

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.C.R. No. 37  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 31, 2015; April 1, 2015, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; April 20, 2015, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	<u>Campbell</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Burton</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Garcia</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Rodríguez</u>	X		

1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The Pentagon could realize significant savings by  
1-17 relocating the United States Africa Command from Germany to  
1-18 Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston; and

1-19 WHEREAS, When AFRICOM was created in 2007, the Department of  
1-20 Defense chose a temporary location in Stuttgart; it intended to  
1-21 select a permanent headquarters in Africa, but set this plan aside  
1-22 due to cost projections and the sensitivities of African nations;  
1-23 and

1-24 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense conducted a study in 2012  
1-25 that found maintaining AFRICOM headquarters stateside would cost  
1-26 \$60 million to \$70 million less per year; although relocation would  
1-27 involve expense, this expense could be recouped within two to six  
1-28 years; moreover, the relocation would create as many as 4,300  
1-29 additional jobs for United States residents, and it would have an  
1-30 annual impact on the local economy ranging from \$350 million to \$450  
1-31 million; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Should the defense department decide to relocate  
1-33 AFRICOM, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston would be an  
1-34 ideal home for the headquarters; the base features strong joint  
1-35 service military value of active duty, reserve, and guard units  
1-36 from all five United States armed services, some of which presently  
1-37 conduct training and operational missions for AFRICOM; it is also  
1-38 equipped to handle military aircraft, and the city boasts one of the  
1-39 nation's most vibrant ports; moreover, the community is  
1-40 exceptionally supportive of the military, and the Greater Houston  
1-41 area has strong cultural, educational, medical, and diplomatic ties  
1-42 with Africa; and

1-43 WHEREAS, The Government Accountability Office has concluded  
1-44 that the relocation of AFRICOM to the United States would generate  
1-45 tremendous cost savings and economic benefits, and Ellington Field  
1-46 Joint Reserve Base offers advantages that would enhance the  
1-47 effectiveness of the headquarters; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-49 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the  
1-50 Department of Defense to relocate the United States Africa Command  
1-51 to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-53 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
1-54 the secretary of the Department of Defense, to the president of the  
1-55 Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United  
1-56 States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to  
1-57 Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the  
1-58 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United  
1-59 States of America.

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