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6TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3006

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BRAC Commission

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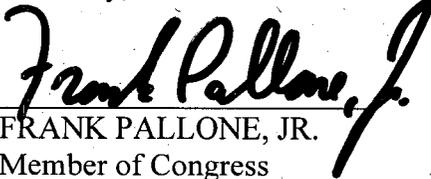
U.S. Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Government Relations
Polk Building, Suites 600 and 625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to submit, for your records, several resolutions written by the local townships surrounding Fort Monmouth Army Garrison in Eatontown, NJ. As you know, Fort Monmouth has been recommended for closure by the Department of Defense. These resolutions express the respective towns' support for keeping Fort Monmouth open.

I would appreciate if these resolutions were posted on the Base Realignment and Closure website. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. If you have any further questions please contact Tim Del Monico in my office at 202-225-4671.

Sincerely,


FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress



NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE

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CHRISTINE RIEBE

Clerk of the General Assembly

February 2, 2005

The Honorable Frank Pallone Jr.
Congressman
House of Representatives
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pallone:

The New Jersey General Assembly has adopted the following resolution:

Assembly Resolution No. 162 which urges Congress and Department of Defense to keep open New Jersey military bases.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Riebe".

Christine Riebe
Clerk of the General Assembly

Enclosure
CR/md

JUN 23 2005



RESOLUTION 111-2005

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FORT MONMOUTH

-RH
-Steve
-Jim
-Pat
~~ABCD~~

WHEREAS in 1917, Camp Little Silver was established, for the training of the 1st and 2nd Reserve Signal Battalions. It was renamed Camp Alfred Vail shortly after its establishment and in 1919, after the Signal Corps School relocated there from Fort Leavenworth, the Chief Signal Officer authorized the purchase of Camp Vail. The installation was granted permanent status and was renamed Fort Monmouth in August 1925 in honor of the soldiers of the American Revolution who died in the battle of Monmouth Court House.; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth is rich in history and was the forerunner of the Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force who had its roots at Fort Monmouth. In 1928, the first radio-equipped meteorological balloon soared into the upper reaches of the atmosphere, a forerunner of a weather sounding technique universally used today. In 1938, the first U.S. aircraft detection radar was developed there. In 1946, space communications was proved feasible when the Diana Radar was used to bounce electronic signals off the moon. It housed the Signal Corps Intelligence Unit, Pigeon Breeding and Training Center, which was discontinued in 1957 due to, advances in communication systems and in 1958, the Patterson Army Health Clinic, was dedicated. The Patterson Clinic is now home to Monmouth County's first Veterans' Affairs Health Clinic; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth is now the home of the Communications-Electronics Lifecycle Management Command (CE LCMC) and the major organizations that are now located at Fort Monmouth include the Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications Tactical (PEO C3T), and the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEWS). These organizations, together with the Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) and the Communications, Engineering, Research and Development Center employ 5,085 civilian and 467 military personnel and have 2,500 contractors working on post.

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth generates \$3.24 billion dollars in economic activity and supports more than 22,000 jobs through out the state, and its closure would be a devastating blow the state's economy and would result in the loss of nearly 10,000 military and civilian jobs at the post and in its vicinity,

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

November 24, 2004

TO: Congressmen Christopher Smith,
Rush Holt, Frank Pallone, and
James Saxton

Enclosed please find the following: Certified copy of Resolution
04-922 adopted by The Board of Chosen Freeholders at its Public
Meeting held November 23, 2004.

These are transmitted as checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Files	<input type="checkbox"/> For Approval
<input type="checkbox"/> For Your Action	<input type="checkbox"/> For Your Information
<input type="checkbox"/> As Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Remarks

Sincerely Yours,

James S. Gray
James S. Gray
Clerk of the Board

JSG:da
Enclosure(s)

"SEPTEMBER 2d, 1609 THIS IS A VERY GOOD LAND TO FALL IN WITH AND A PLEASANT LAND TO SEE."

Entry in the log of Hendrik Hudson's Ship Half Moon made after the Dutch Explorer became
the first European to come ashore in what later was known as Monmouth County

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PATRIOTS ALLIANCE, INC. AND
THE SAVE OUR FORT COMMITTEE
IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT
FORT MONMOUTH IS NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THE FORTHCOMING
FEDERAL BASE RELOCATION AND CLOSING ACTIONS

Freeholder STOMINSKI offered the following resolution
and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Fort Monmouth's Community's contributions to the
Nation's Warfighters have been unparalleled since its beginnings in
1917 to the present day; and

WHEREAS, in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi
Freedom, the capabilities provided by the Fort Monmouth Team
included radar which pinpoints the enemy's artillery and mortar
locations and permits our counter-fire to destroy the enemy's
weapons, an electronic jammer, which causes enemy artillery rounds
to pre-detonate harmlessly in the air, a GPS-based system that
identifies the location of all friendly forces and provides
navigation capabilities, an all computer-based Command and Control
Systems at all echelons within the Army and at Command Joint HQ,
and all communications systems and equipment for the Army; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Monmouth Community, through application of
the Army's technology, systems and equipment, has furnished major
initiatives in support of our nation's anti-terrorist capabilities.
Since 9/11, the following have been initiated:

- Governor's designation: NJ Center for Homeland
Defense Technologies and Security Readiness

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders fully realizes the extremely important role played by Fort Monmouth and the Fort Monmouth Community for the economic well-being of everyone in Monmouth County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth strongly supports the Patriots Alliance, Inc. and the Save Our Fort Committee in their efforts to make certain that Fort Monmouth is not negatively affected by the forthcoming Federal Base Relocation and Closing Actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board strongly seeks to support the entire Monmouth County Community in this cause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to Congressmen Christopher Smith, Rush Holt, Frank Pallone, and James Saxon, the Patriots Alliance, Inc., the Save Our Fort Committee, and the Mayors and Governing Bodies of Eatontown, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury, Oceanport, and Little Silver.

Seconded by Freeholder POWERS and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Stominski	X			
Mrs. Handlin	X			
Mr. Powers	X			
Mr. Narozanick	X			
Mr. Larrison				X

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD NOV 23 2004

James S. King
CLERK

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the residents of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands do not support the proposed closure of Fort Monmouth and encourage Congressmen Frank Pallone, Rush Holt and Christopher Smith along with United States Senators Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg to educate the Department of Defense, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commissioners on the significance of Fort Monmouth's continuing contribution to the military, and that the closing of Fort Monmouth would not only have sever economic effect but may endanger our national security.

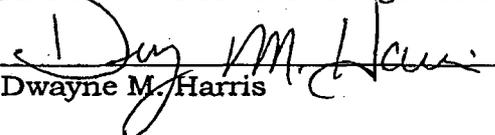
This Resolution was offered and moved by Council member Archibald, seconded by Council member Nolan and adopted on June 8, 2005 as follows:

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola

NAYS: Council members

ABSTAIN:

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body at its meeting held June 8, 2005. WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands this 9th day of June 2005.


Dwayne M. Harris

TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD

JUN 28 2005

MAYOR
David M. Salkin
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Eugene B. Golub, Deputy Mayor
Anthony J. Ammiano
Dorothy H. Avallone
Raymond A. Kershaw

"Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life"

Steve

June 17, 2005

Hon. Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: R-05-129

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

The Township Committee of the Township of Freehold adopted the above-referenced resolution at its June 14, 2005 meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, enclosed please find a certified copy.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,



Romeo Cascaes
Township Clerk

RC/taw

Encl.

CC:

Hon. F. Lautenberg
Hon. C. Smith
Hon. R. Holt
Hon. E. Karcher
Hon. M. Panter
Hon. R. Morgan
Hon. R. Codey
Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Commanding Officer, Fort Monmouth
Commanding Officer, Earle Naval Base



Resolution of the Township of Freehold

Monmouth County, New Jersey

No: R-05-129

Date of Adoption: June 14, 2005

**TITLE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING CLOSING OF FORT MONMOUTH AND
REALIGNMENT OF EARLE NAVAL BASE**

--- RESOLUTION ---

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense released, on May 12, 2005, the Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) Report; and,

WHEREAS, said BRAC Report recommends base closures or realignments of military installations throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, said BRAC Report recommended the complete closure of Fort Monmouth and the realignment of Earle Naval Base; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of Fort Monmouth will result in the loss of 5,552 jobs, while the realignment of Earle Naval Base will result in a net loss of 61 positions; and,

WHEREAS, the economic loss to Monmouth County and the State of New Jersey has been calculated at \$3.24 billion if Fort Monmouth is closed, and a civilian payroll loss of over \$10 million if Earle Naval Base is realigned; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of Fort Monmouth and realignment of Earle Naval Base is not in the best interests of the Country, State, and County; and,

WHEREAS, said closure and realignment will have a severe impact on State, County and local economies, is not in the best interests of National security during a time when our Nation is at war, and may not result in the savings calculated by the Department of Defense;

