

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE  
CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES TO SHIFT FUNDING PRIORITIES  
AND SUPPORT THE EQUITABLE DISBURSEMENT  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS AS OUTLINED  
IN UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 21,  
SPONSORED BY SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS, IN  
ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL STATES  
EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NATIONAL  
SECURITY GOALS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS**

**WE**, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress and the President of the United States as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the success of our Nation's homeland security response strategy relies on the success of our cohesive federal, state and local prevention and response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine's homeland security and emergency preparedness funding has dropped from \$35,000,000 in 2004 to a projected \$16,000,000 in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, a baseline level of funding is necessary for every state and territory to effectively support emergency management, federal, state and local law enforcement and first responders in the continuation of their rigorous efforts to protect our citizens from security threats and vulnerabilities with respect to our ports, borders, agricultural food production and supply, water supply, fuel supply and computer systems; and

**WHEREAS**, every state and territory needs flexibility to address its unique local or regional needs, while working cooperatively to achieve national preparedness goals, and Congress has the responsibility to ensure that all states and territories have the tools necessary to make their own individual contributions to our collective national security; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress shift spending priorities and enact Senate Bill 21, the Homeland Security Grant Enhancement Act of 2005, sponsored by Senator Susan Collins, to provide each state with its fair and reasonable share of homeland security funding as well as public health bioterrorism grant funding, to establish essential capabilities to prevent and respond to a terrorist attack; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

*May 22, 2006*

UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES MOTION BY SENATOR  
STRIMLING OF CUMBERLAND READ AND ADOPTED ROLL CALL  
ORDERED ROLL CALL NUMBER  
482 YEAS 33 - NAYS 0 - EXCUSED 0 - ABSENT 2 PREVAILED

ORDERED SENT DOWN FORTHWITH FOR CONCURRENCE



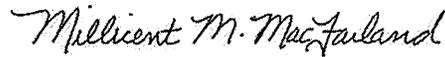
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*May 23, 2006*

READ AND ADOPTED.

IN CONCURRENCE. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.



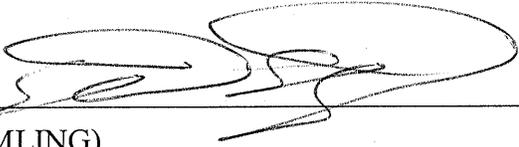
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(AFTER DEADLINE)

PRESENTED BY: 

(Senator STRIMLING)

COUNTY: Cumberland

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 214.