

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.C.R. No. 76
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1-4 Military Installations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the
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1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Over the past eight years, the State of Texas and the
1-8 City of San Antonio have partnered in the redevelopment of Kelly Air
1-9 Force Base into the Port of San Antonio to create a world-class
1-10 aerospace center in support of the United States Air Force; and

1-11 WHEREAS, Several top-level defense prime contractors have
1-12 made significant private investments in leased facilities at the
1-13 Port of San Antonio to provide world-class aircraft maintenance,
1-14 repair, and overhaul services for the United States Air Force,
1-15 employing approximately 3,300 people; and

1-16 WHEREAS, The maintenance, repair, and overhaul defense
1-17 contractors have invested heavily in the development of the San
1-18 Antonio workforce by providing training in state-of-the-art
1-19 technical operations, productivity improvement, worker safety, and
1-20 employee involvement to develop a highly skilled workforce that has
1-21 demonstrated outstanding performance for military customers; and

1-22 WHEREAS, The defense contractors and employees located at the
1-23 Port of San Antonio contribute to United States defense
1-24 preparedness by providing critical aircraft systems maintenance,
1-25 repair, overhaul, and support services to optimize United States
1-26 Air Force fleet utilization; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The world-class performance of the defense industry
1-28 and its highly trained workforce provides best-value results
1-29 measured in terms of lowest cost, highest quality, and on-time
1-30 delivery to military customers and serves the best interest of the
1-31 military forces serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other
1-32 high-priority regions of the world; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Maintaining defense industry maintenance, repair,
1-34 and overhaul operations at the Port of San Antonio, in association
1-35 with government-owned military depots performing maintenance,
1-36 repair, and overhaul operations throughout the United States, is
1-37 critical to national security requirements to preserve national
1-38 strategic capability by maintaining a high state of readiness
1-39 during this time of high-threat conflict; and

1-40 WHEREAS, The United States Code, 10 U.S.C. Section 2466,
1-41 requires that not more than 50 percent of designated core depot work
1-42 be performed by private industry; however, the General Accounting
1-43 Office has cited some inconsistencies with regard to the reporting
1-44 of industry and depot maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations,
1-45 which may not properly reflect work performed by depots through
1-46 "public/private partnerships," so that inaccurate data is being
1-47 reported to the United States Air Force with regard to the
1-48 percentage of work being performed by private industry; and

1-49 WHEREAS, As the United States Air Force continues to consider
1-50 moving work from the Port of San Antonio to out-of-state Air Force
1-51 depots, due consideration should be given to maintaining our war
1-52 fighting capability as well as to all reasonable business costs
1-53 such as capital funding for construction and other costs, research
1-54 and development, procurement, benefits and future pension
1-55 expenses, and other costs; such factors may not be accurately
1-56 reflected in the data that the Air Force uses in making decisions to
1-57 move maintenance, repair, and overhaul work; and

1-58 WHEREAS, The significant investments made by industry, the
1-59 Port of San Antonio, and the State of Texas to support the national
1-60 maintenance, repair, and overhaul defense industrial base and
1-61 workforce should be considered before the United States Air Force
1-62 invests in duplicate capabilities; and

1-63 WHEREAS, The maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations at
1-64 the Port of San Antonio, which maintain a highly skilled workforce,

2-1 are essential to the national interest; they require an adequate
2-2 level of business in order to be in a position to support our armed
2-3 forces, and this national asset will be lost to our nation forever
2-4 if allowed to be degraded due to inadequate attention and
2-5 utilization; and

2-6 WHEREAS, The maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations
2-7 and workforce competency and ability are driven by a spirit to
2-8 compete for work that provides best value to our military
2-9 customers; now, therefore, be it

2-10 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-11 hereby congratulate maintenance, repair, and overhaul defense
2-12 industry employees located at the Port of San Antonio and the State
2-13 of Texas on their commitment to support our armed forces and the
2-14 taxpayers; and, be it further

2-15 RESOLVED, That the United States Air Force should consider
2-16 the impact on our armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere
2-17 and on American taxpayers as it determines its national public and
2-18 private industrial base policy with regard to relocating work from
2-19 the Port of San Antonio to military depots; and, be it further

2-20 RESOLVED, That the United States Air Force should take into
2-21 account all due business considerations such as workforce
2-22 performance, capital and construction costs, benefits and future
2-23 pension costs, and the existing national industrial base including
2-24 the private sector as it considers work transfer; and, be it further

2-25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2-26 prepared for the Secretary of the United States Air Force as an
2-27 expression of the high regard of the legislature for the defense
2-28 contractors and their employees located at the Port of San Antonio.

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