

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of the State of Texas were shocked and  
2 deeply saddened by the tragic loss of the NASA space shuttle  
3 *Columbia* and her extraordinary crew when the shuttle broke up  
4 during reentry over the Texas sky on February 1, 2003; and

5           WHEREAS, The STS-107 mission crew was composed of commander  
6 Rick Husband, pilot William C. McCool, payload commander Michael P.  
7 Anderson, mission specialist David M. Brown, mission specialist  
8 Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist Laurel B. Clark, and payload  
9 specialist Ilan Ramon; all of these remarkable individuals resided  
10 in Texas and were respected and admired for their bravery, courage,  
11 and dedication to their mission and to the exploration of space; and

12           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Legislature remain proud of the  
13 crew's contributions to science and engineering, international  
14 cooperation, human exploration, and the celebration of the human  
15 spirit; and

16           WHEREAS, A key component of the NASA mission is "to inspire  
17 the next generation of explorers," and *Columbia's* brilliant,  
18 talented, and accomplished crew members will forever be remembered  
19 as trailblazing heroes by young people who aspire to pursue the  
20 noble cause of space exploration and scientific research; and

21           WHEREAS, The Johnson Space Center and the Texas Legislature  
22 have long encouraged the students of this state to study math,  
23 science, and engineering through their collaborative sponsorship  
24 of education and technology programs designed to interest young

1 people in the excitement of space exploration, and this goal has  
2 only been strengthened through the contributions of the crew of the  
3 space shuttle *Columbia* and those who came before them; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby recognize the numerous benefits to humankind of space flight  
7 and the importance of maintaining support for innovative programs  
8 that inspire future scientists and engineers who will continue the  
9 legacy of *Columbia* and her crew; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate  
11 hereby pay tribute to the fallen heroes of the space shuttle  
12 *Columbia*, whose memory will be forever honored and cherished, and  
13 extend deepest condolences to the members of their families, the  
14 Johnson Space Center community, and the entire NASA family.

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
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Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
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Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Christian	Hope	Riddle
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Cook of Navarro	Howard	Rodriguez
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rose
Corte	Hunter	Seaman
Crabb	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Harris
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Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
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Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
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Driver	King	Taylor
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 200 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 15, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 200 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 15, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor