Introduced May 25, 2005, by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Council Members Livaudais, Burkhalter, Hursey, Cusimano, Kingston, Canada, Harbison, and Cromer

RESOLUTION R05-18

A resolution requesting that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission reject the Defense Department's recent recommendation to close the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) site in Slidell.

WHEREAS, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in Slidell is on the Defense Department's list of recommended base closures throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the City-owned property where DISA is located is leased to the federal government at a cost of only one dollar a year; and

WHEREAS, the DISA facility currently has 151 employees and an annual payroll of \$10.8 million; and

WHEREAS, DISA's technological focus serves as a stimulus for the attraction of high-tech businesses and the subsequent development of additional high-paying, professional jobs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the jobs and relocation of residents would be detrimental to the housing market and economy of the City as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby request that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission maintain the Defense Information Systems Agency location in Slidell as an active military installation, and further requests that the members of our U.S. Congressional Delegation support its continued presence in our City.

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ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2005,

Marti Livaudais

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

Shawn B. McManus, CMC Council Administrator