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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Aberdeen Proving Ground as a Dredge Spoil Disposal Site**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the President of the United States and the Secretary of the
4 Department of Defense to involve Aberdeen Proving Ground in the planning and
5 disposal of dredge spoil removed from the shipping channels of the Port of
6 Baltimore.

7 WHEREAS, The welfare of the Port of Baltimore is dependent upon maintaining
8 the existing width and depth of the shipping channels of the Port of Baltimore, which
9 involves dredging 4 million cubic yards of material annually in Maryland waters of
10 the Chesapeake Bay; and

11 WHEREAS, Dredged material placement needs in the State are well in excess of
12 existing disposal site capacity, and the State urgently requires new dredged material
13 placement sites; and

14 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the environmental integrity of the Chesapeake
15 Bay be maintained; and

16 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, comprising an
17 area of 72,516 acres, is located on the Chesapeake Bay, approximately 30 miles north
18 of the Harbor of the City of Baltimore and 20 miles from channels that are in need of
19 dredging; and

20 WHEREAS, Aberdeen Proving Ground is a significant presence in the Upper
21 Chesapeake Bay and plays an active role in the uses of the natural resources in the
22 area; and

23 WHEREAS, Aberdeen Proving Ground is deemed a logical site for the disposal of
24 dredge spoil from the waters of the Chesapeake Bay in order to maintain the shipping
25 channels of the Port of Baltimore; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the
27 President of the United States and the Secretary of the Department of Defense are
28 respectfully urged to involve the Aberdeen Proving Ground in the planning and

1 disposal of dredge spoil from Maryland's extensive shipping channels; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the President of the United States and the Secretary of the
5 Department of Defense.