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EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 30, 2014 / PRNewswire / -- A Boeing [NYSE: BA] 747-8 Freighter painted in the livery of the Seattle Seahawks took to the skies over Washington in advance of the team's appearance Sunday in Super Bowl XLVIII.

The airplane's flight pattern took it past Seattle landmarks including the Space Needle and CenturyLink Field, home of the Seahawks. The 747-8 then flew over Eastern Washington in a pattern that formed the number "12," a salute to all Seahawks' fans.

"You may remember that we drew a '747' over the continental United States during 747-8 certification flight testing," said Boeing 747 chief pilot Mark Feuerstein "Although the '12' is smaller in scale, the pride and sense of community behind it make it feel just as big for the entire Boeing team."

Boeing is a sponsor of the Seattle Seahawks and has partnered with the team for more than a decade on programs in the Puget Sound area.

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