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SELECTED MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE
HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS
CENTER OF MAINE'S LEGISLATIVE
AWARENESS DAY AND YOM
HASHOAH, THE DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO
SUFFERED AS VICTIMS OF THE
HOLOCAUST

H.P. 920

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some at the cost of their lives and others with lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, March 15, 2005 has been designated as the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine's Legislative Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, May 5, 2005 has been designated internationally as a Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust and is known as Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS, the national community, pursuant to an Act of Congress, will be commemorating the week of May 1st to May 8th as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, with the theme of "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in the national and international commemorations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in solemn memory of

the victims of the Holocaust, urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Holocaust through the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine's Legislative Awareness Day and the national week of commemoration and express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C., and the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

Read and adopted by the House of Representatives March 15, 2005 and the Senate March 15, 2005.

JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES TO
MANDATE THAT THE BASE
REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE
COMMISSION REJECT THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S
RECOMMENDATION TO REALIGN
NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK
AND TO CLOSE PORTSMOUTH
NAVAL SHIPYARD AND THE
DEFENSE FINANCE AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN
LIMESTONE

S.P. 630

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Special Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, the military value of Naval Air Station Brunswick, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Limestone is highly significant; and

WHEREAS, the security of the North Atlantic seaways and the borders of the United States and of the State of Maine are jeopardized by the Department of Defense's recommendation to close Naval Air Station Brunswick, which would put the safety and welfare of United States citizens at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine was recently cited by the United States Navy as the most efficient submarine repair facility, public or private, in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the economic and job loss impact of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations is significant in terms of the potential elimination of an estimated 12,000 military and civilian jobs in both Maine and New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will tour Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery on June 1, 2005 and Naval Air Station Brunswick on June 2, 2005, and the commission's regional hearing on recommendations affecting Maine will occur July 6, 2005, with final recommendations to be made to President Bush by September 8, 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, respectfully urge and request that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and the United States Congress actively work with the Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor of Maine, the Maine State Legislature, local task forces and Maine citizens in reviewing the accuracy of the methodology used in developing current recommendations in order to reverse or minimize the recommendations to realign Naval Air Station Brunswick and to close Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Limestone; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Read and adopted by the Senate June 1, 2005 and the House of Representatives June 1, 2005.