

RESOLVED, That the Administrator of the General Services Administration and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture are requested to halt the steady reduction, over the last 12 years, of open space and natural buffer surrounding the federal installations in the area of Beltsville and Greenbelt, Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500; Gerald P. Carmen, Administrator, General Services Administration, 18th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405; the Honorable John R. Block, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250; Bruce Selfon, Acting Executive Director, Federal Property Review Board, Room 246, Old Executive Office Building, Office of Budget and Management, Washington, D.C. 20503; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 44)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

FOR the purpose of urging the federal government to prevent an ill-advised public sale of a portion of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture has declared a 247-acre tract of land located at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to be "surplus" and available for public sale pursuant to United States Executive Order 12348; and

WHEREAS, The property in question is a unique parcel of land, remaining in its natural state as a heavily forested tract dotted with ponds and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, The property, in addition to its location within BARC, is in close proximity to several other federal