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Expressing appreciation to the people of Okinawa for hosting United States defense facilities, commending the Government of Japan for choosing Okinawa as the site for hosting the summit meeting of the G–8 countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2000

Mr. INOUE submitted the following resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation to the people of Okinawa for hosting United States defense facilities, commending the Government of Japan for choosing Okinawa as the site for hosting the summit meeting of the G–8 countries, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan, signed at Washington January 19, 1960 (11 UST 1632), serves the common security needs of the United States and Japan and is the foundation of peace and stability in East Asia;

Whereas the maintenance of the forward-based elements of the Armed Forces of the United States gives credibility to the United States role in the region;

Whereas the largest United States military bases in East Asia are in Okinawa;

Whereas, in attending the summit meeting of the G–8 countries in Okinawa in July 2000, President Clinton will be making the first visit by a United States President to Okinawa;

Whereas the late Keizo Obuchi, former Prime Minister of Japan, strongly supported the choice of Okinawa as the site for the summit meeting of the G–8 countries and devoted much energy to Okinawan affairs;

Whereas Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori of Japan is deeply committed to the successful hosting of the summit meeting of the G–8 countries in Okinawa and to the development of the prefecture of Okinawa; and

Whereas Governor Keichi Inamine of Okinawa and the people of Okinawa have shown their desire to play a significantly greater role in regional and global affairs through their hosting of the summit meeting of the G–8 countries and other initiatives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its deep appreciation to the people
3 of Okinawa for hosting the United States military
4 facilities in Okinawa, which are of vital importance
5 to peace and stability in East Asia;

6 (2) commends the Government of Japan for its
7 choice of Okinawa as the site for hosting the leaders
8 of the G–8 countries;

9 (3) expresses hope for a successful summit
10 meeting of the G–8 countries; and

1 (4) urges the President to work with the leaders
2 of Japan to devise a joint United States-Japan edu-
3 cation initiative that strengthens the human re-
4 source base in Okinawa, particularly with a view to
5 meeting Okinawa's economic needs and Asia-Pacific
6 aspirations.

7 SEC. 2. In this resolution, the term "G-8 countries"
8 means the group of countries consisting of France, Ger-
9 many, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States,
10 Canada, Italy, and Russia established to facilitate eco-
11 nomic cooperation among the eight major economic pow-
12 ers.

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