
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE AEGIS BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND THE
GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a world leader in uniting countries in
2 peace and harmony through the spirit of kokua and aloha and
3 through its leadership, participation, efforts, and commitment
4 to improve the quality of life enjoyed by all; and
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6 WHEREAS, in 1960, the aloha spirit played a key role in
7 convincing the United States Congress to establish the twenty-
8 one acre East-West Center, located adjacent to the University of
9 Hawaii at Manoa, midway between Asia and the United States
10 mainland; and
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12 WHEREAS, the East-West Center hosted the Asia Pacific
13 Economic Cooperation in November 2011, where the twenty-one
14 member body assembled in Hawaii to discuss transpacific
15 strategic economic partnerships, regional economic integration,
16 climate change, food safety, and food security; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii is also the epicenter of the Pacific Rim
19 and home to the United States Pacific Command Headquarters,
20 established in 1947; and
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22 WHEREAS, Hawaii has hosted the Rim of the Pacific Exercise,
23 which has brought together the navies from throughout the
24 Pacific Rim in a collaborative effort to share their respective
25 expertise; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System is the
28 foundation of the sea-based ballistic missile defense for the
29 United States, Japan, Spain, Norway, the Republic of Korea, and
30 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Air Defense Artillery Missile Defense System
2 is the foundation of land-based ballistic missile defense for
3 Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates,
4 Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel, Germany,
5 Netherlands, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System and the
8 Air Defense Artillery Missile Defense System have effectively
9 served to deter aggression from other countries; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System and its
12 Ground Based Interceptor missiles in Alaska and California and
13 sensors located around the Pacific Rim, including the Sea-based
14 X-band Radar stationed in Hawaii, Aegis Ballistic Missile
15 Defense ships ported in Hawaii, and radars located in Alaska and
16 Japan, in conjunction with the Missile Defense Integration and
17 613th Air and Space Operations Center located at Hickam Air
18 Force Base, function as key components of the integrated United
19 States Ballistic Missile Defense System; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai plays
22 a critical role in the development and testing of the United
23 States and allied nations' missile defense systems and serves to
24 defend the United States, including Hawaii, Alaska, and the
25 Pacific Rim, against long-range ballistic missiles; and
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27 WHEREAS, due to Hawaii's geographical proximity to the
28 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, military preparedness and
29 defensive action are key in deterring aggression, preserving
30 peace, safeguarding freedom, and protecting the United States
31 and its citizens; and
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33 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2012, the Democratic People's
34 Republic of Korea conducted a successful long-range ballistic
35 missile test and on February 12, 2013, conducted a nuclear
36 weapons test; and
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38 WHEREAS, the United Nations has increased sanctions against
39 the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a means to prevent
40 further testing of their nuclear arms and long-range missile
41 capabilities; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
4 acknowledges, supports, and commends the achievements of the
5 Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System and the Ground-Based
6 Midcourse Defense System and expresses its gratitude for the
7 protection and freedoms these systems and the people who manage
8 them provide to the people of the State; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
12 United States, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,
13 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Adjutant General.
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