

House Resolution 128 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

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1 A Resolution urging Congress and the President of the
2 United States to protect Iowa's Air National Guard
3 units from additional budget cuts.
4 WHEREAS, state militias, now known as the national
5 guard, have been a bulwark of this nation's military
6 defense system since 1776; and
7 WHEREAS, since 1941, the Iowa Air National Guard has
8 been an integral part of our nation's defense and our
9 state's emergency response system; and
10 WHEREAS, defense budget cuts ranging from \$450
11 billion up to \$1 trillion over the next decade will
12 force each branch of the military service to reexamine
13 its balance of forces in the active duty, guard, and
14 reserve branches; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced
16 it wants to remove 21 F-16 fighter jets of the 132nd
17 Fighter Wing from the Des Moines Air National Guard
18 base to meet these budget cuts, eliminating over 500
19 Iowa jobs; and

20 WHEREAS, over the last 68 years, the 132nd Fighter
21 Wing has participated in numerous actions including
22 World War II, the Korean Conflict, and many of the
23 support functions of Desert Shield/Desert Storm,
1 Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom; and

2 WHEREAS, the 132nd Fighter Wing has received
3 numerous awards, including eight Air Force Outstanding
4 Unit Awards, and has participated in exercises and
5 deployments worldwide; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
7 the House of Representatives urges the President of
8 the United States, the United States Congress, and the
9 United States Secretary of Defense, to protect the Iowa
10 Air National Guard from any future reductions or other
11 budget cuts; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
13 this resolution be transmitted to the President of the
14 United States, the United States Secretary of Defense,
15 and to members of the Iowa congressional delegation.