

RESOLUTION NO. 8687-R30

A RESOLUTION
TO REGAIN STATES' CONTROL OVER NATIONAL GUARD UNITS

WHEREAS, state governors have traditionally had control over state National Guard units; and

WHEREAS, the governors' control over a state's own militia affirms the checks and balances as outlined in the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the strength and safety of our country is dependent upon a separation and balance of powers between the state and national governments; and

WHEREAS, the 1986 amendment, House Rule 4428, allowed the state National Guard units to be taken on out-of-country missions without the governors' consent; and

WHEREAS, in 1787, the states insisted on the adoption of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the national government from depriving them of the right to maintain their own militias; and

WHEREAS, the Consitution of the United States specifically outlines that these state National Guard units would be distinct from the standing army and the states would control the training of these militias; and

WHEREAS, the young, enlisted persons of our state National Guard units from Illinois are being stationed to out-of-country guard duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Governor James Thompson join with other governors in opposition to the policy of assigning state National Guard units to out-of-country guard duty.

Section 2. That Senators Paul Simon and Alan Dixon and Representative Terry Bruce take leadership roles in rescinding the 1986 House Rule 4428.

Section 3. That this issue be given high priority and that it be immediately resolved.

Section 4. That copies of this Resolution be sent to President Reagan, Governor Thompson, Senator Simon, Senator Dixon, Representative Bruce, and State legislators Stanley Weaver, Helen Satterthwaite, Timothy Johnson and Ellis Levin.

1987.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of June

Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

1987.

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____

Not signed by Mayor

Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor

