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and
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
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JOINT RESOLUTION 2010-01

Where as the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation is a non-profit public charity under 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code was organized in 2003 to preserve the history and heritage of the United States Army Warrant Officer, and;

Where as the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association is a not-for profit military-related service organization representing Warrant Officers of the active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve, and retired & former warrant officers, and their families since 1972.

Where as an act of congress in 1918 established the Army Mine Planter Service as part of the Coast Artillery Corps. Implementation of the Act by the Army was published in War Department Bulletin 43, dated 22 July 1918. A total of 40 Warrant Officers were authorized to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers, and assistant engineers on each mine planting vessel. Although only one rank of Warrant Officer was authorized by Congress, in effect, three grades were created because of the varying levels of pay authorized for masters, 1st mates, 2nd mates, and corresponding levels of marine engineer personnel, and;

Where as Fort Monroe, Virginia is considered the birthplace of the Army Warrant Officer in the Army Planter Service of the Coast Artillery, and;

Where as the Casemate Museum on Fort Monroe, Virginia contains historical material and exhibits pertaining to the Mine Planter Service and the Coast artillery, and;

Where as the Casemate Museum is a part of the U. S. Army Museum system, and;

Where as, Fort Monroe is subject to closure due to BRAC in 2011;

Be it hereby resolved that that the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation and the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association are committed to support an initiative for the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe, Virginia to remain as an active Army Museum in the United States Army Museum System.

Therefore we attach our signatures and seals this 24th day of April, 2010:

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