

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Another round of Base Realignment and Closure
3 (BRAC) is scheduled for 2005; Illinois has two military bases
4 in danger of being closed; the shutdown of either of these
5 military bases would have extremely adverse economic and
6 social effects upon the local communities around the bases
7 and to the State of Illinois as a whole; and

8 WHEREAS, The Rock Island Arsenal, located in Rock Island,
9 Illinois, is an active United States Army facility located on
10 a 946-acre island in the Mississippi River, originally built
11 in 1816 as Fort Armstrong and established by an Act of
12 Congress in 1862; in 1969, the arsenal was placed on the
13 National Register of Historic Places and in 1989, the
14 original arsenal buildings were designated a National
15 Historic Landmark; and

16 WHEREAS, The Rock Island Arsenal is the only U.S. Army
17 facility that assembles tool sets, kits, and outfits that
18 support equipment in the field; the arsenal manufactures gun
19 mounts, recoil mechanisms, artillery carriages, and other
20 combat equipment; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we urge the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois General
24 Assembly, and the Illinois congressional delegation to make
25 the effort of saving the Rock Island Arsenal a top priority;
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 delivered to the Governor and to each member of the Illinois
29 congressional delegation.