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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE MILITARY STRATEGY OF FORWARD-BASING A VISIBLE
MILITARY FORCE IN HAWAII AND URGING THE MILITARY AFFAIRS
COUNCIL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE
WITH ITS WORK AS THE LIAISON FOR HAWAII IN MATTERS RELATING
TO THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton, and
2 Secretary of Defense Panetta have declared that United States'
3 economic and security interests have pivoted to the Asia Pacific
4 region; and

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6 WHEREAS, North Korea has reportedly been involved in
7 nuclear proliferation; and

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9 WHEREAS, twenty-nine year old Kim Jong Un has succeeded as
10 President of North Korea following the death of his father, Kim
11 Jong Il, in December 2011; and

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13 WHEREAS, North Korea took unprovoked military action that
14 resulted in the sinking of a South Korean naval vessel and the
15 shelling of a populated village on a South Korean island; and

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17 WHEREAS, terrorists groups operating in the Philippine
18 Islands and other Southeast Asia countries continue to take
19 military actions; and

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21 WHEREAS, China continues to extend its military
22 capabilities beyond the defense of its shores, including the
23 building of offensive weapons systems such as nuclear
24 submarines, long range ballistic missiles, and an aircraft
25 carrier; and

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27 WHEREAS, China continues its aggressive insistence that the
28 coastal waters off its shoreline extend well beyond
29 internationally recognized boundaries in the South China Sea



1 through which flows more than fifty-one per cent of the world's
2 commerce and trade; and

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4 WHEREAS, the United States and its allies are partners who
5 share the same economic and security concerns that could disrupt
6 security within the Pacific region, which could result in the
7 disruption of the free flow of commerce and trade that is vital
8 to the economies of Asia Pacific nations, the United States, and
9 specifically Hawaii; and

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11 WHEREAS, the United States military strategy of forward-
12 basing its military forces in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, South
13 Korea, and Guam provides a visible presence that has
14 successfully deterred adversaries from taking aggressive
15 military actions that would cause political and economic
16 instability; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
21 Secretary of Defense, the United States Department of Defense,
22 the United States Secretary of State, and the United States
23 Department of State are encouraged to continue with the United
24 States military strategy of forward-basing a visible military
25 force in Hawaii to deter enemy aggression and enable the free
26 flow of global commerce and trade within the Asia Pacific
27 region; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Defense is
30 requested to consider basing additional United States military
31 forces in Hawaii, as necessary, to satisfy the military strategy
32 of forward-basing a visible military force; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Military Affairs Council of
35 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is urged to continue with its
36 work as the liaison for Hawaii in matters relating to the
37 military's presence in Hawaii by cooperating with the Commander
38 of the United States Pacific Command and Commanders of the
39 United States Pacific Fleet, United States Pacific Air Forces,
40 United States Army Pacific, United States Marine Forces Pacific,
41 and the Fourteenth Coast Guard District; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the United



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1 States Secretary of Defense, United States Secretary of State,
2 Commander of the United States Pacific Command, United States
3 Pacific Fleet, United States Army Pacific, United States Pacific
4 Air Forces, United States Marine Forces Pacific, Hawaii's
5 congressional delegation, and the Military Affairs Council of
6 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

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