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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 nations of the Asia-Pacific and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the Treaty's implementation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

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

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 nations of the Asian Pacific region;

Whereas the bilateral security relationship is the foundation for U.S. security strategy in Asia and the Pacific;

Whereas strong bilateral security ties provide a key stabilizing influence in an uncertain post-Cold War world;

Whereas the bilateral security relationship makes it possible for the United States to preserve its interests in the Asia Pacific region;

Whereas U.S. forward-deployed forces are welcomed by our allies in the region because they are critical for maintaining stability in East Asia;

Whereas the recognition by our allies of the importance of American troops for regional security confers on the United States irreplaceable good will and diplomatic influence in the Asia Pacific;

Whereas Japan's host nation support is a key element in the U.S. ability to maintain forward-deployed forces;

Whereas the people of Okinawa have borne a disproportionate share of the burdens of Japan's host nation support for America's bases in Japan;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Japan have made a commitment to reducing the burdens of U.S. forces on the people of Okinawa; and

Whereas gaining the support of the people of Okinawa in this process 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 American and Japanese secu-

1 rity interests as well as the security interests of the
2 Nations of the Asia-Pacific region; and
3 (2) the people of Okinawa deserve special rec-
4 ognition and gratitude for their contributions toward
5 ensuring the Treaty's implementation.

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