

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1817

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission and the United States Military by restoring federal funds for military construction in the Federal Continuing Resolution to the funding levels agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill.

WHEREAS, Kansas communities, state officials and the members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation worked hard and the results of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations were the best news for Kansas in years; and

WHEREAS, These recommendations are resulting in significant increases in personnel and the missions assigned to Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The military commands, the troops and their families coming to work on those missions are facing a situation with much of the funding support originally contained in the Federal Continuing Resolution, and many of the key projects in Kansas, now at risk; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Continuing Resolution adopted by the United States' House of Representatives currently provides less than half of the request for the 2005 BRAC Commission and is more than \$3 Billion short of the amount agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Military Council voted on February 7, 2007, to support efforts to restore vital federal military construction funding for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base at this time when these military posts are getting new missions; and

WHEREAS, Projects that are potentially at risk at Fort Riley include a Combat Aviation Brigade complex, which would provide additional housing for troops, headquarters and operations buildings and facilities, hanger expansion and a crash rescue fire station (\$152 Million); essential Runway Improvements (\$17 Million); Division Headquarters and Sustainment Brigade Headquarters buildings and facilities (\$87 Million); a state-of-the-art Battle Command Training Center (\$27 Million); and a Health and Dental Clinic (\$17.5 Million) and a Child Development Center (\$5.7 Million) to serve the thousands of troops and their families moving to Fort Riley; and

WHEREAS, The project for the Joint Regional Corrections Facility (\$68-\$95 Million) at Fort Leavenworth is also at risk; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Kansas considers the federal funding requested for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base, based on the recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission, to be crucially important to the United States of America, as well as to the State of Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Kansas strongly urges the United States Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission and the United States Military by restoring federal funds for military construction in the Federal Continuing Resolution to the funding levels agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1817 was sponsored by Committee on Ways and Means.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.