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8 COMMENDING THE BOEING COMPANY.

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10 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
11 herein proudly extended to The Boeing Company in honor of the
12 premier aerospace company's 50th anniversary and in
13 recognition of outstanding service; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, in 1972, the company won a contract from
27 the U.S. Army Missile Command's McMorrow Laboratories, to

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

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

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

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

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

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