

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 6

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Whereas**, the security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation  
2 of our United States federal government; and  
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**Whereas**, the men and women of our United States armed forces now serving in  
4 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and  
5 Reserves have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best  
6 weapons and resources to protect our nation; and  
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**Whereas**, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations  
9 bill until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping  
10 ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other  
11 appropriations bills; and  
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**Whereas**, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on America,  
14 President Bush asked that the United States Congress pass the defense appropriations bill before  
15 passing other spending bills; and  
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**Whereas**, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, and 2004 budgets when  
18 it passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the men and women of our  
19 armed forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers:  
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**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House  
23 of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, commend the United States Congress for  
24 making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, and 2004, and request that the  
25 Representatives and Senators from the State of Missouri continue this important tradition by  
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27 passing and enacting the defense appropriations legislation before all other spending bills in 2004  
28 and in future years; and

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30 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
31 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
32 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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