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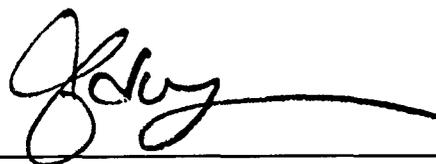
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WHEREAS, the Naval Support Activity military installation in New Orleans has been an extremely valuable military installation since 1903 when Theodore Roosevelt personally selected the site, and it is still currently providing essential support to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army units serving or who recently served in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the people of the city of New Orleans and the people of the state of Louisiana have warmly and strongly embraced the military personnel associated with this military installation as they have all of our men and women who serve in the military whether overseas or here at home; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana have for the past several years been working on a joint effort to help the Department of Defense greatly improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the New Orleans military installation while also attempting to create new economic development opportunities for the civilian community; and

WHEREAS, this joint effort has developed into a plan named the "federal city concept" whereby virtually all military units in the city of New Orleans including the Navy, Marine, and Army flag/general commands would be consolidated along with the 8th Coast Guard District headquarters and possibly a new regional Homeland Security headquarters

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onto the portion of the Naval Support Activity military installation located on the west bank of the Mississippi River; and

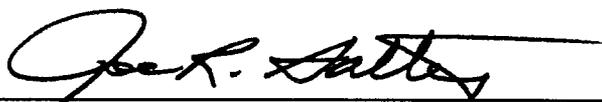
WHEREAS, the state would coordinate the building of new, "state-of-the-art" facilities for all these units at the present Naval Support Activity location which would include modern command centers, a secure joint use conference center, upgraded perimeter security, and force protection compliant buildings meeting the new post-9/11 standards; and

WHEREAS, the project would be funded by a combination of general obligation and/or revenue bonds issued by the state of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans, or other political subdivisions in conjunction with the state establishing a public-private venture entity to act as project developer with responsibility to design, finance, build, and operate Naval Support Activity facilities with lease payments from the tenants being used to cover the majority of debt service; and

WHEREAS, this expanded base would benefit the Department of Defense by saving the department military construction funds which can be used on other important projects and would also benefit the state with the opportunity to revitalize new civilian economic activities like cruise ship terminals, real estate development, and research/technology park expansion on the property that consolidating military units would vacate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Base Closure and Realignment Act Commission to favorably consider the "federal city concept" for expanding the Naval Support Activity military installation on the west bank of the Mississippi River in New Orleans by consolidating the Navy, Marine, and Army flag/general commands in the New Orleans area, moving in the 8th Coast Guard District headquarters, and possibly housing a new regional Homeland Security headquarters at the renovated military installation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Base Closure and Realignment Act Commission.



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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

