

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Wind Power Project at Greenbury Point**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the United States Navy’s consideration of a wind
4 power project at Greenbury Point; and generally relating to the construction of a
5 wind power project at Greenbury Point.

6 WHEREAS, Wind is a renewable and clean source of energy; and

7 WHEREAS, The cost of wind does not increase over time; and

8 WHEREAS, Greenbury Point on the Severn River has enough wind to support
9 the generation of electricity from wind turbines; and

10 WHEREAS, Greenbury Point already has a power grid and an interconnection
11 facility on–site that can support wind turbines from a former naval radio transmitter
12 facility located there; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has a goal of obtaining 25% of its energy
14 supply from renewable sources by 2025; and

15 WHEREAS, Maryland’s renewable energy portfolio standard requires Maryland
16 to obtain 20% of its energy supply from renewable sources by 2022; and

17 WHEREAS, The Maryland Energy Administration’s 2010 report “Maryland
18 Energy Outlook” recommends more investment in renewable energy to meet the
19 State’s ambitious renewable energy portfolio standard; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Navy is required under the National
21 Environmental Protection Act to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study addressing
22 environmental, historical, logistical, and military concerns related to constructing a
23 proposed wind power project before beginning construction; and



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1 WHEREAS, The current proposal to place wind turbines at Greenbury Point
2 calls for 6 to 10 wind turbines that are 30% to 50% shorter than the three radio towers
3 currently located on the site and capable of generating 20 to 25 megawatts of
4 electricity; and

5 WHEREAS, A wind power project at Greenbury Point would serve as a
6 landmark and symbol of Maryland's support and commitment to our environment and
7 energy future; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
9 General Assembly supports the United States Navy's consideration of a wind power
10 project at Greenbury Point; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
13 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
14 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable Ray
15 Maybus, Secretary of the Navy, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20350; Vice
16 Admiral Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Attn: Flag
17 Suite, 716 Sicard St. S.E., Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. 20374; Vice
18 Admiral Jeffrey L. Fowler, Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, 121 Blake
19 Rd., Annapolis, MD 21402; and Mr. Bill Tayler, Director of Shore Energy, NAVFAC,
20 1322 Patterson Ave. S.E., Suite 1000, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
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