
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

5
6 WHEREAS, North Korea has reportedly been involved in
7 nuclear proliferation; and

8
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

12
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

16
17 WHEREAS, terrorists groups operating in the Philippine
18 Islands and other Southeast Asia countries continue to take
19 military actions; and

20
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

26
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

32



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

7
 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,

14
 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

24
 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

29
 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

38
 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 Commanders 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, and United



1 States Coast Guard Fourteenth District, Hawaii's congressional
2 delegation, and the Military Affairs Council of The Chamber of
3 Commerce of Hawaii.

