

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 6

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator CARDINALE

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress of the United States to
2 pass H.R. 2540.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Michael New is an American soldier currently
5 stationed in Germany whose unit is scheduled to be deployed in
6 Macedonia as part of a United Nations "peacekeeping" contingent; and
7 **WHEREAS**, This assignment is one in which American soldiers are required to
8 wear such UN insignia as a UN beret and a UN arm band and to serve
9 under a foreign UN commander; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Specialist New has expressed his unwillingness to wear the
11 uniform of the UN because he regards the UN as a foreign power and he
12 has taken no oath to the UN; and
13 **WHEREAS**, The United States Army has announced its intention to
14 court-martial Specialist New for his refusal to obey his commander's order
15 to wear the UN insignia while on the peacekeeping mission to the former
16 Yugoslavia; and
17 **WHEREAS**, A soldier's oath is to the United States Constitution and not to the
18 United Nations charter, and forcing soldiers to wear the uniform of the
19 United Nations effectively asks the soldier to serve another power; and
20 **WHEREAS**, Wearing UN insignia would put soldiers in conflict with their sworn
21 allegiance to the Constitution and commanders have no legal basis for
22 forcing soldiers to do so; and
23 **WHEREAS**, H.R.2540, sponsored by Representative Tom DeLay of Texas,
24 would prohibit any member of the armed forces from being required "to
25 wear as part of the uniform any badge, symbol, helmet, headgear, or other
26 visible indicia or insignia which indicates (or tends to indicate) any
27 allegiance or affiliation to or with the United Nations"; and
28 **WHEREAS**, While this bill would not affect Specialist New, it is important to
29 prevent any such similar incident from arising in the future; now, therefore,
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31 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*
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33 1. This House respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States
34 to pass H.R.2540, which would prohibit any member of the armed forces
35 from being required "to wear as part of the uniform any badge, symbol,

1 helmet, headgear, or other visible indicia or insignia which indicates (or tends
2 to indicate) any allegiance or affiliation to or with the United Nations".
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4 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President of
5 the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the
6 presiding officers of the United States Senate and House of Representatives
7 and to each member of Congress elected from this State.
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10 STATEMENT

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12 This resolution memorializes the Congress of the United States to pass
13 H.R.2540, which would prohibit any member of the armed forces from being
14 required "to wear as part of the uniform any badge, symbol, helmet, headgear,
15 or other visible indicia or insignia which indicates (or tends to indicate) any
16 allegiance or affiliation to or with the United Nations".
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21 Memorializes Congress to pass H.R. 2540 prohibiting a member of the armed
22 forces from being required to wear U.N. insignia.