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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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TO: See Attached List

Enclosed please find the following: Certified copy of Resolution 05-396 adopted by The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its Public Meeting held May 26, 2005.

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Sincerely Yours,

James S. Gray  
Clerk of the Board

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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

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission

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Resolution No. 05-396

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

Freeholder CLIFTON offered the following resolution  
and moved its adoption:

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 save 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

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 Nation's efforts in Iraq and the war on terror.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders 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 Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg, the Congressional Delegation from

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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

New Jersey, the Legislative Delegation from Monmouth County, and the Mayors and Governing Bodies of each municipality in Monmouth County.

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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Clifton	X			
Mr. Barham	X			
Mr. Narozanick				X
Mrs. Handlin	X			
Mr. Powers	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 May 26 2005

John J. King  
CLERK