

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SENATOR BAKER, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, MAY 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to
2 support the adoption of House Resolution BILL 1014. <--

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,800 Pennsylvania National Guard
4 Military Technicians may be subject to furlough as a result of
5 budgetary sequestration; and

6 WHEREAS, It is critical that the Pennsylvania National Guard
7 maintain training and readiness to ensure that the National
8 Guard is ready to answer the call when needed for domestic
9 operations; and

10 WHEREAS, All the military components are scrambling to absorb
11 \$47 billion in cuts throughout the Department of Defense,
12 including the furloughs of 800,000 civilian employees; and

13 WHEREAS, There is one group that justifies an exemption from
14 the cuts, National Guard Military Technicians; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pentagon exempted uniformed personnel from
16 sequestration to limit the impact of ongoing budget debates on
17 military readiness; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense, however, did not include
2 the approximately 53,000 National Guard Military Technicians
3 within the exemption; and

4 WHEREAS, There are 1,800 military technicians in
5 Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, These military technicians support the readiness for
7 troops in preparation not only for State emergencies but for
8 Federal missions as well; and

9 WHEREAS, United States Representative Steven Palazzo of
10 Mississippi's 4th Congressional District, the only concurrently
11 serving enlisted member of the National Guard in Congress,
12 introduced ~~H.Res.~~ H.R. 1014, a bill that would exempt military <--
13 technicians from sequestration by including them in military
14 personnel accounts now and in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, The President of the United States, Congress and the
16 Department of Defense all agreed to exempt uniformed personnel
17 from sequestration to limit the impact on military readiness;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The furlough of military technicians violates that
20 intent; and

21 WHEREAS, It is Major General Wesley Craig's, the Adjutant
22 General's desire not to furlough any military technicians if
23 this can be avoided, however, further congressional action is
24 required to ensure no furloughs are necessary nationwide for
25 National Guard Military Technicians and for Pennsylvania
26 specifically now and in the future; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
28 President of the United States and Congress to support the
29 adoption of House ~~Resolution~~ BILL 1014; and be it further <--

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 President of the United States and to the presiding officers of
2 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
3 Pennsylvania.