



# TOWNSHIP OF BRICK

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to urge you to keep Fort Monmouth open and remove it from the current list of bases looking to be closed as part of the current BRAC cycle.

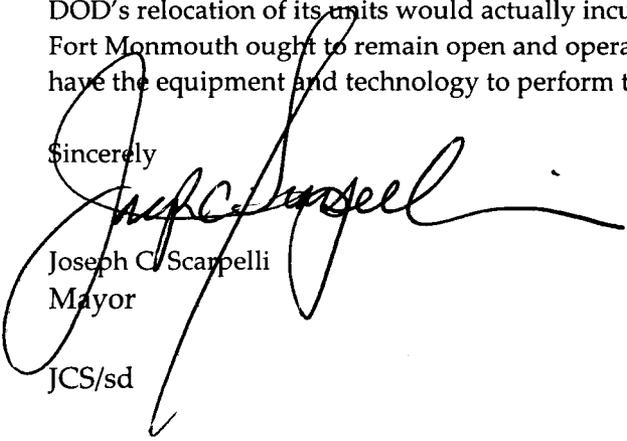
Fort Monmouth has been a vital part of our nation's defense since World War One. Our nation's soldiers from the trenches of France to the streets of Baghdad have benefited greatly from the technological innovations developed at Fort Monmouth. The soldiers and civilians who work at Fort Monmouth are on the forefront of technological developments in military communications, electronics and computers.

Unfortunately, Fort Monmouth was one of the installations selected by the Department of Defense for inclusion on the BRAC list. The Department proposes to relocate its operations to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Efforts are underway in Monmouth County to save Fort Monmouth from closure. One effort -- the Save Our Fort Committee --- is spearheaded by Congressmen Frank Pallone and Rush Holt. A coalition of community leaders and businessmen called the Patriot Alliance is also fighting to keep the fort open. Brick Township has joined the fight to keep Fort Monmouth open and hopefully all of these organizations attempts do not go to no avail.

Fort Monmouth provides our nation's armed forces with vital technological development. The DOD's relocation of its units would actually incur greater costs than if the Fort were to remain open. Fort Monmouth ought to remain open and operational, supporting our troops and ensuring that they have the equipment and technology to perform their missions successfully.

Sincerely

  
Joseph C. Scarpelli  
Mayor

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Monmouth has been an effective and vital piece of the United States defense dating back to the First World War; and,

**WHEREAS**, Many of our nations soldiers have benefited from this military base and the exemplary communications, and technology that exist on the base; and,

**WHEREAS**, Fort Monmouth is providing the United States military with the tools necessary to complete many successful missions throughout the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, Last month the Department of Defense selected Fort Monmouth for closure as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and,

**WHEREAS**, Relocating Fort Monmouth to a different location will only serve to unnecessarily disrupt the base's personnel from accomplishing their national security missions.

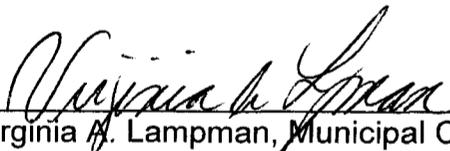
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:**

1. That the Township Council urges the members of the BRAC commission and officials in the Bush Administration to keep Fort Monmouth open so that it may continue to serve its purpose, which is training the nation's finest soldiers along with providing them with top of the line technological innovations and communications.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Virginia A. Lampman, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Brick, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Brick at a meeting of said Township Council on June 28, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this Township this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
Virginia A. Lampman, Municipal Clerk

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