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3 By Senators Orr, Holtzclaw, Sanford, McGill and Scofield
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4 ENROLLED, SJR48,

5 COMMENDING THE BOEING COMPANY.
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7 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
8 herein proudly extended to The Boeing Company in honor of the
9 premier aerospace company's 50th anniversary and in
10 recognition of outstanding service; and

11 WHEREAS, The Boeing Company and Alabama have been
12 partners in growth and development for 50 years; The Boeing
13 Company first came to Huntsville in 1962 to perform work on
14 NASA's new Saturn V launch vehicle; the company designed and
15 manufactured the first stage of the Saturn S-IC and performed
16 technical integration of the entire Saturn V launch vehicle;
17 Boeing also designed and engineered the Lunar Roving Vehicle
18 which was used by NASA to explore the surface of the moon; and

19 WHEREAS, by 1966, Boeing employment in Huntsville
20 totaled approximately 4,300 employees, with primary operations
21 located in company-owned facilities in Huntsville's new
22 Cummings Research Park; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1972, the company won a contract from
24 the U.S. Army Missile Command's McMorrow Laboratories, to
25 design, develop, and manage the Radio Frequency Simulation

1 System for the Advanced Simulation Center at Redstone Arsenal;
2 this contract enabled the company to maintain a constant
3 business presence in Huntsville throughout the 1970's and
4 beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, the company made a
6 decision to increase its presence in north Alabama and
7 transferred the Automated Test Systems division from Wichita,
8 Kansas, to Huntsville; transferring the Automated Test Systems
9 division led to significant work in the simulator and test
10 systems area, including the design and development of
11 simulators for the B-1B bomber, the KC-135 air refueling
12 tanker, and the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS)
13 surveillance aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, by 1985, the company's presence in Alabama
15 had grown to approximately 1,500 employees, leading to the
16 development of the Jetplex facility, a complex of
17 company-owned buildings located at the Huntsville
18 International Airport's Industrial Park; in 1987 and 1988,
19 Boeing Huntsville was awarded two large computing and
20 communications contracts which led to another growth in
21 employment; also in 1987, Boeing Huntsville was awarded the
22 contract to develop and deploy the Alabama Supercomputer
23 Network, the first supercomputer network in the nation to be
24 funded by state government for use by business and academia;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, the decade of the 90's saw employment ebb
2 and flow as programs were completed and federal budgets
3 decreased; even though Huntsville employment had declined,
4 Boeing made a significant investment in a new manufacturing
5 facility in Decatur, Alabama, to manufacture and assemble
6 Delta rockets; this state of the art facility, now operated by
7 United Launch Alliance, today manufactures Delta IV, Delta II,
8 and Atlas V rockets and employs more than 700 workers; in
9 1998, the company was awarded the contract to design, develop,
10 and deploy America's missile defense program, now called the
11 Ground-based Midcourse Defense program; with this contract
12 award, employment numbers in Huntsville again grew above the
13 3,000 mark; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Boeing Huntsville and
15 its employees have been an integral part of the local
16 community, striving to be facilitators of positive change,
17 contributing volunteer hours and charitable donations to the
18 local community, supporting important causes like science,
19 technology, and math education; the arts; and the environment;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, 2012 marks Boeing's 50th anniversary in
22 Huntsville; Boeing continues to be the largest aerospace
23 company in Alabama and one of the state's largest employers;
24 current company operations in Huntsville include the
25 Ground-based Midcourse Defense program and other missile

1 defense work; key programs supporting NASA are also in
2 Huntsville; these include the Exploration Launch Systems
3 business, which oversees design and development of the new
4 Space Launch System, and the International Space Station
5 support unit; in addition, the site hosts services programs
6 for the Army Integrated Logistics business, and provides
7 engineering support for commercial and commercial-derivative
8 airplanes; over the years, Boeing Huntsville has developed a
9 diversified business base focused on design, development, and
10 engineering work on civil space, missile defense, and
11 commercial airplanes, continuing to focus on delivering high
12 quality products, services, and solutions to its customer
13 base; and

14 WHEREAS, with commitment to excellence, The Boeing
15 Company is a source of pride to the state, and is truly
16 deserving of this honor; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES CONCURRING THEREOF, That The Boeing Company is honored
19 and commended, and this resolution is offered in highest
20 admiration and esteem for the premier aerospace company's 50th
21 anniversary of Alabama operations and in recognition of
22 outstanding service.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 22-MAR-12

By: Senator Orr