WHEREAS, The Veterans Hospital should not be closed at the Fort regardless of whether the Fort is closed or not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Freehold that it strongly and emphatically opposes the closure of Fort Monmouth and realignment of Earle Naval Base, and urges all Federal, State, County and Local Officials to oppose said closure and realignment by all available means;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the within Resolution shall be forwarded to:

1. Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
2. Honorable U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg
3. Honorable U.S. Congressman Christopher Smith
4. Honorable U.S. Congressman Rush Holt
5. Honorable State Legislators Serving Freehold Township
6. Honorable Governor Richard Codey
7. Honorable Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders
8. Commanding Officer, Fort Monmouth
9. Commanding Officer, Earle Naval Base

R-05-129

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held June 14, 2005.

Signed: *Romeo Casares* Date: June 17, 2005

Township Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-99

JUN 24 2005

**RESOLUTION URGING THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION
TO REJECT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PENTAGON
TO CLOSE FORT MONMOUTH**

WHEREAS, the Pentagon on May 13, 2005, proposed shutting down Fort Monmouth, the 80 year old Central jersey Army Electronics and Communications Research installation and one of the largest among the 33 military installations across the Nation recommended for closure, to same money and improve military readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Pentagon predicted that closing Fort Monmouth would have broad implications for the region's economy between 2006 and 2011, including the loss of 620 military jobs, 4,652 civilian positions at the installation and 4,465 jobs that indirectly support the bases and its missions; and

WHEREAS, with more than 5,000 workers, Fort Monmouth estimates that it has an economic impact of about \$3.2 billion in payroll and indirect benefits due to the demands for goods and services from area businesses, and if it closes, that jobs would be moved to other states; and

WHEREAS, Major General Michael R. Mazzucchi, Fort Monmouth's Commanding General announced that the recommendations are not binding on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth, with its 5,085 civilian and 467 military employees ranks among the County's top employers; and

WHEREAS, the closing of Fort Monmouth would potentially create a disaster to the network of defense contractors involved with the post and many companies would be forced to relocate or in some cases, close; 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, Fort Monmouth estimates that it is responsible for 22,774 jobs statewide and pumps a staggering \$3.24 billion a year into New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, the State Commerce Economic Growth & Tourism Commission has reported that the Fort supports more than 22,000 jobs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, this base is vital to our national security and critical to protecting our nation in the on-going war on terror and its missions contribute to the safety of every single American; and

WHEREAS, the Pentagon plan would move most of Fort Monmouth's jobs and its primary functions - electronic research and development, and communications and information systems - to Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, members of the Commission reviewing the Pentagon's proposal to close Fort Monmouth are concerned that the Army will have a tough time replicating its highly technical work at another base in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, it is highly likely that most civilian researchers at the New Jersey Post simply are not going to uproot their families if the Army transfers its communications and electronics research center from Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, if the Fort closes Eatontown taxpayers may see their school taxes rise and the district lose a long-standing partnership with the Post; and

WHEREAS, keeping Fort Monmouth open is particularly vital to the economy of Monmouth County and extremely important as it relates to our Nations's efforts in Iraq and the war on terror.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Lake Como of the County of Monmouth strongly condemns the inclusion of Fort Monmouth on the Base Closure List submitted by the Pentagon and respectfully urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reject the recommendation of the Pentagon to close Fort Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Acting Governor Richard Codey, United States Senators John Corzine and Frank Lautenberg, the Congressional Delegation from New Jersey, the legislative Delegation from Monmouth County, and the Mayors and Governing Bodies of each municipality in Monmouth County.

Offered by Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

and adopted on roll call by the following

vote:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Witte	X			
Councilman G. Giresi	X			
Councilman Chappelle	X			
Councilwoman Jones	X			
Councilman Wolfe	X			
Councilwoman R. Giresi	X			

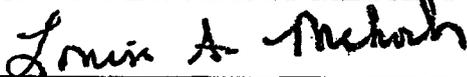
Dated: JUNE 21, 2005



Lawrence G. Chiaravallo
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF
A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21, 2005



Louise A. Mekosh, CMR, RMC, CMFO
Borough Clerk/Administrator

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GERALD J. TARANTOLO

Council
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Phone: (732) 389-7600
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June 21, 2005

*Congressman Rush Holt
50 Washington Road
West Windsor, NJ 08850*

Re: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REQUIREMENT FOR IN-DEPTH
REVIEW BY THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE
POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE INCLUSION
OF FORT MONMOUTH ON DOD PROPOSED CLOSURE LIST**

Dear Congressman Holt:

*A copy of a resolution passed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown on
June 8, 2005 regarding the above matter, is hereby submitted for your review and
consideration.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 732-389-7600.

Yours truly,

Valerie I. Sapienza

Valerie I Sapienza
Deputy Borough Clerk

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127-2005

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REQUIREMENT FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEW BY THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE INCLUSION OF FORT MONMOUTH ON DOD PROPOSED CLOSURE LIST

WHEREAS, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 stipulates that Closure and realignment decisions must be based upon selection criteria developed by the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Final Selections Criteria requires the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to consider the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations in its selection of military installations to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth is the Army's premier center for research and development in communications, electronics, and network-centric warfare, supported by a highly educated skilled people that have proven expertise that cannot be replaced by transferring their work elsewhere or by contracting out to private laboratories; and the loss of more than 5,300 people employed by Fort Monmouth due to closure will have a significant impact on the unemployment rate and tax revenues in the region; and

WHEREAS, the West Gate of Fort Monmouth is located in the Borough of Eatontown and the Fort Monmouth community had been a part of the culture of Eatontown for many years and the potential closing of Fort Monmouth will affect 650 Eatontown families who will have their employment directly impacted, the Borough of Eatontown school system which will lose 220 military dependent students that currently attend Eatontown schools, the Eatontown Recreation Department which will lose many of those same children who now participate in Recreation programs and the Eatontown Emergency Services which lose the mutual aid and assistance in the areas of emergency services now provided by Fort Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of disposable income due to the closure of Fort Monmouth will impact Eatontown shops, supermarkets, restaurants, service establishments and business in general; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in spending of such a significant amount would likely cause some marginal business to fail, resulting in the loss in tax revenues, subsequently raising property taxes for Eatontown residents and the business community; and

WHEREAS, as significant an issue as the loss of on-site employment, is the number of defense contractors operating from offices in Eatontown that would likely be vacated should Fort Monmouth be closed, thereby, affecting the value of office buildings, resulting in a reduction in the tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, BRAC elected to hold the required public hearing on the closure of Fort Monmouth one hundred and seventy five miles from Fort Monmouth, thereby, limiting public comment by Eatontown residents and members of the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown on behalf of the residential and business community of the Borough of Eatontown that will be potentially impacted by the proposed closure of Fort Monmouth and that are precluded from attending the public hearing in Baltimore on July 8, 2005, endorses the Department of Defense requirement for in depth review by BRAC of its recommendation to close Fort Monmouth and the United States Government Accountability observation that BRAC has an obligation to use specific models for assessing the potential economic impact on communities affected by the closure of Fort Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the community of the Borough of Eatontown objects to the addition of Fort Monmouth to the BRAC closure list that is based on the Final Selections Criteria focused more on assessing military value based on military missions and operational capabilities without recognizing important support capabilities such as research, development, test, and evaluation.

OFFERED: COUNCILMAN LEWIS
SECONDED: COUNCILMAN DAVIS

ROLL CALL

APPROVED: LEWIS DAVIS HOPKINS EISEN

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE
THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY



PO BOX 7420
419 SYCAMORE AVE.
SHREWSBURY, NJ 07702
TELEPHONE 732-741-4200
FAX 732-741-6549

True - copy
for record

JUN 6 2005

**RESOLUTION #2005-87
SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REQUIREMENT FOR
IN-DEPTH REVIEW BY THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE INCLUSION OF FORT
MONMOUTH ON DOD PROPOSED CLOSURE LIST**

WHEREAS, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 stipulates that closure and realignment decisions must be based upon selection criteria developed by the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Final Selections Criteria requires the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to consider the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations in its selection of military installations to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth is the Army's premier center for research and development in communications, electronics, and network-centric warfare, supported by a highly educated skilled people that have proven expertise that cannot be replaced by transferring their work elsewhere or by contracting out to private laboratories; and the loss of more than 5,300 people employed by Fort Monmouth due to closure will have a significant impact on the unemployment rate and tax revenues in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury is located on Fort Monmouth's northern boundary, four tenths of a mile from Fort Monmouth's main gate, with a two mile commercial district of shops, restaurants, service establishments and office buildings; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of disposable income due to the closure of Fort Monmouth will impact Shrewsbury shops, supermarkets, restaurants, service establishments and business in general; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in spending of such a significant amount would likely cause some marginal business to fail, resulting in the loss in tax revenues, subsequently raising property taxes for Shrewsbury residents and the business community; and

