

## **H. Res. 191**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*July 22, 1997.*

Whereas the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas have announced their merger;

Whereas the Department of Defense has approved the merger as consistent with the national security of the United States;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission has found that the merger does not violate the antitrust laws of the United States;

Whereas the European Commission has been highly critical of the merger in its consideration of the facts;

Whereas the European Commission is apparently determined to disapprove the merger to gain an unfair competitive advantage for Airbus Industries, a government-owned aircraft manufacturer; and

Whereas this dispute could threaten to disrupt the overall relationship between the European Union and the United States which had a two-way trade in goods and services of approximately \$366,000,000,000 in 1996: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) any disapproval by the European Commission of the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas would constitute an unwarranted and unprecedented interference in a United States business transaction that would directly threaten thousands of American aerospace jobs and potentially put many more jobs at risk on both sides of the Atlantic; and

(2) the President should take such actions as he considers to be appropriate to protect United States interests in connection with this matter.

Attest:

*Clerk.*