

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6013

By Representatives Lane, Carlin and Kuether

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A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue to maintain Kansas' military installations.

WHEREAS, We live in a perilous age in which our liberty and that of the free world depends on the ability of the military forces of this nation to thwart those who would destroy our way of life; and

WHEREAS, As the mission of our military has shifted from preparing to fight large land mass battles to stopping world terrorism, the facilities needed to support our military forces are being evaluated to determine those best suited to support the dynamic mission of our military forces; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has long been home to three major military installations, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base, plus significant reserve and national guard facilities, such as at Forbes Field; and

WHEREAS, Kansans have provided exemplary and invaluable service to our country, and through these activities frequently demonstrating innovation, creativity and commitment of the highest caliber, as was demonstrated by the operation of the B-1 bomber fleet and security force in Bosnia; and

WHEREAS, Without these facilities it would be much more difficult for our country to garner the excellent service of the Kansas citizens who serve in the guard and reserve; and

WHEREAS, Fort Leavenworth, which provides support for the Army's Command and General Staff College, has annual expenditures in excess of 200 million dollars; Fort Riley, home of the 24th Infantry Division, spends over 800 million dollars annually to provide necessary services; and McConnell Air Force Base, home of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, provides a total impact for the Wichita community of about 350 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, In providing military capability for our nation, over 8,000 Kansans are members of the Kansas National Guard, have a total economic impact in Kansas of over 450 millions dollars, and the 190th Air Refueling Wing located at Forbes Field, with capital assets valued at nearly 1/2 billion dollars, is continually involved in supporting our air ca-

1 pabilities in Iraq and other volatile areas of the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Kansas not only derives considerable income from these
3 institutions but provides the necessary support and services, including
4 many valuable civilian employees, for these facilities: Now, therefore,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
6 *sas:* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to maintain
7 in continuing existence the military installations in this state; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
9 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of
10 the United States, the President pro tem of the United States Senate, the
11 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of
12 the United States Department of Defense and each member of the Kan-
13 sas legislative delegation.

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