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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Humboldt Mandell is one of the most senior and  
2 respected employees of the National Aeronautics and Space  
3 Administration (NASA), and his singular contributions to the field  
4 of space exploration are worthy of special commendation; and

5           WHEREAS, Interested in flight from an early age, Mr. Mandell  
6 earned his pilot's license at 16 and later joined the Air Force  
7 ROTC; he pursued his higher education at The University of Texas at  
8 Austin (UT), graduating in 1957, and in the summers expanded his  
9 knowledge and experience by working at aerospace companies; and

10           WHEREAS, He joined the staff at NASA in 1962 as a design  
11 engineer and ultimately attained the title of program manager; much  
12 of his time at the space agency has been devoted to spearheading  
13 manned flight to the planet Mars, and in spite of the vast  
14 mechanical, physiological, psychological, and political obstacles  
15 to accomplishing such a monumental feat, Mr. Mandell and his team  
16 have remained focused on attaining that goal; and

17           WHEREAS, A mainstay at the Johnson Space Center in Clear  
18 Lake, Mr. Mandell spends one day each week coordinating NASA  
19 activities with the Texas Space Grant Consortium, and also finds  
20 time in his busy schedule to follow UT sports teams; his continuing  
21 support of UT also includes serving as president of the Texas Exes  
22 in 1990-1991 and cochairing the committee that created the Texas  
23 Scholars Program; and

24           WHEREAS, Throughout the course of his more than four decades

1 with NASA, Mr. Mandell has applied his skills, knowledge, and  
2 prestige to realizing the goal of manned space flight to Mars, and  
3 it is truly appropriate that he be honored for his remarkable  
4 efforts in this regard; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend Humboldt Mandell for his significant and  
7 visionary contributions to our nation's space program and extend to  
8 him sincere best wishes for future success; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Mandell as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.