

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 15-65**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STEPS BY NEW JERSEY OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT FEDERAL MILITARY BASES LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Councilman Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the 177th Air National Guard Wing in Atlantic City and the Cape May Coast Guard Training Center are major Federal Military Assets in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisor Service, E/ECON recently conducted a study measuring and modeling the economic contribution to the State's economy of our Federal Military installations; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisor Service determined that, in net, the Federal Government spent nearly \$4.8 billion within the State, generating over 45,600 jobs which pay \$2.6 billion in salaries and add \$3.8 billion of wealth to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid \$4.8 billion in Federal spending in New Jersey generates \$9.6 billion in net business revenues here; and

WHEREAS, of this total, \$4.5 billion in new wealth was added in the form of gross domestic product by the State; and

WHEREAS, of this Gross Domestic Product total, over \$4.0 billion is in the form of labor income that supports an estimated 73,234 jobs; and

WHEREAS, all New Jersey Military Installations make significant individual and collective contributions to the capabilities of our Armed Forces and our National Security; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and expanding this military core is nearly as critical for New Jersey's continued economic welfare as it is to its homeland security missions; and

WHEREAS, in the era of Federal fiscal austerity, policymakers in our Nation's Capital will be asked to consider proposals to reduce defense spending and the size of our uniformed services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank strongly urge the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature to take immediate steps to protect these valuable military assets, in recognition of their vital importance to our Nation's and our State's security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank be and hereby joins with other New Jersey counties and municipalities in calling on elected officials serving New Jersey at all levels of government to work in concert to promote the preservation, growth and development of our New Jersey military facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, New Jersey's United States Senators, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the State legislators representing the Borough of Red Bank and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth.

Seconded by Councilman Murphy and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	(X)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Burnham	(X)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(X)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	(X)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(X)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	()	()	()	(X)

Dated: March 11, 2015