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Congressman Akin Applauds

Delivery of 100,000th JDAM

St. Charles, MO - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, applauds the 100,000th delivery of a Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) to the United States military. Congressman Akin is joining a ceremony celebrating the 100,000th delivery at Boeing's St. Charles Facility being held today.

JDAM is a family of munitions capable of being guided to targets and range from 500 to 2,000 pound bombs. The JDAM is often the weapon of choice in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The added precision of smart munitions not only enhances their effectiveness in striking the enemy, which is produced at the Boeing Facility in St. Charles smart weapon capability. And, significantly, JDAMS also help reduce civilian casualties in military operations," said Congressman Akin. "The workers at Boeing should be proud of the JDAM and how it has added so much to the success of America's warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Approximately 3,000 JDAM kits are being produced each month, an output that demonstrates the strength of the JDAM program as well as the commitment of Boeing and its employees to providing an outstanding product essential to our nation's defense," Akin concluded.