

SESSION OF 2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5024**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

Brief*

HCR 5024 urges the President of the United States to obey the *U.S. Constitution* and abandon the threatened transfer of terrorist detainees to Fort Leavenworth. The resolution states, in part:

- Transferring detainees currently held at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Fort Leavenworth will transfer the ire of terrorists worldwide from Guantanamo to Fort Leavenworth;
- Fort Leavenworth does not have the necessary facilities to hold and care for the detainees, and the surrounding community does not have the law enforcement, emergency response resources or the physical capability to harden potential civilian targets in the surrounding area;
- Movement of the detainees to Fort Leavenworth would mean intentionally and knowingly placing American citizens at greater risk, in violation of the government's sworn oath to support and defend them against enemies, foreign or domestic; and
- Many of the officers from more than one hundred countries who attend classes at Fort Leavenworth would not bring their families, nor be permitted by their countries to attend, if the detainees were

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transferred to Fort Leavenworth, thereby hurting the local economy and potentially having grave impacts on our future ability to effectively and successfully find peaceful solution to international problems.

The concurrent resolution directs the Secretary of State to send enrolled copies of the resolution to President Obama, Vice President Biden, and the Kansas congressional delegation.

Background

The resolution was introduced by Representative Barton and others. Representative Barton testified in support of the concurrent resolution in the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security, as did the Mayor of Leavenworth and a private citizen. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by the Leavenworth County Sheriff. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.