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RESOLUTION

IN CONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF H.R. 2677

WITH AMENDMENT

TO THE LANGUAGE EXEMPTING

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT

WHEREAS, the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA) is a non-profit public benefit corporation of the State of California whose primary purpose is to promote, develop, prepare, disseminate and evaluate information with respect to the safe utilization of aircraft as a tool of law enforcement and airborne law enforcement techniques, equipment, and philosophy as an educational service for members of the organization and the public; and,

WHEREAS, H.R. 2677, cited as the "Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011," seeks to minimize helicopter noise by placing additional altitude and flight path restrictions on helicopters over residential areas and directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish these additional restrictions within one year of the Bill's enactment; and,

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) currently imposes operating limitations on helicopters. Specifically, Section 91.119(b) states that no person may operate an aircraft "Over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons, an altitude of 1000 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2000 feet of the aircraft." Further, CFR Section 91.119(d) allows for an exemption on helicopters to operate below those minimums prescribed in paragraph (b), provided that the operations are conducted without hazard

to persons or property on the surface and that each person operating the helicopter complies with routes or altitudes specifically prescribed for helicopters by the FAA; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that helicopters, including low flying helicopters, play an integral role in achieving the mission of public safety throughout the nation; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that limiting non-emergency helicopter operations to 1,000 feet AGL is an appropriate safety measure and would reduce helicopter noise in residential areas; and,

WHEREAS, the current proposed legislation states in Section 2. Residential Helicopter Noise Relief, Subsection (b) Exemptions Permitted, that "...the Administrator may exempt helicopter operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or military activities from requirements described in such subsection";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Airborne Law Enforcement Association supports H.R. 2677 under the condition that the language in Section 2, Subsection (b) is amended as follows: "...the Administrator **shall** exempt helicopter operations related to emergency, **public safety** or military activities...

Adopted by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association Board of Directors on October 31, 2011.