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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the emphasis that the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission should place on the economic impact of the closure of military installations on affected communities in recommending such installations for closure during the 1993 base closure process.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the emphasis that the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission should place on the economic impact of the closure of military installations on affected communities in recommending such installations for closure during the 1993 base closure process.

Whereas in making recommendations to the President in 1993 regarding the closure of military installations, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will follow a set of criteria;

Whereas such criteria are ranked in order of importance;

Whereas the economic impact of the closure of military installations on communities is among the least important criteria that the Commission currently considers;

Whereas the economies of many states and communities are particularly dependent on the presence of military installations, and such installations may account for more than 50 percent of the total employed workforce of such communities;

Whereas many states have already experienced a large number of closures of military installations, and the cumulative impact of such closures on entire regions has been severe;

Whereas 227 military installations have been approved for closure or realignment since 1988, and the gross reduction in the number of civilian and military personnel at such installations as a result of such closures and realignments has exceeded 200,000;

Whereas the Nation has been in an economic recession, in consequence of which the national unemployment rate is 7 percent and nearly 9,000,000 Americans are unemployed;

Whereas the unemployment rate in some states exceeds 9 percent, and the unemployment rate is as high as 25 percent in some areas;

Whereas the closure of military installations can have a devastating economic impact on communities and entire states; and

Whereas the criteria followed by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission do not give appropriate emphasis to the economic climate of communities that depend on military installations or to the economic impact

of such closures on such communities: Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That the Defense Base Closure and Realign-
3 ment Commission should give greater emphasis to the eco-
4 nomic impact of the closure of military installations on
5 affected communities (including the cumulative economic
6 impact, if any, resulting from previous such closures)
7 when making recommendations to the President in 1993
8 relating to the closure of military installations.

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