

1 reports that Japan regularly violates the Status of Forces Agreement by detaining American
2 service members without adequate cause or necessity prior to charges; and

3 WHEREAS, there are reports that Japanese authorities consistently deny legal
4 counsel to service members during police interrogations and fail to provide adequate
5 translation assistance during interrogations and trials, which would violate the Department
6 of Defense policy regarding the legal rights of service members overseas; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress through the United States House and Senate
8 Committees on Armed Services are responsible for conducting oversight of the United States
9 military and ensuring that international agreements are in the best interest of the American
10 people and abided by the parties entering such agreements.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the United States Congress and the National Security Council to conduct
13 a formal review of the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and Japan to
14 ensure that the agreement is in the best interest of the United States and adequately protects
15 American service members in accordance with constitutional rights and the United States
16 Department of Defense policy.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
19 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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Encourages the U.S. Congress and National Security Council to formally review the Status of Forces Agreement between the U.S. and Japan to ensure that our service members are being properly treated and adequately protected while serving in Japan.