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RESOLUTION 02-08

RECOGNIZING NSWC CRANE AS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND MONROE COUNTY, AND URGING STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS AS WELL AS CITIZENS TO SUPPORT PRESERVING, STRENGTHENING, AND EXPANDING THIS FACILITY

WHEREAS, Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center has been a core resource for Southern Indiana in paying higher wages, advancing education, protecting the environment, and strengthening the social fabric in its sixty-year history; and

WHEREAS, Crane has one of the highest concentrations of technical and scientific communities in the state of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Crane invests $4.7 million annually in workforce training, and about $600,000 annually to Indiana colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Crane provides over $22 million in state and local tax revenue, including over $6 million to Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Crane provides over 6,700 jobs and $241 million in wages to citizens of Southern Indiana, including 1300 jobs and $51 million in wages annually to citizens of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County employees of Crane earn an average of $55,000 dollars, compared to $26,000 dollars for the average Monroe County worker; and

WHEREAS, 38.1% of Crane employees have attained a BA or higher, compared to Monroe County, 32.9%, Indiana, 15.6%, and U.S.A., 26%; and

WHEREAS, Crane actively participates in Green Practices, Wildlife Preservation and Research, and National Resources Management and Research; has the largest forest block in Indiana; has allowed Indiana University to conduct a number of significant research projects in the undisturbed habitat found at the base; and has reintroduced the Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle and Indiana Bat into the wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Crane employees strengthen the social fabric by providing school tutoring, hosting 50,000 visitors annually, collecting Toys for Tots, donating over 1500 pints of blood annually, supporting minority and handicap awareness programs, serving local service organizations, such as school boards; and

WHEREAS, Crane provides local, premium jobs that entice succeeding generations to stay in the area; and

WHEREAS, Crane is under threat of the base realignment and closure authorized for execution in 2005

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington City Council recognizes NSWC Crane as a major influence on this community, in the revenue it generates, in the quality jobs it provides to Monroe County citizens, and in the diversity of its workforce.

SECTION 2. The Bloomington City Council beseeches state legislators and federal representatives to be proactively involved in preserving, strengthening, and expanding Crane.

SECTION 3. The Bloomington City Council urges Bloomington citizens to actively support efforts to preserve, strengthen, and expand Crane.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6th day of March, 2002.

CHRIS GAAL, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 8th day of March, 2002.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

Councilmember Willsey is sponsoring this resolution. It identifies many of the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center's positive influences on this community and urges state and federal officials as well as local citizens to support preserving, strengthening and expanding this facility.

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