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## HOUSE 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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30           WHEREAS, the governors also want the federal government to  
31 replace the equipment that the deployed National Guard units  
32 took overseas but were not allowed to bring home; and  
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1 WHEREAS, given their performance, at this time in our  
2 history, it is inconceivable that the Bush Administration would  
3 seriously consider a reduction in the Army National Guard force  
4 structure; and

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6 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should not allow the  
7 Bush Administration to cannibalize the Army National Guard to  
8 meet the needs of the active duty military or other government  
9 programs; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2006, that the Bush administration and United States Congress  
14 are requested to fully restore the funding for the Army National  
15 Guard and Air National Guard equipment and personnel budgets;  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is  
19 also requested to reject any proposed budget cuts made by the  
20 Bush administration to the Army National Guard budget and any  
21 proposed cuts to the Air National Guard budget for federal  
22 fiscal year 2007; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is  
25 further requested to block future attempts by the Bush  
26 administration to reduce Army National Guard troop strength and  
27 Air National Guard airmen strength; and

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

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