

A JOINT RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Defense to reconsider proposed cuts to Fort Knox and Fort Campbell.

WHEREAS, the Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment proposes cuts to both Fort Knox and Fort Campbell in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Army's Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment shows cuts would result in significant and widespread negative economic and socioeconomic consequences for the installations and their surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic impacts of Fort Knox and Fort Campbell are approximately \$2.8 billion and approximately \$4 billion, respectively; and

WHEREAS, proposed cuts could result in the loss of up to 4,000 military and civilian jobs at Fort Knox, equaling approximately \$500 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS, proposed cuts could result in the loss of up to 16,000 military and civilian jobs at Fort Campbell, equaling approximately \$1 billion in payroll; and

WHEREAS, these cutbacks would put a severe strain on economies in surrounding localities that depend on Fort Knox and Fort Campbell's sizable populations to fuel their restaurants, hotels, and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, Fort Knox and Fort Campbell are vital economic drivers to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and cuts would be devastating to the posts, surrounding areas, and more importantly, the brave men and women who protect our great country;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The General Assembly strongly urges the Department of Defense and the United States Army to take action to support the military and civilian personnel serving at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell by reconsidering proposed cuts to these important military installations.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary

of the Army, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Kentucky congressional delegation, the commanding general of Fort Campbell, and the commanding general of Fort Knox.