

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize BAE Systems on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of its Austin-based business; and

WHEREAS, In July, 1955, four University of Texas professors formed Associated Consultants and Engineers, Incorporated, to conduct research and development for governmental agencies, private institutions, and industry; in 1962, the company merged with Textran and became Tracor, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Tracor was founded at the beginning of the electronics boom in the country and made Austin a major player among high-tech research centers; it expanded into manufacturing and became one of Austin's largest employers; in 1964, Tracor made its first public stock offering, and in 1984, the company appeared on the *Fortune 500* list of the nation's largest industrial companies; and

WHEREAS, After a number of acquisitions and mergers during the 1980s and 1990s, Tracor emerged in 1999 as an integral part of BAE Systems North America, one of the nation's foremost national security, aerospace, and information systems companies; and

WHEREAS, The Austin-based Information & Electronic Systems Integration Sector, Integrated Defense Solutions, employs 650 people and focuses on the areas of mission avionics, tactical decision systems, homeland security systems, and flight systems; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2005, BAE Systems is hosting an anniversary celebration to commemorate the rich heritage of the company and to pay tribute to BAE Systems' Austin team today, which proudly continues the tradition of providing innovative solutions and valuable services that was established by four university professors 50 years ago; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Austin-based BAE Systems for its outstanding work on behalf of our country and its safety and extend best wishes to all for a memorable 50th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 8, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate