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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT UNITED STATES ADVISORY FORCES REMAIN IN UGANDA UNTIL JOSEPH KONY IS REMOVED AND STABILITY IS BROUGHT TO THE COUNTRY.

1 WHEREAS, we live in a world disjointed by bodies of water
2 but connected by streams of information over various platforms;
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5 WHEREAS, these platforms share stories of stride and strife
6 in our home and lands all over the world; and

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8 WHEREAS, Joseph Kony is one of the world's worst war
9 criminals, taking over leadership of an existing rebel group in
10 1987 and renamed it the lord's resistance army, which has earned
11 a reputation for its cruel and brutal tactics; and

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13 WHEREAS, when Joseph Kony found himself running out of
14 fighters, he started abducting children to be soldiers in his
15 army or to become "wives" for his officers; and

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17 WHEREAS, the lord's resistance army is encouraged to rape,
18 mutilate, and kill civilians, often with blunt weapons; and

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20 WHEREAS, the lord's resistance army is no longer active in
21 Northern Uganda, where it originated, but it continues its
22 campaign of violence in Democratic Republic of Congo, Central
23 African Republic, and South Sudan; and

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25 WHEREAS, in its twenty-six year history, the lord's
26 resistance army has abducted more than 30,000 children and
27 displaced at least 2.1 million people; and

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29 WHEREAS, Invisible Children, Inc., a nonprofit organization
30 dedicated to one cause in Uganda, has utilized social media as a



1 platform to bring awareness to children soldiers captured at
2 young ages and forced to fight; and

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4 WHEREAS, Invisible Children, Inc., has been working for
5 nine years to end Africa's longest-running armed conflict; and
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7 WHEREAS, United States military advisers are currently
8 deployed in Central Africa on a "time-limited" mission to stop
9 Joseph Kony and disarm the lord's resistance army; and

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11 WHEREAS, if Joseph Kony is not captured this year, the
12 window of opportunity to do so may forever be lost; and
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14 WHEREAS, Invisible Children, Inc.'s Kony 2012 Campaign aims
15 to make Joseph Kony famous, not to celebrate him, but to raise
16 support for his arrest and set a precedent for international
17 justice; and
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19 WHEREAS, in this case, notoriety translates to public
20 support and if people know about the crimes that Joseph Kony has
21 been committing for twenty-six years, they will unite to stop
22 him; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
27 United States and the United States Congress are requested to
28 continue to ensure that United States advisory forces remain in
29 Uganda until Joseph Kony is removed and stability is brought to
30 the country; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
34 United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the
35 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
36 United States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's
37 congressional delegation, and Invisible Children, Inc.
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