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3 June 2005

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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Principi:

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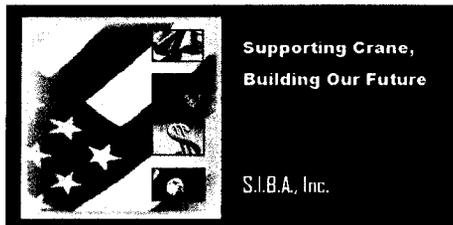
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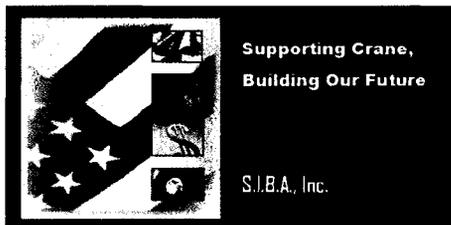
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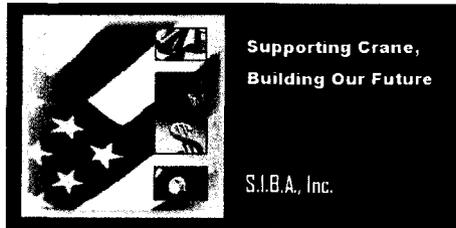
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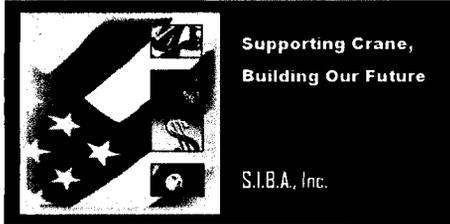
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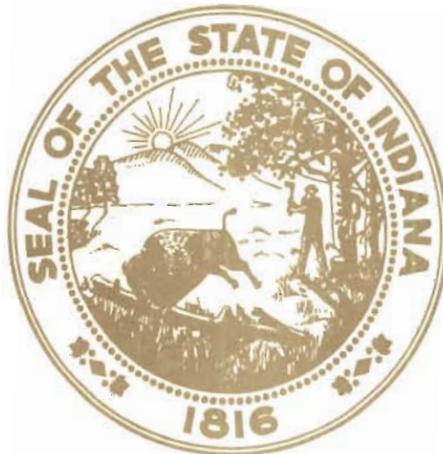
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# State of Indiana



## Indiana General Assembly

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

Introduced by Representative:

Eric Koch, Dave Crooks, Peggy Welch, Matt Pierce, Bruce Borders, Troy Woodruff

Adopted by voice vote on April 26, 2005, during the First Regular Session of the 114<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION expressing support for Naval Support Activity Crane.

WHEREAS, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane is a "Best Value Defense Installation" for the 21st century, unique with its mission and physical capabilities and well-suited for like mission consolidation;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane, a joint Army-Navy installation, supports all branches of the service with technical and industrial support in weapons, munitions, and pyrotechnic products, and like support for Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force electronics and electronic warfare systems;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane has extraordinary diversity in developing, testing, prototyping, acquiring, producing, maintaining, overhauling, and upgrading weapons, munitions, pyrotechnics, electronics, and electronic warfare technologies and products;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane products are essential to every Navy airplane, ship, submarine, and SEAL team, various Air Force planes, many Army and Marine Corps vehicles, and the Special Operating Force Command Units;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane is especially relevant to the global war on terror with its agile, adaptable responsiveness to rapidly changing warfighter requirements;

WHEREAS, Crane's weapons, ordnance, electronics, and electronic warfare expertise parallels USSOCOM, SPECWARCOM, and Marine Corps demands;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane is a "Best Buy Installation" because of its aggressive business and process re-engineering practices, its placement in a high-quality, low-cost area, and its low labor rates, all of which secured Crane the Department of Defense Installation of the Year (2002) and Value Engineering (2004) awards;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane has no encroachment from the surrounding communities nor does Crane's mission interrupt, disrupt, or disturb the surrounding communities with its ordnance operations, open air detonation, high power microwave emissions, and ordnance safety arcs;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane is strategically situated in a sparsely populated area of southern Indiana, presenting a low profile target to terrorist attack, yet benefitting from close proximity to excellent interstate, rail, and major air transportation;

WHEREAS, NSA Crane has enormous potential to expand its mission because of its 63,000 acres, its millions of square feet of operation and storage capacity, its aggressive military construction program, and its facilities worth \$3.3 billion; and

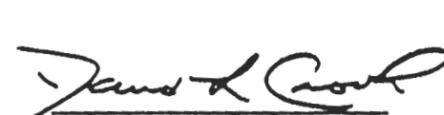
WHEREAS, NSA Crane exerts significant, positive impact on its community through competitive wages and major contributions of human resources, which is proudly acknowledged by Indiana in a 2004 unanimous joint resolution and the Military Base Protection Act of 2005 that ensures future encroachment-free operations:

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

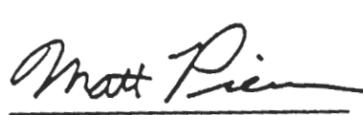
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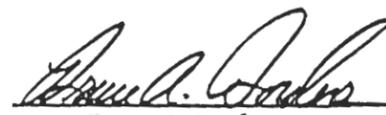
SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Southern Indiana Business Alliance, and the commander of NSA Crane.

  
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David L. Crooks  
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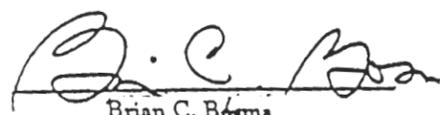
  
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