

1 WHEREAS, NASA plays a vital role in the economy of the Lone
2 Star State, by employing nearly 3,000 civil servants and
3 approximately 13,000 contractors at the Johnson Space Center and by
4 awarding almost \$4 billion worth of NASA contracts annually; small
5 businesses across Texas with technical challenges have benefited
6 from the support of the aerospace industry, NASA, and the State of
7 Texas' support of the Technology Outreach Program, resulting in new
8 business ventures within the state; and

9 WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has the potential to
10 further drive innovation, development, and advancement in the
11 aerospace and other high technology industries across the nation
12 and in the State of Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, The extraordinary contributions of NASA to science
14 and technology are the pride of our state, and the Space Exploration
15 Vision is truly deserving of legislative recognition; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby respectfully urge all members of the United States Congress
19 to fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
20 budget request in support of the Space Exploration Vision, as
21 submitted to the congress for fiscal year 2006, to enable the United
22 States, and the State of Texas, to remain leaders in the exploration
23 and development of space; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
25 copies of this resolution to the administrator of the National
26 Aeronautics and Space Administration, to the president of the
27 United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and

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1 the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to
2 all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request
3 that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional
4 Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of
5 America.