

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, All citizens of the State of Texas were deeply
3 saddened by the tragic loss of the National Aeronautics and Space
4 Administration's Space Shuttle Columbia and her extraordinary crew
5 during mission STS-107 when the shuttle broke up during reentry
6 over the Texas sky on February 1, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Legislature are proud of
8 the contributions of the astronaut crew to science and engineering,
9 to international cooperation, to human space exploration, and to
10 the celebration of the human spirit; and

11 WHEREAS, The STS-107 crew members, Commander Rick Husband,
12 Pilot William C. McCool, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson,
13 Mission Specialist David M. Brown, Mission Specialist Kalpana
14 Chawla, Mission Specialist Laurel B. Clark, and Payload Specialist
15 Ilan Ramon, were respected and admired for their bravery, courage,
16 and dedication to their mission and to the exploration of space; and

17 WHEREAS, A key component of the NASA mission is "to inspire
18 the next generation of explorers," and Columbia's brilliant,
19 talented, and accomplished crew members will forever serve as role
20 models to youth who aspire to pursue the noble cause of space
21 exploration and scientific research; and

22 WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
23 at Johnson Space Center and the Texas Legislature have long
24 cooperated through the successful and productive joint sponsorship
25 of education and technology programs designed to capitalize on the

1 excitement of space exploration to encourage Texas students to
2 study math, science, and engineering; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby extol the numerous benefits of space flight to mankind and
5 the importance of maintaining support for innovative programs that
6 inspire future scientists and engineers to continue the legacy of
7 Columbia and her crew, and hereby extend condolences to the crew
8 families, the Johnson Space Center community, and the entire NASA
9 family.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 43 was adopted by the Senate
on April 15, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 43 was adopted by the House
on April 15, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor