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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The increasing military capabilities of other
2 nations pose a growing threat to the United States, and in response,
3 the U.S. military is undertaking critical modernization efforts
4 across all branches; and

5 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army has adopted a modernization plan
6 encompassing six mutually supporting priorities, among them the
7 Future Vertical Lift program; the FVL initiative is a research and
8 development effort to provide the next generation of rotorcraft
9 technology to the armed forces, improving maneuverability, range,
10 speed, payload, survivability, and reliability while reducing
11 logistical footprint; and

12 WHEREAS, Key components of FVL include the Future Long-Range
13 Assault Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft; FARA is
14 designed to defeat defensive layers by providing much-needed aerial
15 reconnaissance capabilities, while FLRAA will exploit opened areas
16 to achieve air assault, air medical, and medium utility missions;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, FVL will enable the Army National Guard, including
19 the Texas National Guard, to expand its mission as an operational
20 strategic reserve; and

21 WHEREAS, Army Futures Command, headquartered in Austin,
22 focuses on modernization and speeding up the acquisition of
23 platforms and technology, including FVL; Texas is both a center of
24 the nation's aerospace and aviation industry and home to active

1 military bases representing all branches of the military; moreover,
2 numerous defense contractors and suppliers located in the Lone Star
3 State play a role in strengthening military readiness; and

4 WHEREAS, FVL is vital to the military's ability to compete in
5 the ever-evolving threat environment, and this important program
6 will also promote continued growth and innovation in the aerospace
7 and defense sectors in Texas and the nation; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby express its support for the Future Vertical Lift program,
10 including FLRAA and FARA, as part of U.S. Army modernization; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby express support for full funding of the U.S. Army's Future
14 Vertical Lift program, including the Future Long-Range Assault
15 Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
18 copies of this resolution to the members of the Texas delegation to
19 Congress as an expression of the sentiment of the Texas
20 Legislature.