
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY RESTORE THE BUDGET CUTS TO THE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL BUDGET OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has authorized the
2 National Guard troop strength to be 350,000 for the Army
3 National Guard and 106,000 for the Air National Guard; and
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5 WHEREAS, in February 2006, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey
6 announced at a Pentagon news conference that the United States
7 Department of Defense is proposing to the United States Congress
8 that the number of National Guard combat brigades be reduced
9 from thirty-four to twenty-eight, with an offsetting increase in
10 the number of support brigades, leaving the total number of
11 National Guard brigades at the current one hundred six; and
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13 WHEREAS, Army Secretary Harvey also said that the United
14 States Army is proposing to provide only enough money for a
15 National Guard troop strength of 333,000 troops, instead of the
16 350,000 that is authorized by the United States Congress; and
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18 WHEREAS, in response to this Army National Guard budget
19 reduction announcement, at a recent National Governors
20 Association meeting, all fifty state governors signed a letter
21 opposing the cuts in troop strength for the National Guard in
22 the Bush administration's fiscal year 2007 budget; and
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24 WHEREAS, with tens of thousands of National Guard members
25 in Iraq, the governors are rightfully worried that their states
26 will come up short in disaster response should they face
27 hurricanes, forest fires, floods, terrorist attacks, or other
28 domestic emergencies; and
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1 WHEREAS, the governors also want the federal government to
 2 replace the equipment that the deployed National Guard units
 3 took overseas but were not allowed to bring home; and

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 5 WHEREAS, given their performance, at this time in our
 6 history, it is inconceivable that the Bush Administration would
 7 seriously consider a reduction in the Army National Guard force
 8 structure; and

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 10 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should not allow the
 11 Bush Administration to cannibalize the Army National Guard to
 12 meet the needs of the active duty military or other government
 13 programs; now, therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 17 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Bush administration and
 18 United States Congress are requested to fully restore the
 19 funding for the Army National Guard and Air National Guard
 20 equipment and personnel budgets; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
 23 also requested to reject any proposed budget cuts made by the
 24 Bush administration to the Army National Guard budget and any
 25 proposed cuts to the Air National Guard budget for federal
 26 fiscal year 2007; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
 29 further requested to block future attempts by the Bush
 30 administration to reduce Army National Guard troop strength and
 31 Air National Guard airmen strength; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 35 United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
 36 States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United
 37 States House of Representatives, and each member of Hawaii's
 38 congressional delegation.

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