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Military Base Retention Resolution
(Adopted November 20, 2003)

WHEREAS, California has already seen the closure of 20 bases in the 1988, 1990 and 1995 Base Closure and Realignment Act, or BRAC rounds, which has resulted in a loss of \$9.6 billion in revenues and a loss of nearly 100,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislation passed in 2002, the Department of Defense is required by May 16, 2005 to prepare a list of bases to be closed or realigned, and the Base Closure and Realignment Commission must submit its list to the White House by September 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has announced that the upcoming BRAC round in 2005 could include the potential closure of 100 bases nationwide; and

WHEREAS, other states with significant military installation are gearing up to address the next BRAC round; and

WHEREAS, California military bases provide significant importance and investment in California's economy, both locally and statewide; and

WHEREAS, California military bases provide a critical function in protecting and defending our nation's security, and that missions are enhanced where possible; and

WHEREAS, California counties have worked with our military bases to provide that they are not encroached upon; and

WHEREAS, California counties will see immediate and dramatic effects on their local economies if more military bases were to be closed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) expresses its strong support for all military bases in California to be retained and expanded, and encourages the State of California and all California counties to market and support their continued operation at their full capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSAC recommends that the Governor appoint a high level BRAC Commission composed of defense and aerospace industry and labor leaders, local officials from threatened communities, legislators and academics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSAC recommends that the Governor convene a BRAC Summit in early 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSAC recommends that the Governor ask the Office of Military Support to assign staff and other resources required for an effective BRAC campaign retaining and enhancing the military presence in California.