

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bell flight company won the U.S. Army contract to  
2 manufacture the V-280 Valor tiltrotor for the Future Long-Range  
3 Assault Aircraft program; and

4           WHEREAS, A subsidiary of Textron Inc., Bell has developed and  
5 manufactured aircraft for more than 85 years; headquartered in Fort  
6 Worth, the firm serves countries around the globe; and

7           WHEREAS, Bell began developing and testing the V-280 Valor  
8 tiltrotor as part of the Pentagon's Joint Multi-Role Technology  
9 Demonstrator program in 2013; the aircraft features a number of  
10 innovative technologies, including mission equipment designed for  
11 challenging visual environments, an updated tactical common data  
12 link, and onboard sensors; in addition, it boasts exceptional range  
13 capabilities and strategic lift deployment options as well as  
14 improved flight performance and lifecycle sustainability; and

15           WHEREAS, The V-280 Valor was designed for long-range assault,  
16 utility, medical evacuation, and disaster relief missions; during  
17 testing, the aircraft achieved a maximum forward speed of 305 knots  
18 and demonstrated a combat range of 500 to 800 nautical miles, a  
19 self-deployment range of some 1,700 nautical miles, low-speed  
20 agility, and rapid mission systems integration; and

21           WHEREAS, The U.S. Army selected Bell's V-280 Valor to replace  
22 its fleet of Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters; the initial  
23 prototype of the V-280 will be delivered to the army by 2025, and  
24 the first production aircraft are expected to be operational by

1 2030; the entire program is estimated to have a value up to \$80  
2 billion; and

3 WHEREAS, Bell has long been at the forefront of aircraft  
4 development, and the company's V-280 Valor tiltrotor is sure to  
5 benefit the U.S. Army and contribute to our nation's defense for  
6 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Bell flight company on winning the  
9 U.S. Army contract to manufacture the V-280 Valor tiltrotor for the  
10 Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program and extend to all those  
11 associated with the firm sincere best wishes for continued success;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Bell as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
15 of Representatives.

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Price  
Geren  
Bhojani  
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H.R. No. 1609

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1609 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House