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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2 has announced tentative plans to close the Red River Army Depot and
3 the adjacent Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant in Bowie County,
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Review of the facilities to be affected by the 2005
6 round of base realignment and closure now goes to the president, who
7 must issue a list to the U.S. Congress by September 23, subsequent
8 to which the congress has 45 days to respond; and

9 WHEREAS, The Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army
10 Ammunition Plant, which occupy more than 33,000 acres west of
11 Texarkana, opened at the outset of World War II, and have long
12 played a vital role in this nation's military missions and combat
13 readiness; and

14 WHEREAS, The depot, whose operations are critical to our
15 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, is responsible for armor-plating
16 military transportation vehicles, rebuilding Bradley tanks, and
17 recertifying Patriot and Hawk missiles, among other major weaponry
18 supply roles; and

19 WHEREAS, Sharing an ordnance role with its neighbor facility,
20 the depot includes among its work such activities as ammunition
21 storage, renovation and demolition of conventional munitions, and
22 shipments and receipts of stock to and from locations and forces
23 throughout the world; and

24 WHEREAS, A practitioner of the management philosophy of Total

1 Army Quality, the Red River Army Depot has won numerous excellence
2 awards and has consistently proven its versatility in times of war
3 and peace; and

4 WHEREAS, The Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant is a
5 government-owned, contractor-operated facility that loads,
6 assembles, and packs primers, fuzes, grenades, boosters, bursters,
7 detonators, and tracers, as well as ammunition items ranging from
8 mortar to 155-millimeter projectiles; and

9 WHEREAS, Under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Armament,
10 Munitions, and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), the plant likewise
11 performs a vital defense role, and in conjunction with the depot,
12 contributes significantly to the employment of several thousand
13 patriotic Texans and Arkansans and to the economic prosperity of a
14 wider four-state region; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby petition the Congress of the United States, in its upcoming
17 base realignment and closure deliberations, to ensure the
18 continuation of the Red River Army Depot and the Lone Star Army
19 Ammunition Plant; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
21 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
22 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
23 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
24 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
25 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
26 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America; and, be it
27 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward copies of
2 the resolution also to the house and senate presiding officers of
3 the Arkansas General Assembly, with the invitation to join Texas in
4 adopting a comparable resolution in support of retaining two
5 defense facilities of mutual importance to our states.