



Resolution No.983-05

Council Members Jackson, Cimperman, Westbrook, Brady, Britt, Zone, Polensek, Sweeney, Coats, Pierce Scott, Reed, Gordon, Lewis, Cintron.

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Department of Defense and the Defense Finance & Accounting Services office (DFAS) to retain important federal defense jobs in Cleveland and supporting and encouraging the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in its advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by encouraging the retention of these jobs; and further committing Council's support and assistance to the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance in its efforts to reverse the Defense Department's recommendation to close Cleveland's DFAS office.

WHEREAS, Cleveland City Council has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, which is best accomplished through job creation and retention of current jobs in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance & Accounting Services (DFAS) employs more than 15,000 people at 25 processing centers worldwide distributing \$101 billion in FY 2003 and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants; and

WHEREAS, the DFAS has operated in Cleveland in different forms since 1942 and is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office has been the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the number of DFAS jobs currently located in downtown Cleveland is 1,200 with another 300 contractor jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office provides jobs that are vital to the health of the regional workforce and enriches the ranks of professionals in our City; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs could cost Greater Cleveland an estimated \$128 million, further eroding our regional and state tax base and endangering money for vital services, such as police and fire protection throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nation's preeminent financial service centers, home to the headquarters of several large commercial banks and the regional Federal Reserve, and perfectly situated for the work done at the Cleveland DFAS and should be able to provide this important service well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that 1,028 jobs currently performed by the Cleveland Defense Finance and Accounting Service in the Anthony Celebrezze Building be relocated to other cities; and

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WHEREAS the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners, including Cleveland City Council, to fight this recommendation and reverse this decision before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September 2005; and.

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council hereby urges the United States Department of Defense and the Defense Finance & Accounting Services office (DFAS) to retain important federal defense jobs in Cleveland and supports and encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in its advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by encouraging the retention of these jobs.

Section 2. That this Council further commits its support and assistance to the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance in its efforts to reverse the Defense Department's recommendation to close Cleveland's DFAS office.

Section 3. That the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representatives Tubbs-Jones, Kucinich, LaTourette, Senators DeWine and Voinovich, the appropriate representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense and the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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