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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable  
19 William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C.,  
20 20301-1000.