ESTABLISHING THE TEXAS AEROSPACE AND NATIONAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the continued well being and prosperity of the citizens of Texas and the United States are dependent on the preservation and development of national security; and

WHEREAS, the current administration in Washington has increased the awareness for the need for increased efforts in the areas of national defense and military preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Texas has historically been a leader in the aerospace industry and the military defense of this country; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas should actively encourage expansion and development of additional military installations, aerospace industries, related businesses, related vocational instructions, and education of aerospace technologists and engineers in its universities and colleges; and

WHEREAS, Texas has a thriving aerospace industrial community; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Texas had 23 active military installations employing 64,000 military personnel; and

WHEREAS, nearly $1 billion of defense research is annually spent in grants and contracts by the Federal government in Texas and is aerospace related research; and

WHEREAS, Texas population is expected to increase from 14.2 million in 1980 to approximately 22 million by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, 170,000 new employment opportunities must be created in Texas each year through the end of the century to meet the needs of a growing Texas population; and

WHEREAS, Texas ranked 5th in 1979 in receiving defense research grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, Texas institutions of higher education are experiencing difficulties in recruiting and retaining teaching faculties in aerospace technology and engineering because of better paying opportunities in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Texas' institutions of higher education must be encouraged to develop and expand their research and development activities by vying for defense related contracts and grants; and

WHEREAS, Texas needs a coordinated state strategy to take advantage of the opportunities created by the rapid growth in aerospace and defense technology in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the TEXAS AEROSPACE AND NATIONAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, hereinafter referred to as COUNCIL, to support existing aerospace, military defense and related industries in Texas, promote and coordinate the recruiting of other such industries to the state, encourage the education and retention of aerospace vocational technology and engineering graduates from Texas schools, universities and colleges, and chart a course for a favorable employment climate for these graduates in Texas.
The COUNCIL will consist of not more than 50 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve for two-year terms at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor. The COUNCIL shall be comprised of a broad representation from the aerospace industry, U.S. military organizations, institutions of higher education, labor organizations, elected officials, and other interested citizens and organizations.

An Executive Committee comprised of not more than 10 members of the COUNCIL shall be designated by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the COUNCIL shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for and on behalf of the COUNCIL, approve budgets and expenditures, and conduct business that is put before it by the Chairman of the COUNCIL.

The COUNCIL may employ an Executive Director and staff as well as consultant resources to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities. The COUNCIL may not receive state funding assistance but may receive gifts, contributions, or assessments from its members.

The COUNCIL will be charged with the following responsibilities:

(a) assist in securing additional research and development grants and contracts for Texas universities and colleges;

(b) assist in securing additional research and development contracts for Texas' aerospace and defense technology industries;

(c) encourage a favorable climate for relocation of aerospace and defense technology industries to Texas;

(d) encourage a favorable climate for electronic industries to base in Texas and encourage expansion of all facets of electronic technology;

(e) assist in maintaining existing and attracting additional military installations to Texas;

(f) encourage an increase in the funding levels provided to such military installations;

(g) promote vocational training and employment of related skills into Texas' job market;

(h) promote the retention and employment of aerospace technology and engineering graduates from Texas colleges and universities into Texas' job market;

(i) inform local, state, and national elected and appointed officials of the attractiveness of Texas as a source for developing projects with national security implications and of the commitment of Texas' state leadership to that effort;

(j) make recommendations to the Governor regarding necessary legislation or actions by the Governor's Office which will promote the purposes of the Council; and

(k) perform other duties as may be requested by the Governor.

The COUNCIL shall meet at least semi-annually and at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda for COUNCIL meetings.

All members of the COUNCIL and Executive Committee shall serve without compensation and shall be responsible for their expenses.
All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the COUNCIL in the performance of its duties.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 4th day of September, 1981.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

H. David Herndon
Assistant Secretary of State

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