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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Encourages the United States Congress and the National Security Council to formally review the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and Japan to ensure that our service members are being properly treated and adequately protected while serving in Japan

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Congress and the National Security  conduct a formal review of the Status of Forces Agreement between  States and Japan.  WHEREAS, in 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security be	the United between the nations; and
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6 United States and Japan was signed and established mutuality between the two n	ne effect of
WHEREAS, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security has had the	
8 establishing a military alliance between the United States and Japan; and	
9 WHEREAS, under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and S	ecurity, the
10 government of Japan agrees to take necessary action to ensure the adequate so	ecurity and
protection of the United States Armed Forces while stationed in Japan; and	
WHEREAS, there are over one hundred thousand American service me	embers and
dependents stationed in Japan, which is more than any other place in the world	l other than
14 the United States; and	
WHEREAS, active-duty American service members are, and will cont	inue to be,
stationed abroad in Japan while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and	1
WHEREAS, status of forces agreements are designed to ensure adequa	ate and fair
18 legal treatment of American service members stationed abroad; and	
WHEREAS, the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States	s and Japan
does not appear to provide adequate legal protection for American service mem	bers due to

1 reports that Japan regularly violates the Status of Forces Agreement by detaining American 2 service members without adequate cause or necessity prior to charges; and 3 WHEREAS, there are reports that Japanese authorities consistently deny legal 4 counsel to service members during police interrogations and fail to provide adequate 5 translation assistance during interrogations and trials, which would violate the Department 6 of Defense policy regarding the legal rights of service members overseas; and 7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress through the United States House and Senate 8 Committees on Armed Services are responsible for conducting oversight of the United States 9 military and ensuring that international agreements are in the best interest of the American 10 people and abided by the parties entering such agreements. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 urge and request the United States Congress and the National Security Council to conduct 13 a formal review of the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and Japan to 14 ensure that the agreement is in the best interest of the United States and adequately protects 15 American service members in accordance with constitutional rights and the United States 16 Department of Defense policy. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 18 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 19 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## DIGEST

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