WHEREAS, as significant an issue as the loss of on-site employment, is the number of defense and maintenance contractors operating from offices in Shrewsbury that would likely be vacated should Fort Monmouth be closed, thereby, affecting the value of office buildings, resulting in a reduction in the tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, BRAC elected to hold the required public hearing on the closure of Fort Monmouth one hundred and seventy five miles from Fort Monmouth, thereby, limiting public comment by Shrewsbury residents and members of the business community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, on behalf of the residential and business community of the Borough of Shrewsbury that will be potentially impacted by the proposed closure of Fort Monmouth and that are precluded from attending the public hearing in Baltimore on July 8, 2005, endorses the Department of Defense requirement for in-depth review by BRAC of its recommendation to close Fort Monmouth and the United States Government Accountability observation that BRAC has an obligation to use specific models for assessing the potential economic impact on communities affected by the closure of Fort Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the community of the Borough of Shrewsbury objects to the addition of Fort Monmouth to the BRAC closure list that is based on the Final Selections Criteria focused more on assessing military value based on military missions and operational capabilities without recognizing important support capabilities such as research, development, test, and evaluation.

I, Lynn A. Spillane, Clerk of the Borough of Shrewsbury, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at a meeting held on June 6, 2005.

DATE: 6-6-05

Lynn A. Spillane
Lynn A. Spillane, RMC - Municipal Clerk

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 162

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 13, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MICHAEL PANTER
District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)
Assemblyman ROBERT MORGAN
District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)
Assemblyman LARRY CHATZIDAKIS
District 8 (Burlington)
Assemblyman HERBERT CONAWAY, JR.
District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Holzapel, Rumpf, Connors, Corodemus, Gibson, Blee,
Conover, Thompson, Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblymen Gregg,
S.Kean, Pennacchio, Dancer, Wolfe, DeCroce, Bodine, Malone, Van Drew,
Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez, Assemblymen Eagler and Connors

SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress and Department of Defense to keep open New Jersey military bases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on December 13, 2004.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/25/2005)

AR162 [1R] PANTER, MORGAN

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1 AN **ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging Congress and the Department of
2 Defense to keep open all of New Jersey's military bases.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress has authorized a Base
5 Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative for 2005 to consolidate,
6 realign, or find alternative uses for current military facilities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, This will be the fifth such initiative since 1988, and will be
8 the largest round of cuts yet, encompassing an estimated 20 to 25
9 percent of all facilities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, ¹**[**Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld**]** The Department
11 of Defense¹ is planning to close at least 100 of the nation's 425
12 military bases, totaling more than the four previous rounds
13 combined; and

14 **WHEREAS**, There are seven federal bases located in various parts of
15 this State that may be subject to closure or reduction; and

16 **WHEREAS**, These military bases are vital to our national security
17 interests, especially in this time of global conflict; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The bases are also a valuable asset to New Jersey's
19 economy, and have a positive impact on our communities; now,
20 therefore,

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22 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
23 Jersey:

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25 1. This House urges Congress and the Department of Defense to
26 keep open all of New Jersey's military bases.

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28 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
29 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested to by the Clerk thereof,
30 shall be transmitted to each member of New Jersey's Congressional
31 delegation and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted December 13, 2004.

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.

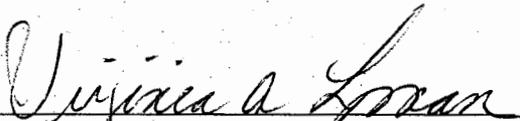
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

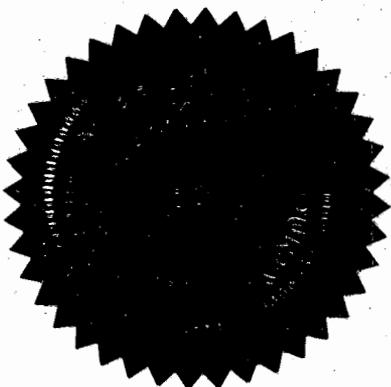
1. That the Township Council urges the members of the BRAC commission and officials in the Bush Administration to keep Fort Monmouth open so that it may continue to serve its purpose, which is training the nation's finest soldiers along with providing them with top of the line technological innovations 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 28th day of June, 2005.


Virginia A. Lampman, Municipal Clerk



Township of Brick
Ocean County, New Jersey