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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

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1 A Concurrent Resolution urging the President of the
2 United States and the United States Congress to
3 protect the Rock Island Arsenal from future budget
4 reductions.

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

8 WHEREAS, from an employment peak of 18,467 during
9 the height of World War II, the arsenal workforce has
10 shrunk to less than half that number; and

11 WHEREAS, the arsenal remains a major economic engine
12 in the region with more than 8,500 employees and more
13 than 70 federal and commercial tenants, adding some
14 one billion dollars to the local economy and impacting
15 14,000 community jobs; and

16 WHEREAS, the Joint Manufacturing and Technology
17 Center at the arsenal is one of the world's largest
18 weapons manufacturing facilities; and has repeatedly
19 proven that, for small-quantity orders and specialty
20 jobs, it has the expertise, equipment, and dedication
21 to the defense of the United States that cannot be
22 equaled in private industry; and

23 WHEREAS, a reduction at the Rock Island Arsenal
24 would not only threaten the local economy, but would
25 also jeopardize the readiness of United States forces
26 to quickly respond in the war on terror or in any
27 future conflict; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of
3 the State of Iowa urges the President of the United
4 States, the United States Congress, and the Secretary
5 of the Department of Defense to protect the Rock Island
6 Arsenal from any future reductions or other budget
7 cuts; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
9 this Resolution be transmitted to the President of
10 the United States, the Secretary of the United States
11 Department of Defense, and to members of the Iowa
12 congressional delegation.