

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5024

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President of the United States to obey the Constitution and abandon the threatened transfer of terrorist detainees to Fort Leavenworth.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, Barack Obama, has threatened to move the terrorist detainees currently held at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Fort Leavenworth without regard to the wishes or the safety of the people of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The President has threatened to close the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay; and

WHEREAS, The threat of the transfer has been underscored by visits to Fort Leavenworth by officials of his Administration, preparing for the threatened transfer; and

WHEREAS, Many detainees that have been released have continued to fight against this country and its allies; and

WHEREAS, This President and others have insisted that the mere existence of the detention facility at Guantanamo has inflamed terrorists around the world and aided in their recruitments; and

WHEREAS, Transferring the detainees to Fort Leavenworth will only transfer the ire of terrorists worldwide from Guantanamo to Fort Leavenworth; and

WHEREAS, This President has a demonstrated willingness to violate American law; and

WHEREAS, This President has said that he will go around the Congress to accomplish his agenda; and

WHEREAS, Closing the Naval Station at Guantanamo has been high on this President's agenda since before he was first elected; and

WHEREAS, The President has continually sought to weaken our standing in the world; and

WHEREAS, The terrorists have demonstrated an ability and willingness to conduct attacks in America, in furtherance of their savage war against America; and

WHEREAS, Detonating large bombs in civilian communities in the vicinity of Fort Leavenworth would be exactly the sort of demonstration that the terrorists would try; and

WHEREAS, Fort Leavenworth does not have the necessary facilities to hold and care for the detainees and would, for example, be forced to transport them through the city of Leavenworth to access medical care, thereby presenting additional soft, tempting targets for attacks; and

WHEREAS, The surrounding community does not have the law enforcement, emergency response resources or the physical capability to harden potential civilian targets in the surrounding area. Transferring detainees to Fort Leavenworth represents a predictable, direct and unnecessarily high risk to American citizens in the vicinity of Fort Leavenworth; and

WHEREAS, The Naval Station at Guantanamo is a high security facility designed to both house high risk detainees and be secure from attack by external forces. This facility has not been the object of an external terrorist attack and, if it had been attacked, it would not have represented a threat to American civilians or communities; and

WHEREAS, The intentional placement of detainees on American soil, physically within an American community, would unnecessarily and intentionally put American citizens at much greater risk. It follows that any move by the President or other members of the Federal, State or local government to move the detainees to Fort Leavenworth would mean intentionally and knowingly placing American citizens at greater risk, in violation of the government's sworn oath to support and defend them against enemies, foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, Officers from over one hundred countries attend classes at Fort Leavenworth; and

WHEREAS, Many of these officers would not bring their families nor be permitted by their countries to attend, if the detainees were transferred to Fort Leavenworth, thereby hurting the local economy; and

WHEREAS, These officers and their families represent an important bond and link among our nations. Their loss will not just affect the local economy, but would potentially have grave impacts on our future ability to effectively and successfully find peaceful solutions to international problems: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature of the State of Kansas urges the President of the United States to obey the Constitution of the United States and the laws of this country, the people of which have placed him in a position of great trust and responsibility and depend upon him to ensure that the laws be upheld and that their security be maintained; and

Be it further resolved: That the President must declare that the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay will remain, and that the detainees will continue to be held there, until said detainees are given proper, lawful disposition, in accordance with the Laws of War and the best interests of the safety of the people of the United States and their allies.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.