

**Fielding the B-21 Raider to Sustain Air Force Strategic Superiority
(8: Procurement & Equipment)
Resolution No. 25-22**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force is transitioning its bomber fleet to the B-21 Raider, a stealth, dual-capable penetrating strike aircraft designed to operate in highly contested environments and deliver both conventional and nuclear munitions; and

WHEREAS, the first three B-21 test aircraft are flying as of late 2023–2024, with a second developmental aircraft expected to fly imminently in mid-2025, and early test models built to combat-ready standards enabling rapid conversion in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Air Force has allocated over \$10 billion in the FY2026 budget, including \$4.5 billion specifically to expand production capacity to support an Air Force goal of acquiring at least 100 B-21s, with Comptrollers and military leaders considering expansion to ~145 aircraft given rising global threats; and

WHEREAS, Air Force Global Strike Command has developed a classified implementation plan detailing how the B-21 will incrementally replace B-1 and B-2 bomber wings at bases including Ellsworth AFB (primary Operation/Schoolhouse), Whiteman AFB, and Dyess AFB, and plans to significantly expand its personnel to support integration of this new capability; and

WHEREAS, senior Air Force leaders, including Gen. Thomas Bussiere and Gen. Anthony Cotton, alongside Congressional defense committees, have endorsed accelerating fielding of the Raider—arguing that the original acquisition plan of 100 aircraft may no longer be sufficient given evolving peer threats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, doing business as the Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to fully authorize and appropriate the resources necessary to accelerate B-21 Raider production and ensure the timely fielding of a combat-ready fleet at the scale required to preserve U.S. air dominance and strengthen strategic deterrence against peer adversaries.

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