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Resolution # 2005-62
Pike County Indiana Board of Commissioners

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- Whereas: This body promotes the good stewardship of government resources and appreciates the detailed and complex decisions facing the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission.
- Whereas: This body further appreciates the attention given to the Indiana Delegation at the St. Louis Hearing by the BRAC Commission and the personal visits to NSWC Crane and the Crane Army Ammunition Activity by members of the commission.
- Whereas: NSWC Crane and Crane AAA are vital to the military of the United States of America by providing high tech weaponry specialized for today's Special Forces Warfighters and sophisticated components vital to the continued operation of our land, air, and sea based military equipment and personnel.
- Whereas: Crane has been recognized for and developed a reputation for responsiveness, innovation, technical superiority, and affordability and these virtues have lead to the growth of Crane and the addition of more and various responsibilities as it relates to supporting today's soldiers and sailors.
- Whereas: This body is concerned that the realignment of Crane's specialized support of Special Forces Weaponry to China Lake, and Picattinny will now split the support of these programs to multiple bases and reduce the efficiency, add cost, and cause a loss of intellectual capital that could take years to replace thus creating a poor return on investment for the Crane realignment.
- Whereas: Data available on the Department of Defense web site (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it will cost \$150 Million to move 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. This board questions this expenditure and the worker relocation required of this work from NSWC Crane given that the ALQ-99 platform, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be removed from service in the year 2010. Thus the costs associated with this realignment outweigh the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Be it therefore resolved that the Pike County Indiana Board of Commissioners opposes the realignment of Crane as it pertains to the areas mentioned in this resolution; and that this vital information and statement of conditions regarding the NSWC Crane and Crane AAA be forwarded to members of the BRAC commission for their consideration. We urge the commission to apply just scrutiny to these unnecessary costs, poor return on investment, and note the inefficiency of government that will be inherent from the transfer of these operations from Crane during the 2005 BRAC process.

Approved by the Pike County Indiana Board of Commissioners this 15th Day of August 2005.

 Steve Stidd, Commission President

Mark Flint

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Attest: Sharon Booth
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