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21, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to reconsider the
2 establishment of the "National Museum of the United States
3 Army" in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and to continue the
4 development of the Army Heritage and Education Center in
5 Carlisle, Cumberland County, as an asset for Army outreach
6 efforts and education of citizens on the contributions of the
7 United States Army and its soldiers.

8 WHEREAS, The United States Army Heritage and Education Center
9 (USAHEC) is located in Carlisle, Cumberland County, and is the
10 Army's preeminent museum and research complex; and

11 WHEREAS, The USAHEC is a campus of 56 acres of land donated
12 by Cumberland County and valued at \$3.3 million; and

13 WHEREAS, The USAHEC consists of a research library and
14 archives, a visitor and education center with an exhibit and
15 interpretive gallery, a soon-to-be complete conservation
16 facility and an Army heritage trail with period structures and
17 displays promoting United States Army values; and

18 WHEREAS, The USAHEC was constructed beginning in 2004 with
19 Federal, State and local funds totaling \$48 million; and

20 WHEREAS, The USAHEC is an invaluable resource for the United

1 States Army and supports the Army's strategic communications
2 outreach based on its location, collection and physical plant;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Last year more than 100,000 people visited the
5 USAHEC and the number of visitors has been increasing; and

6 WHEREAS, The Army announced on Friday, June 17, 2011, that
7 the national museum will be constructed in Fort Belvoir,
8 Virginia, at a cost of \$155 million; and

9 WHEREAS, Thus far \$57.8 million has been raised in private
10 donations for the museum, but taxpayer dollars will be necessary
11 to cover the shortfall; and

12 WHEREAS, This is an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer
13 dollars when the USAHEC in Carlisle already has space available
14 to house a museum and is a premier location to receive visitors;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Recently, a department of the United States Army
17 budget work group recommended closing USAHEC in Carlisle and
18 transferring its functions to Fort McNair, Washington, DC;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the Congress
21 of the United States to reconsider the establishment of the
22 "National Museum of the United States Army" in Fort Belvoir,
23 Virginia, and support the continued development of the United
24 States Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle,
25 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.