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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR SELDERS

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to ensure the timely passage of appropriaton measures that fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to ensure the timely passage of appropriation measures that fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act in order to support the readiness, stability, and well-being of United States military personnel and their families.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana plays a vital role in national defense through its military installations, defense-related industries, and strategic infrastructure supporting air, land, and maritime operations; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to thousands of United States military personnel, including active duty service members, reservists, and National Guard members, as well as the families who support them; and

WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act establishes the policy framework and authorizes funding necessary to maintain military readiness and to provide essential support to military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, delays in the enactment of full-year federal appropriations and the repeated reliance on continuing resolutions have created uncertainty in defense funding, limiting the ability of the United States Department of Defense to implement authorized programs, initiate new projects, and effectively plan for long-term readiness; and

WHEREAS, the funding uncertainty can delay military construction, disrupt training and operations, and strain essential services that support military personnel and their families, including housing, health care, childcare, and spousal employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, consistent and reliable funding is critical to maintaining recruitment, retention, morale, and the overall effectiveness of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a long-standing commitment to supporting military personnel and their families, and recognizes the indispensable contributions they have made to national security and to emergency and disaster response efforts within this state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the urgent need to fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act in order to support the overall effectiveness of the United States Armed Forces, military personnel, and their families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to ensure the timely passage of appropriation measures that fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act in order to support the urgent need of the readiness, stability, and well-being of United States military personnel and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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