

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 96

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators SINGER and CIESLA

1 A **SENATE RESOLUTION** memorializing the federal Department of Defense and
2 the United States Army to move the Regional Military Entrance Processing
3 Station from Philadelphia to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Currently the United States Army uses leased office space on
6 Broad and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia, as the regional processing center
7 for approximately 9,000 inductees each year from New Jersey, Delaware,
8 eastern Pennsylvania and southern New York; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The federal Department of Defense has been considering for
10 several months changing the induction site to Fort Dix but will not make a
11 final decision on this issue for several more months; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The former military base, which is located adjacent to
13 Wrightstown, in Burlington County, is currently used as a regional National
14 Guard and Army Reserve training facility; and

15 **WHEREAS**, A military base owned by the federal government would seem a
16 more logical location for an induction facility than one that is leased from
17 private owners in a city, especially when the process involves mental and
18 physical testing, counseling over two days and actually being sworn in to
19 active military service; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The move would also serve as an economic boost to the area of
21 Burlington County where Fort Dix is located, an area which has been
22 significantly and negatively affected by the loss of Fort Dix's mission as an
23 active-duty Army training facility; and

24 **WHEREAS**, The present induction station's employees have indicated that they
25 would prefer to work at a military facility where they could use child care
26 facilities and the commissary and PX with their reduced prices for military
27 personnel; and

28 **WHEREAS**, This House believes that the move to Fort Dix is in the best interest
29 of the federal government, the inductees and Burlington County and
30 encourages military officials to go through with the contemplated move;
31 now, therefore,

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33 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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35 1. This House memorializes the federal Department of Defense and the

1 United States Army to move the Regional Military Entrance Processing
2 Station from Philadelphia to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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4 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
5 the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the
6 federal Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army.

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STATEMENT

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11 This Senate Resolution memorializes the federal Department of Defense
12 and the United States Army to move the Regional Military Entrance
13 Processing Station from Philadelphia to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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18 Memorializes Department of Defense and U.S. Army to move its regional
19 processing station from Philadelphia to Fort Dix, New Jersey.