

## House Resolution 1549

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending United Technologies Corporation and recognizing February 23, 2012, as  
2 United Technologies Corporation Employee Scholar Day at the capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, United Technologies Corporation (UTC) provides innovative, high-technology  
5 products and services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, UTC's industry leading businesses include Otis elevators and escalators; UTC  
7 Climate, Controls, and Security, which includes Carrier heating, air conditioning, and  
8 refrigeration systems, and a broad range of fire safety and security solutions from leading  
9 brands, such as Kidde and Chubb; Sikorsky aircraft; and UTC Propulsion and Aerospace  
10 Systems, which includes Pratt and Whitney aircraft engines and Hamilton Sundstrand  
11 aerospace and industrial products; and

12 WHEREAS, UTC employs over 200,000 people worldwide, including approximately 75,000  
13 people in the United States and approximately 2,000 people in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, UTC purchases products and services valued at over \$300 million annually  
15 from approximately 1,400 Georgia based suppliers; and

16 WHEREAS, UTC established its Employee Scholar Program in 1996 to provide lifelong  
17 learning to its employees by giving them access to education to stay current in their chosen  
18 field or enable new career opportunities; and

19 WHEREAS, the Employee Scholar Program is one of the most comprehensive, company  
20 sponsored, employee education programs in the world; and

21 WHEREAS, the Employee Scholar Program pays for tuition, academic fees, and books at  
22 approved educational institutions; makes payments directly to the educational institution to

23 minimize out of pocket costs; allows employees to obtain a degree in any field, whether or  
24 not it is related to their job; and provides eligible employees up to three hours of paid time  
25 off to study per week; and

26 WHEREAS, UTC has invested \$1 billion to further its employees' education, \$11 million of  
27 which went to Georgia, with more than 32,500 degrees that have been awarded to employees  
28 in over 50 countries, 500 of which went to Georgia based employees, and currently has  
29 10,000 employees participating in the program worldwide, over 150 of who are from  
30 Georgia; and

31 WHEREAS, numerous Georgia based institutions of higher learning have participated in and  
32 benefited from the UTC Employee Scholar Program; and

33 WHEREAS, UTC's investment in its employees is an investment in Georgia's future and its  
34 economy and is worthy of recognition.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the outstanding contributions of United Technologies  
37 Corporation to higher education and to the State of Georgia and recognize February 23, 2012,  
38 as United Technologies Corporation Employee Scholar Day at the capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to United Technologies  
41 Corporation.