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# S. RES. 345

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2011

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in December 2001, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002 (Public Law 107–107) was signed into law, which included authorization for a 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment (BRAC);

Whereas, on February 16, 2004, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld included the closure of the Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon, as one of his recommendations for the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment;

Whereas, on September 8, 2005, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, in its report making recommendations to the President, found that Secretary of

Defense Rumsfeld’s assertion that the chemical demilitarization mission at Umatilla would be complete by the 2nd quarter of 2011 was optimistic, and wrote, “An examination of status information for the depot’s mission completion and subsequent closure revealed that dates may slip beyond the 6-year statutory period for completion of BRAC actions.”;

Whereas, in that same report, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission took the Secretary of Defense’s recommendation “Close Umatilla Chemical Depot, OR” and changed it to “On completion of the chemical demilitarization mission in accordance with treaty obligations, close Umatilla Chemical Depot, OR”;

Whereas, by doing so, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission acknowledged that the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot would happen when the demilitarization mission is completed, even if that is after September 15, 2011; and

Whereas Congress did not pass a joint resolution of disapproval with respect to the Commission’s report, and the report and recommendations became law: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That, in light of the clear history, the Sen-  
 2       ate reiterates its original intent and reaffirms its direction  
 3       that the closure of the Umatilla Army Chemical Depot,  
 4       Oregon, and subsequent management and disposal shall  
 5       be carried out in accordance with procedures and authori-  
 6       ties contained in the Defense Base Closure and Realign-

1 ment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law  
2 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

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