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TO: DONALD RUMSFELD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION
MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

FROM: ALLYSON M. CINQUEGRANA, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK *Allysm*

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 142-2005
OPPOSE CLOSURE OF FORT MONMOUTH

Attached please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 142-2005 adopted by Mayor and Council at their July 19, 2005 Meeting.

Councilman Keeler introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution:

**BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT
RESOLUTION NO. 142-2005
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, the relocation of the Army's Communication Electronics Command to another base would disrupt this vital and time sensitive research and development program; and

WHEREAS, long before the actual close of Fort Monmouth, should the closure take place, members of this vital research and development team who do not intend to make a move may seek other employment opportunities; 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 Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey strongly urges reconsideration of the recommendation to close Fort Monmouth; 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.

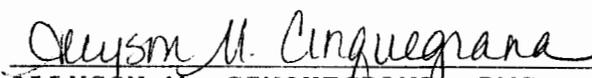
Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and approved upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Craig, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Long, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I, Allyson M. Cinquegrana, do hereby certify the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey at a meeting held on July 19, 2005.


ALLYSON M. CINQUEGRANA, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk