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Whereas, the American Security Council Foundation has created and promoted the strategy of *Peace Through Strength*, which brought about a peaceful end to the Cold War and has played a major and indeed essential role in keeping the United States of America strong and free and,

Whereas, the strategy of *Peace Through Strength* has been the foundation of the United States National Security Policy for more than 30 years and,

Whereas, the world is still a dangerous place and the threats to this Nation, including threats to the U.S. Homeland embodied by international terrorism, nuclear proliferation, missile proliferation, cyber-warfare, and the rise and reemergence of power-projecting peer competitors, is growing and becoming more serious over time and,

Whereas, the **American Security Council Foundation** has advocated and supported fielding the best-equipped, the best-trained, and the best-led military in the world to keep America, our allies and our way of life strong and free and,

Whereas, the **American Security Council Foundation Board of Directors** is deeply concerned by recent proposals by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to reduce the size of our military to a level lower than any time since before World War II, including reducing the Army from 522,000 soldiers to less than 450,000 soldiers and,

Whereas, these proposed cuts follow significant reductions in Marine Corps end strength, deployed Air Force squadrons, and the size of the Navy and,

Whereas, if implemented, these massive cuts to the Nation's defenses would make the United States of America, our Homeland, and our allies less safe and less secure and,

Whereas, continued force reductions send a negative message about America's resolve and a message of weakness to our allies and adversaries and,

Whereas former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has warned, "The tough choices ahead are really about the kind of role the American people—accustomed to unquestioned military dominance for the past two decades—want their country to play in the world," and former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has warned that sequestration "would turn America from a first-rate power into a second-rate power," yielding "the smallest ground force since 1940, the smallest number of ships since 1915, and the smallest Air Force in its history" and,

Whereas the United States has largely abandoned the two-war strategy, which required the Pentagon to maintain the capability to fight and win two major regional wars simultaneously,

Therefore, the **American Security Council Foundation** resolves that the President of the United States and Congress take the following action:

- Re-establish in the National Security Strategy of the United States a commitment to assure the capability of our Armed Forces to respond to two major regional conflicts simultaneously;
- Reject proposals to reduce end strengths of the U.S. Armed Forces below current levels;
- Immediately begin rebuilding the size and strength of the U.S. Armed Forces to assure capability to satisfy the National Security Strategy;
- Assure that any future force-structure changes are based on thorough and thoughtful analyses of overall U.S. strategy, that future force structure is based on U.S. security needs, and that implementation of any such changes will be conducted with a balanced and deliberate approach; and
- Ensure that the United States of America supports its veterans, warriors, and their families who have sacrificed so much with multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and also never forgets the ultimate sacrifice made by so many brave men and women and their families in supporting freedom's cause.

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