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WHEREAS the mission of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the economic vitality of the greater Oak Ridge area; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Energy is conducting a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement associated with modernization of the Y-12 Plant; and

WHEREAS the Y-12 Plant has been critical to ensuring America's national security for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS the current Defense Program missions are key to our nation's security; and

WHEREAS the Y-12 Plant must continue in its vital role and unique capabilities; and

WHEREAS approximately seventy percent of the Y-12 facility is at least forty years old and new capital investment is crucial to its continued success; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Energy currently proposes construction of new facilities for conduct of two of Y-12's missions - specifically highly enriched uranium materials storage and special materials; and

WHEREAS such new facilities and the associated modernization will ensure that Y-12 can provide a rapid response to numerous requirement which must be met in order to maintain a strong nuclear deterrence as the result of dynamic global situations; and

WHEREAS the modernization of the Y-12 Plant will allow the performance of these critical defense program missions with reduced operating costs while more effectively meeting safety, health and environmental requirements; and

WHEREAS the modernization of the Y-12 Plant will ensure its continuing role in the economy of the greater Oak Ridge area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce supports and endorses measures being considered for modernization of the Y-12 Plant.

ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001.

  
Robert Craig, Chairman

  
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Comment noted.

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