

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Ensure an Adequate National Defense Budget Resolution No. 17-13

WHEREAS, based on the most recent National Security Strategy and the Defense Strategic Guidance, the demands on the Armed Forces have increased at the same time the size of the force has decreased; and

WHEREAS, the total National Defense investment has dropped sharply from historic norms to less than 3.5 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, we remain engaged in the war on terrorism and the range of threats to our security are expanding; and

WHEREAS, we cannot commit our Armed Forces to missions around the world without the proper equipment, readiness, and personnel; and

WHEREAS, current equipment continuously needs to be replaced and modernized; and

WHEREAS, while 3.5 percent of the GDP may be adequate in peace, such spending levels are inadequate during war, overseas contingency operations, and in a volatile world security environment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the President and Congress to establish and maintain defense spending at no less than 5 percent of Gross Domestic Product until such time that it is clear that a lesser amount can maintain an adequate national security.

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