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Peter: Any  
questions, please  
call. Thanks,  
- Glenn

to talk directly with the LRB attorney who will draft the bill.  
e pages if necessary.

Legislator or agency requesting this draft:	Rep Pocan
Request:	Rep. Pocan; H.R. 8570
Draft:	Glenn; H.R. 8570

Describe the problem, including any helpful examples. How do you want to solve the problem?

Draft a resolution asking Congress  
to close the School of Americas

If you know of any statute sections that might be affected, please list them or provide a marked (not re-typed) copy.

Please attach a copy of any correspondence or material that may help us. You may also attach a marked (not re-typed) copy of any LRB draft, or provide its number (e.g., 1997 LRB-2345/1 or 1995 AB-67):

Attached

Requests are confidential unless stated otherwise.

May we tell others that we are working on this for you?  YES  NO

If yes, anyone who asks?  YES  NO

Any legislator?  YES  NO  ONLY the following persons:

Do you consider this urgent?  YES  NO If yes, please indicate why:

Is this request of higher priority than other pending request(s) you have made?

YES  NO If yes, please sign your name here:

**Relating to: memorializing Congress to close the School of the Americas.**

Whereas, the School of the Americas was established in Panama in 1946 and is presently located in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

Whereas, the School of the Americas has trained over 59,000 troops from Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception in 1946 and currently trains 900 to 2,000 such soldiers per year at Fort Benning, Georgia, at an annual cost to the American Taxpayers of nearly \$20,000,000; and

Whereas, it has been admitted that training manuals used for years by the School of the Americas have advocated execution, false imprisonment, physical abuse and other forms of torture; and

Whereas, many School of the Americas graduates have been involved in a wide range of human rights abuses; and

Whereas, 2 of the 3 Salvadoran officers cited as being responsible for the 1980 assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero were School of the Americas graduates, including death squad founder and leader Robert D'Aubuisson; and

Whereas, 10 of the 12 officers cited as being involved in the massacre of 900 civilians at El Mozote in El Salvador graduated from the School of the Americas; and

Whereas, 19 of the 26 officers cited in the November 1989 murder of 6 Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter in San Salvador, El Salvador, were School of the Americas graduates; and

Whereas, over half of the human rights violations and torture that occur in Colombia by military officials in this decade were performed by officials trained by the School of the Americas; and

Whereas, Guatemalan Colonel Julio Roberto Alpirez, a CIA asset who was implicated in the killings of U.S. citizen Michael Devine and Efraim Bamaca, husband of U.S. lawyer Jennifer Harbury, is a School of the Americas graduate; and

Whereas, the editorial boards of the Atlanta Constitution, Bangor Daily News, Boston Globe, The Capital Times, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Des Moines Register, New York Times, San Antonio Express-News and Syracuse Post-Standard, among others, have called for the closure of the School of the Americas; and

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Whereas, the Washington Post, in its November 26, 1997, edition stated, "over these years [the School of the Americas] is a school of horrors, a school of assassins, operating in our back yard with U.S. taxpayer money"; and

Whereas, the California chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has passed a resolution urging the closure of the School of the Americas, and the national organization is deliberating the same resolution; and

Whereas, there is growing opposition to the School of the Americas in the U.S. house of representatives; and

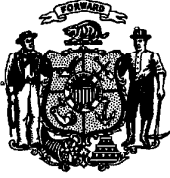
Whereas, in September 1998 the U.S. house of representatives came within 11 votes (201-212) of passing an amendment to the 1998 Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill that would have cut \$1,500,000 from the school's funding; and

Whereas, the U.S. house of representatives' vote represents a sharp contrast to votes in 1993 and 1994, when the school's reputation was not as widely known and when amendments to cut the school's funding were defeated by 82-vote and 42-vote margins; and

Whereas, among Wisconsin' 1998 delegation to Congress there was unanimous support of an amendment to the appropriations bill that would significantly cut the school's funding, 4 Republicans and 5 Democrats voting in favor of the amendment and none voting against it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly urges the President and the Congress of the United States to support the closure of the United States Army School of the Americas; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to President Clinton and to each member of this state's congressional delegation.  
(End)



## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561  
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 3/19/99

**To:** Representative Pocan

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-2541

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction \_\_\_\_\_

in the **Senate** \_\_\_\_ or the **Assembly**  (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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Telephone: (608) 266-7098