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1 A Joint Resolution requesting the United States Department of  
2 Defense and the United States Army to place additional  
3 production work at the Rock Island Arsenal.

4 WHEREAS, the United States army has indicated that there will  
5 be a layoff of several hundred skilled production employees at  
6 the Rock Island Arsenal manufacturing facilities during the  
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999; and

8 WHEREAS, the placement of additional work at the Rock Island  
9 Arsenal by the United States Army could be facilitated through  
10 the Arsenal Act, which allows for noncompetitive work loading of  
11 the Arsenal, and the Competition in Contracting Act, which would  
12 designate the Arsenal an industrial preparedness facility; and

13 WHEREAS, indications of recent increased tension in the Middle  
14 East region and in North Korea may require an increased level of  
15 production for needed war fighting equipment and materiel; and

16 WHEREAS, achieving an increased level of production would more  
17 readily be accomplished by placing additional production work at  
18 a facility which is maintained in a mobilized status with  
19 experienced employees working to protect American interests; and

20 WHEREAS, the Rock Island Arsenal has proven capable of  
21 producing many weapons systems at a lower cost than producers of  
22 such systems in the private sector and thus accordingly warrants  
23 a greater share of the production and rehabilitation of these  
24 systems being placed at the Arsenal; and

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1 WHEREAS, an immediate response to any conflict or emergency  
2 can be made by the Rock Island Arsenal in contrast to potential  
3 private sector delays caused by contract negotiations or labor-  
4 management disputes; NOW THEREFORE,  
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 That the United States Department of Defense and the United  
2 States Army are urged to place additional production work at  
3 the Rock Island Arsenal to maintain the current employment  
4 level, increase production work, and lower overall production  
5 costs at the Arsenal; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
7 sent to the President of the United States, the United States  
8 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Commander  
9 of Headquarters of the Army Material Command, the Majority and  
10 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker,  
11 Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the United States  
12 House of Representatives, and to members of the Illinois and  
13 Iowa congressional delegations.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This Joint Resolution requests that the United States  
16 department of defense and the United States army place  
17 additional production work at the Rock Island arsenal, in  
18 light of indications by the army of a possible layoff of  
19 several hundred skilled production employees at the arsenal  
20 during the next fiscal year. The resolution provides that the  
21 placement of additional production work could be facilitated  
22 through the arsenal act, which allows for noncompetitive work  
23 loading of the arsenal, and the competition in contracting  
24 act, which would designate the arsenal an industrial  
25 preparedness facility.

26 Factors supporting the placement of additional work at the  
27 arsenal identified in the resolution include indications of  
28 recent increased tension in the Middle East region and in  
29 North Korea, potentially requiring an increased level of  
30 production for needed war fighting equipment and material; the  
31 achievement of an increased level of production being more  
32 readily accomplished by a facility which is maintained in a  
33 mobilized status with experienced employees; the capability of  
34 production at the arsenal of many weapons systems at a lower  
35 cost than production of such systems in the private sector;

1 and the immediate response capabilities of the arsenal to  
2 conflicts or emergencies in contrast to potential private  
3 sector delays caused by contract negotiations or labor-  
4 management disputes.

5 The resolution provides for the furnishing of resolution  
6 copies to the President of the United States, the United  
7 States Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the  
8 Commander of Headquarters of the Army Material Command, the  
9 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the  
10 Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the United  
11 States House of Representatives, and to members of the  
12 Illinois and Iowa congressional delegations.

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