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July 20, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman of the B.R.A.C.  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St. Suite 600  
Arlington, Va 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

The New Jersey General Assembly has adopted the following resolution:

Assembly Resolution No. 278 which condemns inclusion of Fort Monmouth on base closure list.

In accordance with the directions contained therein, I am forwarding a copy to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Riebe".

Christine Riebe  
Clerk of the General Assembly

Enclosure  
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# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 278

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 2005

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**SYNOPSIS**

Condemns inclusion of Fort Monmouth on base closure list.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION condemning the inclusion of Fort  
2 Monmouth on the base closure list submitted by the Department of  
3 Defense.

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Keeping Fort Monmouth open is not only vital to our  
27 State's economy, but also to our nation's efforts in Iraq and the war  
28 on terror; now, therefore,

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30 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
31 *Jersey:*

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33 1. This House strongly condemns the inclusion of Fort Monmouth  
34 on the base closure list submitted by the Department of Defense.

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36 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
37 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the  
38 General Assembly, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense and  
39 the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

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STATEMENT

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43 This resolution strongly condemns the inclusion of Fort Monmouth  
44 on the base closure list submitted by the Department of Defense. Fort  
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1 employer in Monmouth County, with over 5,000 military and civilian  
2 personnel. The fort contributes \$3 billion to the local and state  
3 economies, and its closure would not only impact thousands of  
4 workers, but also devastate area businesses. Fort Monmouth is home  
5 to the Army's Communications and Electronics Command, which has  
6 long been at the forefront of developing state-of-the-art battlefield  
7 technology, including devices currently being used by our troops in  
8 Iraq and Afghanistan to disable roadside bombs, track enemy artillery  
9 movements, and prevent friendly fire casualties. Keeping Fort  
10 Monmouth open is not only vital to our State's economy, but also to  
11 our nation's efforts in Iraq and the war on terror.