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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30449-LG-535A (4/4)

Sponsors: Representatives Allred, Spear, and Williams (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO FIND A
2 MORE SUITABLE LOCATION THAN WASHINGTON AND BEAUFORT
3 COUNTIES TO BUILD ITS OUTLYING LANDING FIELD.

4 Whereas, the United States Navy plans to build an outlying landing field
5 (OLF) in eastern North Carolina to allow pilots to practice night landings on aircraft
6 carriers; and

7 Whereas, the proposed OLF will consist of 30,000 acres in Washington
8 County within a few miles of the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, where
9 thousands of migratory waterfowl, including snow geese and tundra swans, spend the
10 winter; and

11 Whereas, some of the adverse effects of the proposed OLF site include a loss
12 of foraging habitat for the migratory waterfowl, a loss of prime farmland for people in
13 Washington and Beaufort Counties, and an increased threat to the safety of the pilots
14 practicing at the site due to collisions with the birds; and

15 Whereas, opposition for locating the OLF in Washington and Beaufort
16 Counties continues to mount; Now, therefore,

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

18 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly urges the North Carolina congressional
19 delegation to withhold funding for the United States Navy's proposed outlying landing
20 field in Washington County until a more suitable location in North Carolina can be
21 found.

22 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
23 resolution to North Carolina's congressional delegation and to the Secretary of the
24 Navy.

25 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.