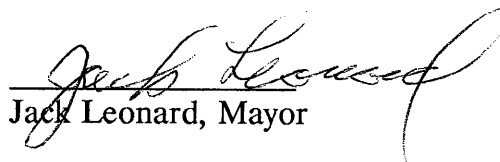
SECTION 1. The City of Chesterfield, Missouri, does hereby call upon the Honorable George H. Bush, President of the United States of America, to approve the sale of seventy-two (72) F-15s to Saudi Arabia to improve the United States balance of trade and competitiveness, retain a substantial portion of United States defense industrial production base capacity, and secure jobs for thousands of Americans, seven thousand of which are located in the Greater Metropolitan St. Louis Area.

SECTION 2. The City of Chesterfield, Missouri, further urges the Congress of the United States to move expeditiously to approve this sale, thus enabling the United States to continue to control air power in Saudi Arabia while protecting the economic stability of our Country and the 40,000 Americans whose jobs are now in jeopardy.

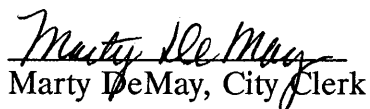
SECTION 3. Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States, Missouri's Congressional Delegation, the Mayors of the City of St. Louis, as well as cities in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties, Missouri, and other interested parties.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

PASSED this 4th day of May, 1992.

  
Jack Leonard, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marty DeMay, City Clerk