

Resolution supporting the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), and urging Congressional and Department of War support for its continued operations and growth.

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), located at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, is the world's largest helicopter repair facility and plays a vital role in national defense by providing maintenance, repair, overhaul, and modernization of rotary-wing aircraft for the U.S. Army, other military branches, and Foreign Military Sales (FMS); and

WHEREAS, CCAD has served as a premier aviation readiness provider since 1961, ensuring that Army aviation units receive safe, reliable, and mission-ready aircraft essential to national security and global military operations, thereby designated as the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for rotary-wing aviation sustainment; and

WHEREAS, unlike many federal entities dependent on annual appropriations, CCAD operates under a working-capital-fund model, generating revenue through its services rather than relying on direct taxpayer funding, thereby supporting military readiness without contributing to the national debt; and

WHEREAS, CCAD functions as a high-performance industrial operation, adjusting its workforce and production levels based on customer demand while maintaining fiscal responsibility, efficiency, and a commitment to supporting warfighters with operationally ready aircraft; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is one of the largest employers in the Coastal Bend region, supporting thousands of direct and indirect jobs and generating significant economic activity for Corpus Christi and the State of Texas, with an estimated multibillion-dollar annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, current federal law under the 50/50 rule requires that no more than 50 percent of depot-level maintenance funding be allocated to the private sector, ensuring that at least half of all such work is performed by the nation's organic industrial base—government-owned, government-operated depots, arsenals, and shipyards; and

WHEREAS, the 50/50 law preserves wartime readiness and guarantees that facilities such as the Corpus Christi Army Depot receive consistent, predictable workloads necessary to maintain a highly skilled, fully qualified workforce capable of responding to national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, any reduction or loss of CCAD's mission would diminish military aviation readiness, reduce access to critical depot-level maintenance capabilities, and

have severe consequences for employees, families, businesses, and the broader Coastal Bend economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi strongly supports maintaining, strengthening, and expanding CCAD's mission to preserve national security, protect regional jobs, and sustain long-term economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Corpus Christi respectfully requests that the United States Department of War enforce the federal 50/50 rule across all installations, ensuring that adequate near-term repair contracts include steady and consistent workloads directed to the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD).

SECTION 2. The City of Corpus Christi urges the United States Congress to take the following actions in support of CCAD and national military readiness:

- a. Reinforce Right to Repair principles in all maintenance-sourcing decisions to ensure that organic depot-level capabilities, including CCAD, remain fully utilized and prioritized.
- b. Utilize the authority granted in the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), permitting CCAD to perform rotary-wing repair for all military services, and formally designate CCAD as a primary rotary-wing repair and reset node within the Department of War enterprise.
- c. Provide authority to write off unrecoverable capital investments associated with cancelled or withdrawn missions, preventing undue financial burden on CCAD's working-capital-fund operations.
- d. Evaluate the application of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) surcharges to reduce disproportionate cost impacts on depot-level maintenance activities.
- e. Accelerate funding and authority for the next four phases of CCAD's Powertrain Facility modernization, expanding engine and powertrain repair capacity across the joint force and strengthening long-term aviation readiness.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary