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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legs. Renae Kimble, Sean J. O'Connor, DATE: 5/17/05 RESOLUTION # IL-034-05
(Amended)

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APPROVED BY	REVIEWED BY	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION		
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	_____	Approved: Ayes _____	Abs. _____	Noes <u>0</u>
_____	_____	_____	Rejected: Ayes _____	Abs. _____	Noes _____
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SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission has included the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on its list for consideration of closure in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the effect of that closure would be devastating to the Western New York Community and especially Niagara County, including serious national and local security issues, and adverse social and economic impacts on the County (with the economic impact on Western New York exceeding \$150,000,000 annually), and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Air Reserve Station is the second largest employer in Niagara County, employing nearly 3,000 people and the closure of this Base would mean the loss of these crucial jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Combined Annual Payroll of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exceeds \$50,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the estimated Annual Payroll of Indirect Jobs created by the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exceeds \$20,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station generates fully 10% of Niagara County's overall net income, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station's proximity to the United States-Canadian International Border serves an integral and strategic security function for the Northeastern United States, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature urges the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission and the United States Department of Defense, for the above noted reasons, to remove the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from the 2005 closure list, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission, President George W. Bush, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Congressman Thomas Reynolds, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Congressman Brian Higgins, Governor George E. Pataki, State Senator George Maziarz, State Senator Byron Brown, State Senator Dale Volker, Assemblywoman Sandra Lee Wirth, Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte, Assemblyman Charles Nesbitt, Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, Assemblyman Jim Hayes, City of Niagara Falls Mayor Vincenzo Anello, City of Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Town of Wheatfield Supervisor Timothy Demler, Town of Niagara Supervisor Steven Richards, NFARS Public Affairs Spokesman Neil Nolf, and NIMAC Chairman Merrell Lane, and that a response be requested from each official.

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