

House Joint Memorial 7

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Urges President of United States to carry out foreign policy and defense doctrines that are rational, reasonable and well-reasoned. Urges President to appoint, and Senate to confirm, foreign policy and defense appointees possessing sufficient professional experience and understanding of global dynamics and international law to carry out such doctrines.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-
5 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the United States Constitution assigns primary responsibility for the conduct of re-
7 lations with foreign governments to the President and the federal government; and

8 Whereas within the federal system of governance established by the United States Constitution,
9 the states are largely dependent on the federal government for the provision of a common national
10 defense; and

11 Whereas United States relations with European and Asian allies have been developed over the
12 decades since World War II into highly stable, peaceful and successful arrangements that promote
13 peace, stability and long-term worldwide economic growth; and

14 Whereas the newly elected President and his administration have indicated a likely change in
15 decades-old foreign policy precepts, such as the United States' relationship with Russia and the
16 United States position on nuclear nonproliferation; and

17 Whereas the incoming administration is in the process of appointing foreign policy and national
18 defense teams with limited professional experience and untested judgment on the conduct of foreign
19 relations; and

20 Whereas the sudden shifts away from foreign policy and national defense norms by inexperi-
21 enced and untested foreign policy and national defense appointees will cause dramatic economic and
22 security impacts on the State of Oregon and the United States of America; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, strenuously urge the President
25 of the United States to carry out foreign policy and national defense doctrines that are rational,
26 reasonable and well-reasoned; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we urge the President of the United States to appoint, and the Senate to confirm,
28 foreign policy and defense appointees that possess sufficient professional experience and sufficient
29 understanding of global dynamics and international law to carry out the rational and well-reasoned
30 doctrines previously described; and be it further

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Resolved, That we note that a failure to achieve the objectives described in the preceding par-
2 agraphs may represent a high crime on the part of the Executive Branch of the United States of
3 America; and be it further

4 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
5 the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member
6 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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