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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO REDIRECT MONEY FROM THE
9 MILITARY BUDGET TO THE STATES SO THAT WE CAN MEET THE
10 CRITICAL NEEDS OF REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES, REPAIRING
11 OUR SCHOOLS, PROVIDING HOUSING, IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION,
12 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND OBTAINING A DECENT LEVEL
13 OF HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, AND THEREBY
14 INCREASING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND WELL-BEING.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 MONEY FROM THE MILITARY BUDGET TO THE
19 STATES TO MEET THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OUR
20 CITIZENS, AND THEREBY INCREASING OUR
21 NATIONAL SECURITY.

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23 WHEREAS, although we believe that the United States should retain its
24 position as the strongest military nation in the world, we also believe that
25 the security of our nation is dependent fundamentally on the well-being and
26 vitality of our citizens and not on military might; and

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28 WHEREAS, the seven (7) countries currently identified as our potential
29 military adversaries have a combined military budget of only fifteen billion
30 dollars (\$15,000,000,000), while the current U.S. military budget is two
31 hundred sixty-five billion dollars (\$265,000,000,000); and

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33 WHEREAS, the U.S. military budget remains at Cold-War spending levels
34 and contains: eleven point four billion dollars (\$11.4 billion) not requested
35 by the Pentagon, two point five billion dollars (\$2.5 billion) for ten
36 thousand (10,000) nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, and forty

1 billion dollars (\$40,000,000,000) in excess of what many former military
2 leaders and leading business executives consider sufficient; and

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4 WHEREAS, domestic programs which sustain and improve the health,
5 education, affordable housing, environmental protection, and safety of our
6 citizens are being transferred from the Federal to the state governments and
7 without sufficient funds being provided by the Federal Government to fulfill
8 these responsibilities; and

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10 WHEREAS, current Pentagon spending outweighs all military threats, and
11 creates fewer jobs than increased spending on domestic programs would deliver,
12 and shifting funds from the military to repairing our infrastructure would
13 dramatically improve the well-being of our citizens and strengthen our ability
14 to compete successfully in the world market,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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20 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully urges
21 the U.S. Congress to provide sufficient amounts of money be redirected from
22 the military budget to the states so that we can meet the critical needs of
23 rebuilding our communities and inner cities, repairing our schools, educating
24 our children, eliminating hunger, providing housing, improving transportation,
25 protecting our environment, and obtaining a decent level of health care and
26 safety for all of our citizens, and thereby fundamentally increasing our
27 national security and well-being; and

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29 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution, after its concurrence
30 by the Senate, be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House to the President of the
31 United States, to both of our U.S. Senators, and to our Congressional
32 representatives.

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