

## HJR66 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Oliver, Paschal, Rehm, Wood (R), Treadaway,  
4 Pettus, Robertson, Harrison, Hassell, McClammy  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE RECAPITALIZATION OF THE KC-135 TO  
4 THE KC-46A FOR THE 117TH AIR REFUELING WING.  
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6 WHEREAS, the 117th Air Refueling Wing of the Alabama  
7 Air National Guard, based at Sumpter Smith Joint National  
8 Guard Base in Birmingham, plays a critical role in national  
9 defense, providing essential air refueling capabilities for  
10 the United States Air Force and allied forces worldwide; and

11 WHEREAS, the KC-135 Stratotanker, currently operated  
12 by the 117th Air Refueling Wing, has been a reliable  
13 platform for decades but is increasingly challenged by  
14 operational and maintenance limitations due to its age; and

15 WHEREAS, the recapitalization of the KC-135 to the  
16 KC-46A Pegasus represents a vital modernization effort to  
17 ensure the 117th Air Refueling Wing maintains its  
18 operational readiness and ability to meet current and future  
19 mission demands; and

20 WHEREAS, the KC-46A Pegasus offers advanced  
21 capabilities, including increased fuel capacity, improved  
22 communications, and enhanced interoperability, all of which  
23 are critical for maintaining the United States' strategic  
24 advantage and supporting global defense operations; and

25 WHEREAS, the 117th Air Refueling Wing's  
26 recapitalization aligns with Alabama's commitment to  
27 supporting national defense initiatives and highlights the  
28 state's strategic contributions to military readiness and



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29 homeland security; and

30 WHEREAS, the recapitalization effort will not only  
31 strengthen national security but also sustain and create  
32 high-quality jobs in the Birmingham area, contributing to  
33 the local and state economy; and

34 WHEREAS, the Alabama National Guard and members of  
35 the Alabama congressional delegation have already  
36 demonstrated strong support for this recapitalization,  
37 including direct engagement with the Secretary of the Air  
38 Force and the National Guard Bureau; and

39 WHEREAS, a formal joint resolution from the Alabama  
40 Legislature will amplify the state's unified voice in  
41 advocating for the recapitalization and underscore its  
42 strategic importance to the Department of Defense; now  
43 therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
45 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature  
46 hereby expresses its full and unequivocal support for the  
47 recapitalization of the KC-135 Stratotanker to the KC-46A  
48 Pegasus for the 117th Air Refueling Wing at Sumpter Smith  
49 Joint National Guard Base.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Legislature  
51 urges the United States Secretary of the Air Force, the  
52 National Guard Bureau, and all other relevant federal  
53 entities to prioritize and approve the recapitalization  
54 effort.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this  
56 resolution be provided to the Alabama congressional



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57 delegation, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of the  
58 National Guard Bureau, the Alabama National Guard, and the  
59 leadership of the 117th Air Refueling Wing to convey the  
60 Legislature's steadfast support for this critical  
61 initiative.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 20-Feb-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**04-Mar-25**

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