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SENATE 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
30 through which flows more than fifty-one per cent of the world's
31 commerce and trade; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States and its allies are partners who
2 share the same economic and security concerns that could disrupt
3 security within the Pacific region, which could result in the
4 disruption of the free flow of commerce and trade that is vital
5 to the economies of Asia Pacific nations, the United States, and
6 specifically Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, the United States military strategy of forward-
9 basing its military forces in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, South
10 Korea, and Guam provides a visible presence that has
11 successfully deterred adversaries from taking aggressive
12 military actions that would cause political and economic
13 instability; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
17 that the United States Secretary of Defense, the United States
18 Department of Defense, the United States Secretary of State, and
19 the United States Department of State are encouraged to continue
20 with the United States military strategy of forward-basing a
21 visible military force in Hawaii to deter enemy aggression and
22 enable the free flow of global commerce and trade within the
23 Asia Pacific region; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Defense is
26 requested to consider basing additional United States military
27 forces in Hawaii, as necessary, to satisfy the military strategy
28 of forward-basing a visible military force; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Military Affairs Council of
31 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is urged to continue with its
32 work as the liaison for Hawaii in matters relating to the
33 military's presence in Hawaii by cooperating with the Commander
34 of the United States Pacific Command and Commanders of the
35 United States Pacific Fleet, United States Pacific Air Forces,
36 United States Army Pacific, United States Marine Forces Pacific,
37 and the Fourteenth Coast Guard District; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the United States
41 Secretary of Defense, United States Secretary of State,
42 Commander of the United States Pacific Command, United States
43 Pacific Fleet, United States Army Pacific, United States Pacific
44 Air Forces, United States Marine Forces Pacific, Hawaii's



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1 congressional delegation, and the Military Affairs Council of
2 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.
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