

## House Resolution 462

By: Representatives Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Reaffirming the House of Representatives' commitment to strengthening military  
2 installations located within this state; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the support of our nation's defenses and the members of our armed forces  
4 remains a commitment and priority of the House of Representatives; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia has the nation's 5th largest military population, and the military  
6 accounts for some \$20 billion of economic impact annually in this state; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense directly employs almost 150,000 Georgians, and  
8 Department of Defense activities are indirectly responsible for an estimated 330,000  
9 additional jobs; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to some 750,000 veterans, which makes our state the 8th  
11 largest in terms of veteran population in the nation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, through various laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, Base  
13 Realignment & Closure (BRAC), reductions-in-force, and budgetary constraints, any of  
14 Georgia's military bases may face downsizing or closure; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in anticipation of future BRAC proceedings, the House of Representatives did  
16 establish a Military Affairs Study Committee by adopting House Resolution 1135 in the 2016  
17 legislative session; and
- 18 WHEREAS, that Military Affairs Study Committee did meet at military installations  
19 throughout the state in the fall and winter of 2016, hearing hours of testimony from military  
20 leaders, members of Congress, local government officials, and community organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, that Military Affairs Study Committee issued a report in December 2016 that  
22 included a number of recommendations pertaining to policy areas, including education, local  
23 planning, economic development, and infrastructure; and

24 WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under authority of the Rules of the  
25 House of Representatives, did create the Military Affairs Working Group which will  
26 continue the work of recommending legislation or other legislative action to support our  
27 military installations and those who serve on them during the 2017-2018 legislative session.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

29 (1) That the House reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the military installations  
30 located within this state to, in part, maximize the military value of those installations;

31 (2) That the House rededicates itself to supporting our troops and their families, taking  
32 all actions which it shall deem prudent to improve their quality of life and otherwise  
33 empower them to contribute to our nation's defenses;

34 (3) That the House expresses its sincere desire that the State of Georgia remain integral  
35 to our armed forces and the continued success of their mission as well as remain a valued  
36 partner for the United States Department of Defense; and

37 (4) That the Speaker of the House and his designee or designees be authorized and  
38 encouraged to convey these sentiments to all relevant parties and otherwise engage in  
39 proceedings to achieve these ends.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
42 members of Georgia's congressional delegation, the Secretary of Defense of the United  
43 States, and the commanding officers of each of the military installations located within the  
44 State of Georgia.