

**Strengthen the Defense Industrial Base
(15: National Security)
Resolution 25-12**

WHEREAS, the resiliency and security of United States' Defense Industrial Base is critical to maintaining national security and ensuring Total Force readiness in an increasingly complex and contested global environment; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Defense Industrial Base Report to Congress highlights that the U.S. DIB is facing significant challenges, including the reliance on foreign suppliers for critical materials, vulnerabilities in supply chains, and insufficient innovation in key defense technologies; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) emphasizes the importance of ensuring the DIB's capability to respond to rapidly evolving military needs and reduce the risks posed by adversarial access to critical technologies, including artificial intelligence, hypersonics, and cyber capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Department of Defense (DoD) Industrial Base Strategy outlines goals for enhancing resilience across the DIB by improving cybersecurity, investing in workforce development, modernizing infrastructure, and diversifying the supply chain to mitigate risks of single-source dependencies; and

WHEREAS, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has reported persistent concerns regarding the capacity of the DIB to meet the demands of a large-scale, sustained conflict, citing systemic delays in procurement processes and the lack of preparedness for emerging threats in cybersecurity and supply chain disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the DIB plays a pivotal role in ensuring the United States remains a global leader in defense innovation, with the development of cutting-edge technologies such as autonomous systems, 5G communications, and quantum computing, which are vital for future operational success; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and other global crises have underscored the vulnerabilities of the DIB, highlighting the need for more strategic, coordinated efforts to bolster resilience, foster public-private partnerships, and address gaps in critical sectors such as energy, semiconductor manufacturing, and rare earth materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Organization of America recognizes the urgent need to strengthen and sustain the nation's DIB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ROA urges Congress to prioritize investment in the modernization of defense production facilities, technology innovation, and workforce development to ensure that the DIB is capable of meeting evolving security challenges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ROA urges Congress to support initiatives for expanding the domestic production of critical defense materials, including rare earth minerals, semiconductors, and advanced manufacturing technologies, to ensure the U.S. remains self-reliant in strategic areas of defense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ROA urges the Department of Defense to collaborate with industry stakeholders, government agencies, and allies to address the vulnerabilities identified in the National Defense Authorization Act, the 2022 Industrial Base Strategy, and other relevant reports to strengthen supply chain security and reduce risks of foreign dependency.

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