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H.C.R. No. 142

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The city of Fort Worth has evolved into a prominent
2 center for the aviation and defense sectors, attracting major
3 corporations, manufacturing facilities, and a skilled workforce
4 that continues to drive innovation and economic growth in these
5 industries; and

6 WHEREAS, Fort Worth's connection to the military dates to its
7 establishment as a frontier outpost in 1849; later, as the United
8 States mobilized for World War I, the city served as the home of
9 Camp Bowie, which trained 100,000 soldiers in the U.S. Army's 36th
10 Infantry Division; during World War II, the construction of the
11 B-24 and B-32 bombers in Fort Worth and the development of Carswell
12 Air Force Base solidified the city's longstanding partnership with
13 the U.S. armed forces, which continues to this day; and

14 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1970s, Fort Worth became a
15 manufacturing location for the F-16, one of the world's most widely
16 used fighter jets; today, the city remains at the forefront of
17 aerospace innovation as the assembly site of the F-35 Lightning II,
18 the most advanced fifth-generation fighter jet in the world, which
19 is produced by Fort Worth-based Lockheed Martin Aeronautics; in
20 March 2025, it was announced that the global F-35 fleet had
21 surpassed one million total flight hours; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1951, Bell Textron, Inc., opened in Fort Worth
23 the first factory in the world specifically designed to manufacture
24 helicopters, and in 2018, the location was designated a Vertical

1 Flight Heritage Site by the Vertical Flight Society; the company
2 has produced and delivered more than 35,000 Bell rotorcraft, and it
3 is slated to expand its Fort Worth operations by opening a new
4 advanced manufacturing facility for the U.S. Army's Future Long
5 Range Assault Aircraft; this state-of-the-art tiltrotor is
6 designed to fly two times farther and faster than the current fleet;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1974, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport
9 has served Fort Worth, the North Texas region, and the State of
10 Texas as a gateway to destinations around the globe; it has grown
11 into one of the busiest airports in the world and welcomes more than
12 86 million travelers a year and generates over \$37 billion in annual
13 economic impact; and

14 WHEREAS, American Airlines relocated its corporate
15 headquarters to Fort Worth in 1979, and the carrier now maintains a
16 workforce of more than 36,000 in North Texas and operates thousands
17 of flights per day to more than 350 destinations in over 60
18 countries; and

19 WHEREAS, Fort Worth has played an integral part in advancing
20 America's leadership in military capability and aerospace
21 technology, and these contributions have brought profound benefits
22 to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby designate Fort Worth as the official Aviation and Defense
25 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
27 [391.003](#)(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect

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1 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
2 passed by the legislature.