

A Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Give First Priority To Supporting and Passing the Defense Appropriations Bill First

WHEREAS, The security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation of the our United States federal government; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of our United States armed forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our nation; and

WHEREAS, In past years politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on America, President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the Defense Appropriations bill before passing other spending bills; and

WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, and 2004 budgets when it passed the Defense Appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____ commends Congress for making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, and 2004, and requests that the Congressmen and Senators from our state continue this important tradition by passing and enacting the Defense Appropriations Legislation before all other spending bills in 2005 and in future years.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

If you have any questions about this sample resolution, please contact Amanda Hydro at Americans for Tax Reform at (202) 785-0266.

Congressional leadership has responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by ensuring that the military receives the necessary funding to fight the War on Terrorism early in the appropriations process. Because appropriations have used parliamentary tactics in the past to hold the Defense Appropriations bill hostage until less important appropriations bills that break the budget have passed it is essential that members of Congress are informed that you want the Defense Appropriations bill passed first. Please go to www.rnc.org/Newsroom/RNCResearch/research091702.htm for more information.