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Introduced by: Mr. Tansey
Co-sponsor: All of Council
Date: May 24, 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 05-112

URGING THE FEDERAL BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION TO REMOVE THE DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD BASE IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY FROM CLOSURE CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (the "B.R.A.C.") has identified the Delaware National Guard Base (the "Base") in New Castle County as under consideration for closure and/or realignment; and

WHEREAS, the B.R.A.C. has recommended that the New Castle County Air National Guard Base be realigned resulting in a loss of all currently possessed aircraft, 47 full time military personnel, 101 full time civilian personnel, 485 Guard military positions, and the relocation of 39 firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the realignment would result in a direct economic loss of over of \$28.7 million annually for civilian, fulltime military, and Guard military positions as well as operations and maintenance expenditures; and

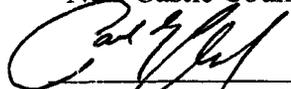
WHEREAS, the financial well being of an assortment of businesses surrounding the Base relies heavily on services provided to Base personnel and infrastructure and the Base is therefore an integral component of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of Base firefighters would create serious voids in fire service delivery in New Castle County, adversely impact the Federal Aviation Administration's rating allowing commercial air service at the New Castle County Airport, and create significant safety risks for the County in the event of natural or other disasters; and

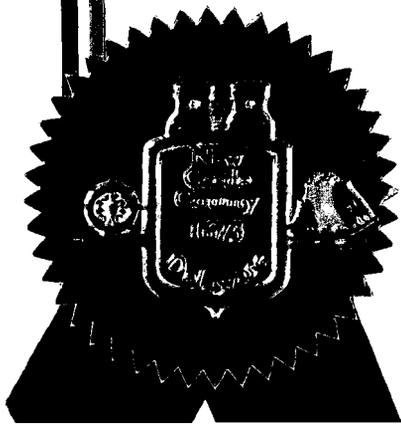
WHEREAS, the realignment and/or closure of the Base would have a considerable negative economic and social impact on the public welfare, safety, and standard of living of the citizens and workforce of New Castle County that would be felt for decades to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the County Council of New Castle County hereby most strongly urges the federal B.R.A.C. to reconsider its recommendation and consideration for the closure and/or realignment of the Delaware National Guard Base at the New Castle County Airport.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on 5/24/05



President of Council
Paul G. Clark



RES. 05-037

Wilmington, Delaware
July 14, 2005

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WHEREAS, the Delaware Air National Guard Base located in New Castle County Airport is the home of the 166th Airlift Wing with a history at the facility dating back to World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware National Guard is the "Hometown Force" for Delaware and plays a vital role in homeland security in New Castle County by providing a secured, controlled access facility at the New Castle Airport protected fulltime by the 166th Security Forces Squadron; and

WHEREAS, the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission has indicated that the Delaware National Guard Base in New Castle County is under consideration for closure and/or realignment; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission has recommended that the New Castle County Air National Guard Base be realigned resulting in a loss of all aircraft, 47 full time personnel, 101 full time civilians, 485 military Guard positions and the relocation of 39 firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the realignment could result in at least a \$28.7 million dollar direct loss to civilians, direct military and military Guard positions as well as the operations and maintenance expenditures; and

WHEREAS, businesses surrounding the New Castle County Air National Guard Base rely heavily on services provided to Base personnel thus making the Base an integral part of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Base firefighters will create a void in fire service delivery in New Castle County and adversely impact the Federal Aviation Administration's rating allowing commercial air service at the New Castle County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Base firefighters will create a safety risk for the County in the event of a natural disaster or other disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council hereby requests that the Delaware Congressional Delegation request that the Federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission reconsider its recommendation for the closure and/or realignment of the Delaware National Guard Base at the New Castle County Airport.

Passed by City Council
July 14, 2005

ATTEST Maribel Ruiz
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 13th
day of July, 2005

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Assistant City Solicitor