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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Memorializing Congress in the Interest of National Defense

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in a recent message to the Congress of the United States has stated that the army and navy of the United States should be strengthened and that a people who neglect their national defense are putting in jeopardy their national honor; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the national defense act of nineteen hundred and twenty and in order to increase and promote the strength and effectiveness of the army, the war department has recommended,

(a) That the regular army be brought back to the strength

of one hundred and fifty thousand enlisted men and thirteen thousand officers;

(b) That the National Guard be given the support necessary to permit its progressive development toward a strength of two hundred and fifty thousand;

(c) That the organized reserves be fully maintained as contemplated by the National Defense Act of nineteen hundred and twenty as the most effective means whereby the citizens of the United States can assure to themselves and to their posterity those blessings to which our national life is dedicated;

(d) That provision be made for a gradual increase in the number accommodated annually in the citizens' military training camps;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the senate and house of representatives of Maine, in legislature assembled indorse the foregoing recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent by 2 the secretary of state to the president of the United States, 3 and to the senators and representatives in congress from 4 this state.

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