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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Bell Helicopter Textron in Amarillo has achieved the 2 National Leader level of the Clean Texas, Cleaner World program, a 3 voluntary environmental leadership effort sponsored by the Texas 4 Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and

5 WHEREAS, To be approved at the National Leader level, Bell 6 underwent a rigorous on-site audit of its environmental management 7 system and demonstrated environmental performance that goes beyond 8 compliance with environmental laws; and

9 WHEREAS, Committed to minimizing the generation of hazardous 10 and nonhazardous waste, reducing energy consumption, and reducing 11 air emissions, Bell is now sending all of its wooden pallets and 12 wooden boxes to the local Habitat for Humanity chapter; material 13 once destined for the landfill is thus finding a new use in the 14 construction of homes for low-income families; and

15 WHEREAS, Organizations join the Clean Texas, Cleaner World 16 program for a three-year period at one of four membership levels; in 17 consequence of meeting the criteria for National Leader, the 18 highest level in the program, Bell Helicopter is eligible for such 19 benefits as reduced reporting, which cuts paperwork, and assistance 20 with innovative projects that focus on environmental improvement; 21 and

22 WHEREAS, Bell's membership at the National Leader level 23 became effective on April 20, 2005, and the company was recognized 24 for its accomplishment on May 3, 2005, during the TCEQ

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1 Environmental Trade Fair and Conference in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Since beginning operations in 1999, Bell Helicopter Amarillo has received widespread recognition for its commitment to excellence, and through its outstanding dedication to environmental protection, it embodies the highest standards of corporate citizenship; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 8 Legislature hereby congratulate Bell Helicopter Textron in 9 Amarillo on attaining the National Leader level of the Clean Texas, 10 Cleaner World program of the Texas Commission on Environmental 11 Quality and extend to everyone associated with those facilities 12 sincere best wishes for continued success.