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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THE
NATIONAL GUARD EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2007.

1 WHEREAS, there is a long-standing history of National Guard
2 leaders not being consulted beforehand concerning strategic
3 force structure and budgetary policies; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is clear agreement that a strong National
6 Guard to address crises and emergencies, both foreign and
7 domestic, is vital to the interests of the United States; and
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9 WHEREAS, S.430, the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007,
10 was introduced in the United States Senate and is designed to
11 make the National Guard a stronger and more responsible defense
12 agency that will improve the nation's defense and improve the
13 military's ability to support civilian authorities during
14 domestic emergencies; and
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16 WHEREAS, an identical bill, H.R. 718, was introduced in the
17 United States House of Representatives; and
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19 WHEREAS, the bills call for elevating the Chief of the
20 National Guard to the rank of full general and making that
21 officer a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and
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23 WHEREAS, the bills will require the National Guard to work
24 with the states to identify gaps between federal and state
25 capabilities in responding to emergencies and further grants the
26 National Guard the authority to set equipment requirements and
27 procure equipment for this domestically oriented mission; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
32 that the United States Senate and United States House of
33 Representatives are urged to pass S.430 and H.R. 718,
34 respectively, for the adoption of the National Guard Empowerment
35 Act of 2007; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
4 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
5 Representatives, and members of the Hawaii delegation to the
6 United States Congress.

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