

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1039

WHEREAS, One of the world's foremost manufacturers of military aircraft, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 1941, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics has built a reputation for excellence through exhaustive research and innovative development of high-performance aircraft, and its products have long played an important role in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, The newest of the company's fifth-generation fighters, the F-35 Lightning II, is a single-engine, supersonic, multi-role stealth fighter designed to meet the combat requirements of the United States Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps and multiple international partners; replacing a wide array of aging fighters, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program will perform key national security functions; and

WHEREAS, More than 9,000 Texans are employed by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in its F-35 program; parent company Lockheed Martin Corporation, which operates 76 facilities in Texas, has a workforce of nearly 20,000 in the state, representing approximately \$3.8 billion in payroll; in addition, its business operations generate over \$2 billion of revenue for nearly 1,400 suppliers in the state, creating more than 55,000 indirect jobs; and

WHEREAS, Exemplary corporate citizens, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and the Lockheed Martin Corporation make vital contributions to the economic well-being of the Lone Star State and the prosperity of its citizens, and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program continues the company's proud history of military aviation in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby congratulate Lockheed Martin Aeronautics on its 70th anniversary and on the success of its F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program and extend to all those associated with the company sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate