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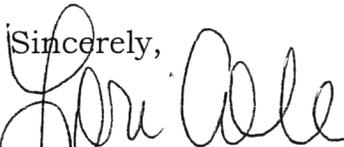
June 20, 2005

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

Enclosed for your consideration is a certified copy of Resolution No. R-05-73 – *Resolution Opposing the Closure of Fort Monmouth* – adopted by the Borough Council on June 1st.

Sincerely,

Lori Cole, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk

/llc

Enclosure

cc: Base Realignment & Closure Commission (w/enc.)
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202
Monmouth County Municipalities (w/enc.)

6/1/05

Councilmember BOGLIOLI offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF FORT MONMOUTH

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2005, the Department of Defense announced that it was recommending the closure of more than 30 major military bases in the United States, including Fort Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth, which has been in service since 1917, is the largest employer in Monmouth County, with over 5,000 military and civilian personnel; and

WHEREAS, local officials say that the Fort contributes \$3 billion to the local and State economies, and its closure would not only put thousands of people out of work, but would also have a devastating impact on local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth, which is home to the Army's Communications and Electronics Command, has long been at the forefront of developing state-of-the-art battlefield technology, including many devices currently being used by our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth's contributions to the war in Iraq include electronic jamming devices to interfere with the detonation of roadside bombs, airborne sensors to provide troops with radar images of both stationary and moving targets, and fielding systems to locate enemy artillery pieces and prevent friendly fire casualties; and

WHEREAS, keeping Fort Monmouth open is not only vital to the economy of the State and the County, but also to our nation's efforts in Iraq and the war on terror;

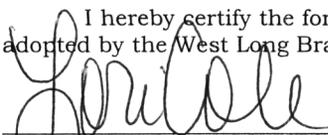
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, strongly condemns the inclusion of Fort Monmouth on the base closure list submitted by the Department of Defense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and all Monmouth County municipalities.

Seconded by Councilmember COOPER and carried upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: BOGLIOLI, COOPER, DEITCH, MUNSON, TUCCI, WOOLLEY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of the original resolution as adopted by the West Long Branch Borough Council on June 1, 2005.


BOROUGH CLERK