

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

2 BY SENG, WOOD, and TINSMAN

3 A Resolution urging the President of the United  
4 States and the United States Congress to take action  
5 to keep all current organizations and positions at  
6 the Rock Island Arsenal.

7 WHEREAS, from the 19th century to the present, the  
8 Rock Island Arsenal has been a part of the economic  
9 and government service history of the Quad Cities; and

10 WHEREAS, from an employment peak of 18,467 during  
11 the height of World War II, the arsenal workforce has  
12 shrunk to less than 7,000 employees, and is operating  
13 at only 45 percent capacity; and

14 WHEREAS, even at this reduced level, the Rock  
15 Island Arsenal employs approximately 6,400 people,  
16 making it the second largest employer in the area,  
17 supports another 12,500 additional jobs, and pumps  
18 more than \$1.1 billion a year into the local economy;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the arsenal is a center for logistics and  
21 sustainment excellence for the U.S. Department of  
22 Defense and is the home to three major U.S. Army  
23 headquarters organizations that have regional and  
24 global responsibilities to soldiers, ranging from army  
25 munitions management to global logistics management;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the arsenal also houses more than 60 other  
28 U.S. Department of Defense organizations and provides  
29 infrastructure support to all the organizations at the  
30 Rock Island facility; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Joint Manufacturing and Technology  
2 Center at the arsenal is one of the world's largest  
3 weapons manufacturing facilities; and has repeatedly  
4 proven that, for small-quantity orders and specialty  
5 jobs, it has the expertise, equipment, and dedication  
6 to the defense of the United States that cannot be  
7 equaled in private industry; and

8 WHEREAS, the preliminary list of bases to be  
9 considered for realignment by the Defense Base  
10 Realignment and Closure Commission includes the Rock  
11 Island Arsenal; and

12 WHEREAS, the realignment of the Rock Island Arsenal  
13 and the recommended loss of approximately 1,700 jobs  
14 could jeopardize the readiness of United States forces  
15 to quickly respond in the war on terror or in any  
16 future conflict; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges  
18 the President of the United States, the United States  
19 Congress, the Secretary of the Department of Defense,  
20 and the Chairperson of the Defense Base Realignment  
21 and Closure Commission to remove the Rock Island  
22 Arsenal from any further consideration for realignment  
23 and that the arsenal facility be considered for the  
24 relocation of existing operations that are to be  
25 transferred as part of the current realignment and  
26 closure process; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of  
28 this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
29 United States, the Secretary of the United States  
30 Department of Defense, the Chairperson of the Defense

1 Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and to  
2 members of the Iowa congressional delegation.

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