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8 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

9 TO REQUEST THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF
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21 WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed Forces now
22 serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant
23 Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and self-
24 sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to
25 protect our nation; and
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27 WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the defense
28 appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense
29 appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork-barrel spending
30 and as a political hostage to pork-barrel spending in other appropriations
31 bills; and
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33 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on America on September
34 11, 2001, President Bush asked that the United States Congress pass the
35 Defense Appropriations bill before passing other spending bills; and
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1 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, and 2004 budgets
2 when it passed the Defense Appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the
3 men and women in our armed forces from becoming pawns for politicians'
4 spending maneuvers,

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6 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
7 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING
8 THEREIN:

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10 THAT the Eighty-fifth General Assembly commends Congress for making our
11 nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, and 2004 and requests that
12 the Congressmen and Senators from our state continue this important tradition
13 by passing and enacting the defense appropriations legislation before all
14 other spending bills in 2005 and in future years.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the clerk
17 of the House of Representatives shall mail a copy of this resolution to each
18 member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.