

2004 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 287

Supporting Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2004

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2004

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base is one of the Navy's largest premiere research and development laboratories, home to four major tenant activities that provide critical Joint Operations capabilities: Naval Sea Systems Command, Dahlgren Division (NAVSEA DD), Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC), Naval Network & Space Operations Command (NNSOC), and Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC); and

WHEREAS, NAVSEA DD at Dahlgren provides for the United States Department of Defense national homeland defense technologies, with world-class expertise in radar, sensors, and weapons systems; and

WHEREAS, ATRC at Dahlgren designed, developed, and implements unmatched training capabilities for sailors (including allied forces); and

WHEREAS, NNSOC at Dahlgren is the Navy's lead command in space operations, responsible for operating and maintaining the satellite communication systems, naval networks at sea, and the space surveillance systems used across our nation; and

WHEREAS, JWAC at Dahlgren is a subordinate unified command of the United States Joint Forces Command and is responsible for the development of innovative, responsive, and effects-based methodology options to be used to carry out national security and military strategies of the United States during peace, crisis, and war; and

WHEREAS, with these four tenants, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base plays a vital and irreplaceable role in the nation's defense through its unequaled joint military capabilities and critical testing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base is strategically located near two major metropolitan and capital regions, including the United States Capitol, and is thus able to perform emergency backup and national security assessments of national symbols, including Washington, D.C., and federal facilities and the Commonwealth of Virginia State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base's ample assets, acreage, and infrastructure enable it to efficiently and effectively perform current and future missions; and

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base's defense contribution is greatly enhanced by its retired and reserve forces, which draws from the one million inhabitants of this region; and

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base provides unique law enforcement, explosives handling, fire, medical emergency, and hazardous materials response capabilities to local civilian and state agencies under mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base's personnel actively volunteer in local schools, churches, universities, organized youth programs, charities, and numerous other community activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly express its support for Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base, its people, and its current and future missions; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Naval District Washington West Area (Dahlgren) Base in order that the members of the command may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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