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At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following new section:

SEC. 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON CONVERSION OF F–22 AIRCRAFT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Accelerating the modernization upgrade of F–22A Block 20 training and test aircraft would significantly increase the total available inventory of combat-capable F–22A Block 35 fighter aircraft.

(2) Converting 34 F–22A Block 20 aircraft to a Block 35 configuration would drastically improve the readiness and health of the entire F–22A fleet and increase flexibility to manage availability of the combat-coded Block 35 fleet, which is accumulating more operational flight hours than initially anticipated.

(3) Making the conversions described in paragraph (2) would be a cost-effective way to increase the F–22’s combat-capable force by 27 percent.
(4) If the conversion effort is not included in future base budgets, it would be advisable for the Department of Defense to support the effort as an unfunded priority.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force should accelerate modernization of the F-22 Block 20 training and test aircraft as quickly as possible.