

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 274

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman MICHAEL J. PANTER**

**District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expresses opposition to opening Earle Naval Weapons Station military housing units for full civilian use.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** expressing opposition to the plan to  
2 open Earle Naval Weapons Station military housing units for full  
3 civilian use.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Earle Naval Weapons Station, located in Monmouth  
6 County, New Jersey, provides logistical, technical and material  
7 support to the United States Naval fleet in areas ranging from  
8 combat sub-systems and retail ammunition management to  
9 packaging, handling and storage of all types of weapons and  
10 ammunition; and

11 **WHEREAS**, While a small percentage of the housing units at this  
12 complex are utilized by military families, there is a plan to open  
13 300 vacant apartments to civilian tenants; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The arrests of six Islamic militants in connection with a  
15 plot to kill military personnel at Fort Dix have raised security  
16 concerns that civilians living on a military complex could  
17 potentially leave it open to a similar attack; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Given the potential danger of compromised security that  
19 the housing plan would create at the Earle Naval Weapons Station,  
20 the plan to admit civilian tenants to the station complex should be  
21 cancelled; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
24 Jersey:

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26 1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey opposes  
27 the plan to open the Earle Naval Weapons Station military housing  
28 units to civilians.

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30 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
31 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,  
32 shall be transmitted to the Governor of this State, the President of  
33 the United States, the leaders of the United States Congress, the  
34 United States Secretary of Defense, the United States Secretary of  
35 Homeland Security, the Director of the New Jersey Office of  
36 Homeland Security and Preparedness and each member of New  
37 Jersey's Congressional delegation.

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STATEMENT

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42 This resolution opposes a Navy housing plan to open 300 vacant  
43 units of military housing at the Earle Naval Weapons Station to  
44 civilians. The plan would open the two and three-bedroom  
45 apartments in 2010.

46 The arrests of six suspected terrorists in connection with a plot to  
47 kill military personnel at Fort Dix has added to concerns that  
48 allowing civilians unrelated to military personnel to live in the

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- 1 military housing would compromise the Weapons Station security.
- 2 Given these concerns, this plan should be cancelled.