

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1002*

Sponsors: Representatives Nichols; Edwards, Grady, Preston, Snowden, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 2, 1995

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING NORTH CAROLINA'S CONGRESSIONAL
2 DELEGATION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THE TRANSFER OF
3 THE F-18 AIRCRAFT WING FROM THE NAVAL AIR STATION CECIL FIELD,
4 FLORIDA, TO THE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, NORTH
5 CAROLINA.

6 Whereas, the decision of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to
7 transfer the F-18 Aircraft Wing from the Naval Air Station Cecil Field in Florida to the
8 Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point was based on the following criteria:

- 9 (1) Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point has higher "Military Value";
10 (2) Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point selection would alleviate
11 concerns regarding future environmental and land use problems;
12 (3) Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point selection dovetails with and
13 enhances joint navy and marine corps doctrine of employment of navy
14 and marine corps aircraft carriers; and

15 (4) Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia has a lower military value; and
16 Whereas, there is a new effort to transfer the F-18 Aircraft Wing to Naval Air
17 Station Oceana rather than to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, challenging the
18 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision; and

19 Whereas, this effort appears to be for political reasons not associated with the
20 objective criteria established by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision;
21 and

1 Whereas, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and the Secretary of
2 Defense's decisions clearly established the greater military value of Marine Corps Air
3 Station Cherry Point; and

4 Whereas, approximately \$150 million is generated annually by the F-18
5 Aircraft Wing; and

6 Whereas, the economic impact criteria seems to be the reason politics has
7 entered into the decision making process; and

8 Whereas, Eastern North Carolina's economy would be far more positively
9 affected by transfer of the F-18 Aircraft Wing to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
10 than would the economy of Eastern Virginia due to the extreme lack of industry in
11 Eastern North Carolina; and

12 Whereas, planes based at Naval Air Station Oceana, because of their proximity
13 to North Carolina, do much of their primary training in the ranges and restricted military
14 air spaces of Eastern North Carolina; and

15 Whereas, Eastern North Carolina would still be subject to the noise impact
16 from training if the planes are based at Naval Air Station Oceana;

17 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

18 Section 1. North Carolina's Congressional Delegation is urged to utilize the
19 auspices of their respective offices in every way conceivable to ensure the transfer of the
20 F-18 Aircraft Wing to the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

21 Sec. 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to
22 each member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of
23 Defense.

24 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.