

1-1 By: Geren, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.C.R. No. 142
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
1-3 May 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The city of Fort Worth has evolved into a prominent
1-17 center for the aviation and defense sectors, attracting major
1-18 corporations, manufacturing facilities, and a skilled workforce
1-19 that continues to drive innovation and economic growth in these
1-20 industries; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Fort Worth's connection to the military dates to its
1-22 establishment as a frontier outpost in 1849; later, as the United
1-23 States mobilized for World War I, the city served as the home of
1-24 Camp Bowie, which trained 100,000 soldiers in the U.S. Army's 36th
1-25 Infantry Division; during World War II, the construction of the
1-26 B-24 and B-32 bombers in Fort Worth and the development of Carswell
1-27 Air Force Base solidified the city's longstanding partnership with
1-28 the U.S. armed forces, which continues to this day; and

1-29 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1970s, Fort Worth became a
1-30 manufacturing location for the F-16, one of the world's most widely
1-31 used fighter jets; today, the city remains at the forefront of
1-32 aerospace innovation as the assembly site of the F-35 Lightning II,
1-33 the most advanced fifth-generation fighter jet in the world, which
1-34 is produced by Fort Worth-based Lockheed Martin Aeronautics; in
1-35 March 2025, it was announced that the global F-35 fleet had
1-36 surpassed one million total flight hours; and

1-37 WHEREAS, In 1951, Bell Textron, Inc., opened in Fort Worth
1-38 the first factory in the world specifically designed to manufacture
1-39 helicopters, and in 2018, the location was designated a Vertical
1-40 Flight Heritage Site by the Vertical Flight Society; the company
1-41 has produced and delivered more than 35,000 Bell rotorcraft, and it
1-42 is slated to expand its Fort Worth operations by opening a new
1-43 advanced manufacturing facility for the U.S. Army's Future Long
1-44 Range Assault Aircraft; this state-of-the-art tiltrotor is
1-45 designed to fly two times farther and faster than the current fleet;
1-46 and

1-47 WHEREAS, Since 1974, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport
1-48 has served Fort Worth, the North Texas region, and the State of
1-49 Texas as a gateway to destinations around the globe; it has grown
1-50 into one of the busiest airports in the world and welcomes more than
1-51 86 million travelers a year and generates over \$37 billion in annual
1-52 economic impact; and

1-53 WHEREAS, American Airlines relocated its corporate
1-54 headquarters to Fort Worth in 1979, and the carrier now maintains a
1-55 workforce of more than 36,000 in North Texas and operates thousands
1-56 of flights per day to more than 350 destinations in over 60
1-57 countries; and

1-58 WHEREAS, Fort Worth has played an integral part in advancing
1-59 America's leadership in military capability and aerospace
1-60 technology, and these contributions have brought profound benefits
1-61 to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

2-1 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-2 hereby designate Fort Worth as the official Aviation and Defense
2-3 Capital of Texas; and, be it further
2-4 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
2-5 [391.003](#)(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
2-6 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
2-7 passed by the legislature.

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