

1                               SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2               WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas takes pleasure  
3 in recognizing Bell Helicopter Textron on the 10th anniversary of  
4 its Amarillo Military Aircraft Assembly Center; and

5               WHEREAS, The Bell Helicopter Textron Military Aircraft  
6 Assembly Center contributes to Amarillo's economic vitality and  
7 employs over 800 talented West Texans; and

8               WHEREAS, Bell Helicopter Textron began assembly activity on  
9 the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft on March 15, 1999, and delivered  
10 its 100th aircraft to the American military in May of 2008; the  
11 federal government has signed a five-year contract to step up the  
12 V-22 production in order to produce an additional 167 tiltrotor  
13 aircraft; and

14              WHEREAS, In 2004, Bell added the H-1 Upgrade military program  
15 to the workload at the assembly center, and employees delivered 12  
16 of these helicopters to the United States Marine Corps in 2008; by  
17 2012, 28 helicopters per year will be delivered under a Full Rate  
18 Production Program; and

19              WHEREAS, Through public and private partnerships with the  
20 City of Amarillo, the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation,  
21 and the Texas Workforce Skills Development Program, Bell Helicopter  
22 Textron has broken ground on an additional 176,072 square feet of  
23 production space for the assembly center and anticipates adding 450  
24 employees to its workforce by 2013; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby congratulate Bell Helicopter Textron on the 10th anniversary  
3 of its Amarillo Military Aircraft Assembly Center; and, be it  
4 further

5           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for Bell  
6 Helicopter Textron.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 31 was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor