ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA RESOLUTION NO. 89-204

WHEREAS, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees are to resolve the defense authorization bill in conference; and,

WHEREAS, the fate of the F-14D Tomcat, built by Grumman Corporation, will be determined; and,

WHEREAS, more than a billion dollars has already been spent on the development of this airplane; and,

WHEREAS, the F-14 is a proven air superiority fighter and the primary defender of the fleet; and,

WHEREAS, the Navy needs the F-14 and cannot do its job without it, and calls on this aircraft time and time again, most recently to shoot down Libyan MIG aircraft over the Mediterranean; and,

WHEREAS, the government has spent considerable money to create competition, and cancelling the F-14 program would put the Grumman Corporation out of the Navy aircraft business thus leaving McDonnell Douglas as the only other qualified builder of carrier aircraft;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

- We would like to see the government get the most for its money.
- 2. We would like to see competition preserved.
- 3. We request careful consideration to the fate of the F-14D Tomcat, built by Grumman Corporation.
- 4. We request a unanimous vote by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees to save the F-14 Tomcat.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, at their regular meeting of September

12: 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Mary algebra

ATTEST:

By: Clerk "M- Jel

List for Resolution No. 89-204:

The Honorable Connie Mack United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Bennett United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bob Graham United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Young United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bill Nelson United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Earl Hutto United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Andy Ireland United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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