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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Military Bases - Nutrient Removal**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Maryland Congressional Delegation urge
4 Congress to increase funding for the Department of Defense to allow it to install
5 biological nutrient removal capability to wastewater treatment plants on
6 military bases.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, Long-term multifaceted solutions need to be found that address
9 the removal of nutrients from both point sources and nonpoint sources which flow
10 into the Chesapeake Bay; and

11 WHEREAS, Point source discharge of nitrogen and phosphorus from
12 wastewater treatment plants may be a contributor to the decline of water quality in
13 the Chesapeake Bay; and

14 WHEREAS, Biological nutrient removal is an effective mechanism for removing
15 nitrogenous and phosphorous output from wastewater treatment plants; and

16 WHEREAS, Biological nutrient removal upgrades can be added to present
17 wastewater treatment plants in a cost-effective manner; and

18 WHEREAS, Wastewater treatment plants on federal military bases, while not
19 regulated by the State of Maryland, need to be upgraded with technology to reduce
20 the levels of nitrogen and phosphorus which they contribute to the waters of
21 Maryland; and

22 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland must adopt a proactive role in encouraging
23 federal facilities such as these to actively upgrade their wastewater treatment plants;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Congressional approval is required to allocate funding for the
26 construction of these biological nutrient removal upgrades; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
2 General Assembly requests the Congress of the United States to authorize and
3 appropriate adequate funding for the Department of Defense to install biological
4 nutrient removal upgrades to the wastewater treatment plants which are located at
5 federal military bases in Maryland; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
7 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
8 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
9 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
10 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
11 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable
14 William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C.,
15 20301-1000.