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Senator Mamie Locke Named Newest Member of Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees

Fort Monroe, Va., September 8, 2011—The Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) today announced that Senator Mamie E. Lock is the newest member to their Board of Trustees replacing Senator John Miller. As a result of the recently approved new district maps for the General Assembly, Fort Monroe now lies in the 2nd Senatorial District. Therefore, to fulfill the legislative requirement that the General Assembly member whose district includes Fort Monroe serve on the Board of Trustees, Senator Miller is our newest member.

“I want to welcome Senator Locke back to the FMA Board,” said Glenn Oder, Executive Director of the FMA. “Senator Locke’s previous experience with the Board as well as her passion for the history of Fort Monroe will be a tremendous asset for us.”

Senator Locke is extremely active in her community participating in numerous civic groups and holds key leadership roles in many of these organizations and commissions. She is also the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Education and Professor of Political Science at Hampton University. As a Virginia State Senator since 2004, Senator Locke serves on the General Laws and Technology (Chair), Education and Health, Local Government, Rehabilitation and Social Services, Virginia Housing Commission (Vice Chair), and the Rules Committees. Senator Locke has also served as Mayor of the City of Hampton, member of City Council, Commissioner of the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Commissioner of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. She has been awarded the Virginia Leadership Institute’s Trailblazer Award for her work as a legislator. She was also honored earlier this year by the Virginia Court Clerks’ Association as Legislator of the Year.

“Senator Locke’s legislative experience as well as her seniority in the Virginia Senate will be a valuable resource to the FMA. Her history of dedicated community service has earned her broad respect and admiration from the citizenry of Hampton Roads, we are honored to welcome her as a member of the Board” said Secretary Terrie Suit. “I welcome her back and look forward to working with her.”

The Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) is the legal entity created by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia to oversee the transition of Fort Monroe from federal to state ownership. The FMA is governed by an 12-member board of elected officials, business and civic leaders. The board retains experts in BRAC law, environmental engineering, historic architecture and preservation planning, structural engineering, housing, commercial/retail, public relations/marketing, and tourism planning. The FMA team and consultants are working collaboratively to create the best outcome for the future of Fort Monroe