

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

Introduced by Cohen, et al.

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1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 *Council*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Sharon Roney Doherty, Stephen*  
 3 *Mark A. Blum, Monahan Johnson, Russell, Hap, Keenke*  
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PRESIDENT  
 6 AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REDUCE MILITARY  
 7 SPENDING AND DISAPPROVE REQUESTS FOR NEW STRATEGIC WEAPONS  
 8 SYSTEMS AND TO USE THE SAVINGS FROM CUTS IN THE MILITARY  
 9 BUDGET TO REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEFICIT AND INCREASE FUNDING  
 10 FOR MEDICAID AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR THE NEEDY.  
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 12 WHEREAS, the Pentagon's proposed \$315 billion military  
 13 budget for fiscal year 1990 is the largest annual budget  
 14 ever requested by the military in a time of peace; and  
 15 WHEREAS, the proposed military budget contains many  
 16 increases in spending for new, costly weapons systems,  
 17 including a 54% increase in funding for the antiballistic  
 18 missile program; and  
 19 WHEREAS, the proposed military budget includes the  
 20 purchase of 132 high-tech, strategic bombers that have an  
 21 estimated price of \$515 million each; and  
 22 WHEREAS, the proposed increase in military spending  
 23 comes in the wake of a historic treaty between the United  
 24 States and the Soviet Union providing for the elimination of  
 25 intermediate range and shorter range nuclear missiles; and

1 WHEREAS, increased military spending is being requested  
 2 at a time when the Soviet Union has proposed a unilateral  
 3 reduction of troops and tactical weapons in Europe; and  
 4 WHEREAS, there is serious concern over the problem of  
 5 the national deficit and adequate funding for Medicaid and  
 6 other programs for the aged and dependent poor of this  
 7 country.  
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 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
 10 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
 11 That the President and the Congress are strongly urged  
 12 to reduce military spending and to disapprove requests for  
 13 new strategic weapons systems.  
 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the  
 15 Congress are urged to use the savings from cuts in the  
 16 military budget to reduce the national deficit and to  
 17 increase funding for Medicaid and other programs for the  
 18 needy.  
 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send  
 20 a copy of this resolution to the President of the United  
 21 States, the Speaker of the United States House of  
 22 Representatives, the President of the United States Senate,  
 23 and all members of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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INTRODUCED BILL  
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