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H.B. No. 2129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the issuance of Space Shuttle Columbia license plates  
3 to benefit the Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 502.300 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.300. SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
8 The department shall issue specially designed "Space Shuttle  
9 Columbia" license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

10 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
11 consultation with the Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas.

12 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
13 section to a person who:

14 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
15 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
16 department; and

17 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
18 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
19 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
20 502.251.

21 (d) Of each fee collected under this section:

22 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general  
23 revenue fund and used only by the Texas Aerospace Commission or its  
24 successor agency in making grants to benefit the Aviation and Space

1 Foundation of Texas for the purposes of furthering aviation and  
2 space activities in Texas and providing Columbia Crew memorial  
3 scholarships to students; and

4 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
5 highway fund to defray the cost of administering this section.

6 (e) If license plates issued under this section are lost,  
7 stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the license  
8 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the  
9 department by paying a replacement fee of \$5. If the owner of a  
10 vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle  
11 during the registration year, the owner shall return the special  
12 license plates to the department.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.