

1-1 By: Powell, et al. S.C.R. No. 4
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs &
 1-4 Border Security; April 21, 2021, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 | X | | | |
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The increasing military capabilities of other
 1-17 nations pose a growing threat to the United States, and in response,
 1-18 the U.S. military is undertaking critical modernization efforts
 1-19 across all branches; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army has adopted a modernization plan
 1-21 encompassing six mutually supporting priorities, among them the
 1-22 Future Vertical Lift program; the FVL initiative is a research and
 1-23 development effort to provide the next generation of rotorcraft
 1-24 technology to the armed forces, improving maneuverability, range,
 1-25 speed, payload, survivability, and reliability while reducing
 1-26 logistical footprint; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Key components of FVL include the Future Long-Range
 1-28 Assault Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft; FARA is
 1-29 designed to defeat defensive layers by providing much-needed aerial
 1-30 reconnaissance capabilities, while FLRAA will exploit opened areas
 1-31 to achieve air assault, air medical, and medium utility missions;
 1-32 and

1-33 WHEREAS, FVL will enable the Army National Guard, including
 1-34 the Texas National Guard, to expand its mission as an operational
 1-35 strategic reserve; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Army Futures Command, headquartered in Austin,
 1-37 focuses on modernization and speeding up the acquisition of
 1-38 platforms and technology, including FVL; Texas is both a center of
 1-39 the nation's aerospace and aviation industry and home to active
 1-40 military bases representing all branches of the military; moreover,
 1-41 numerous defense contractors and suppliers located in the Lone Star
 1-42 State play a role in strengthening military readiness; and

1-43 WHEREAS, FVL is vital to the military's ability to compete in
 1-44 the ever-evolving threat environment, and this important program
 1-45 will also promote continued growth and innovation in the aerospace
 1-46 and defense sectors in Texas and the nation; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-48 hereby express its support for the Future Vertical Lift program,
 1-49 including FLRAA and FARA, as part of U.S. Army modernization; and,
 1-50 be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-52 hereby express support for full funding of the U.S. Army's Future
 1-53 Vertical Lift program, including the Future Long-Range Assault
 1-54 Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft; and, be it
 1-55 further

1-56 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-57 copies of this resolution to the members of the Texas delegation to
 1-58 Congress as an expression of the sentiment of the Texas
 1-59 Legislature.

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