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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 92

Offered January 18, 2000

Memorializing the United States Congress and the United States Department of the Army to select Fort Belvoir as the site of the United States Army Museum.

Patrons—Puller and Miller, K.G.

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Department of the Army has been granted approval by the Congress to establish a national United States Army Museum; and

WHEREAS, among the sites being considered for the United States Army Museum is Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, located near the nation's capitol, with its wealth of historic sites, Fort Belvoir would prove a worthy addition to the Washington area's attractions; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia is home to many sites of military and historic significance, among them Arlington Memorial Cemetery and the Iwo Jima Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the home of the nation's first commander-in-chief, George Washington, lies almost adjacent to Fort Belvoir at Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Northern Virginia are collectors of military memorabilia dating back to the American Revolution, and their willingness to lend such material to the Army Museum would be enhanced by its proximity to their homes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Museum would prove an asset to the Northern Virginia area, and a Fort Belvoir location would make the museum a convenient stop for the many Americans interested in the nation's military history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby respectfully request that Fort Belvoir be given favorable consideration as the site of the United States Army Museum; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Army, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly.