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H.R. No. 1546

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Killeen was named the Association of
2 Defense Communities 2006 Active Base Community of the Year in
3 recognition of two innovative projects that provide economic
4 benefits to Killeen, Fort Hood, and the region; and

5 WHEREAS, Developed in collaboration with the City of Killeen,
6 Fort Hood, the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and the Central
7 Texas Workforce Center, the Dell work-from-home program employs
8 military spouses located anywhere in the U.S. as Dell call center
9 representatives, allowing them to avoid breaks in employment due to
10 military transfers; the six-month pilot program based at Fort Hood
11 proved so effective that Dell has since expanded it to include more
12 than 20 employees, and further plans for growth are in the works;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport is another
15 example of the city and Fort Hood successfully partnering to serve
16 base and other area residents; funded in part by the Federal
17 Aviation Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation,
18 Bell County, and the City of Killeen, the airport has made travel
19 more convenient for Fort Hood soldiers and military contractors, as
20 well as Central Texas business and leisure travelers, without
21 disrupting military operations; more than 300,000 passengers have
22 passed through the airport since it began service in 2004; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, the Association of Defense
24 Communities has worked to unite the interests of defense

1 communities, state government, the private sector, and the military
2 on a range of significant issues; representing some 1,200 members,
3 it is the nation's leading organization of communities with a
4 military presence; and

5 WHEREAS, The Dell work-from-home program and the
6 Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport exemplify the potential for
7 military, public, and private groups to work together for the
8 benefit of their communities, state, and nation, and this award
9 justly acknowledges the City of Killeen's remarkable
10 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the City of Killeen on being named
13 the Association of Defense Communities 2006 Active Base Community
14 of the Year and commend all those involved for their notable efforts
15 to support the success of this Central Texas community; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the City of Killeen as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.