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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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1 a greater share of the production and rehabilitation of these
2 systems being placed at the Arsenal; and

3 WHEREAS, an immediate response to any conflict or emergency
4 can be made by the Rock Island Arsenal in contrast to potential
5 private sector delays; NOW THEREFORE,

6 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.

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO PLACE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION WORK AT THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, an immediate response to any conflict or emergency can be made by the Rock Island Arsenal in contrast to potential private sector delays; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

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

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this resolution originated in the House and is known as House Joint Resolution 13, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House