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To state the sense of the Senate that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MACK, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MAY 8, 1997

Reported by Mr. HELMS, without amendment

MAY 20, 1997

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Senate finds that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is critical to the security interests of the United States, Japan and the countries of the Asian Pacific region;

Whereas the security relationship between the United States and Japan is the foundation for the security strategy of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas strong security ties between the two countries provide a key stabilizing influence in an uncertain post-cold war world;

Whereas this bilateral security relationship makes it possible for the United States and Japan to preserve their interests in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas forward-deployed forces of the United States are welcomed by allies of the United States in the region because such forces are critical for maintaining stability in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas regional stability has undergirded economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas the recognition by allies of the United States of the importance of United States armed forces for security in the Asia-Pacific region confers on the United States irreplaceable good will and diplomatic influence in that region;

Whereas Japan's host nation support is a key element in the ability of the United States to maintain forward-deployed forces in that country;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Japan, in the Special Action Committee on Okinawa Final Report issued by the United States-Japan Security Consult-

ative Committee established by the two countries, have made commitments to reducing the burdens of United States forces on the people of Okinawa;

Whereas such commitments will maintain the operational capability and readiness of United States forces;

Whereas the people of Okinawa have borne a disproportionate share of the burdens of United States military bases in Japan; and

Whereas gaining the understanding and support of the people of Okinawa in fulfilling these commitments is crucial to effective implementation of the Treaty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Se-
3 curity Between the United States of America and
4 Japan remains vital to the security interests of the
5 United States and Japan, as well as the security in-
6 terests of the countries of the Asia-Pacific region;
7 and

8 (2) the people of Okinawa deserve special rec-
9 ognition and gratitude for their contributions toward
10 ensuring the treaty's implementation and regional
11 peace and stability.

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