

**Procurement of C-40A Aircraft
8: Procurement & Equipment
Resolution No. 25-18**

WHEREAS, military and civilian leaders require adequate, timely, and reliable airlift to meet global commitments and respond to emergent crises; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Navy's C-9B Skytrain II fleet reached the end of its service life and was retired in 2018, necessitating a capable replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Boeing C-40A, a militarized 737-700C operated exclusively by the Navy Reserve, is a modern, multi-mission aircraft capable of carrying up to 121 passengers, 40,000 pounds of cargo on eight pallets, or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, this flexibility enables the C-40A to execute a wide range of missions, including humanitarian relief, disaster response, and support for Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams; and

WHEREAS, the C-40A has repeatedly proven its value, including delivering critical COVID-19 supplies in 2020 and assisting in the evacuation of over 120,000 personnel during Operation Allies Refuge in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Reserve's C-40A fleet flies approximately 24,000–25,000 hours annually, completing over 1,500 missions and transporting more than 80,000 passengers and 20 million pounds of cargo each year; and

WHEREAS, this organic airlift capability maintains a readiness rate near 90% and has saved an estimated \$1.55 billion by reducing reliance on commercial carriers, underscoring its cost-effectiveness and operational impact; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Reserve provides 100% of the Navy's organic intra-theater airlift capability through its 17 C-40As and 27 aging K/C-130T aircraft, with the C-40A serving as the primary medium-lift platform; and

WHEREAS, Congress has recognized the need to sustain and expand the C-40A program, prohibiting aircraft retirement in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act and supporting additional procurement through budgetary measures and directives for the Pentagon to assess future fleet requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ROA, doing business as the Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to expedite procurement of additional C-40A Clipper aircraft for the U.S. Navy Reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress fully fund procurement and efficient conversion of available commercial airframes, invest in necessary avionics and systems upgrades, and authorize sufficient operations and maintenance funding to ensure sustained high readiness of the C-40A fleet.

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