

1-1 By: Davis of Harris, Taylor H.C.R. No. 49
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Jackson)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;
1-4 May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-5 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-8 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
1-9 pay tribute to National Aeronautics and Space Administration
1-10 (NASA), whose intrepid explorations of space and important
1-11 scientific discoveries have inspired and benefited the people of
1-12 our nation and state; and

1-13 WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has set a goal of
1-14 returning the Space Shuttle to flight, completing assembly of the
1-15 International Space Station, developing the Crew Exploration
1-16 Vehicle, returning humans to the moon, and pursuing human
1-17 exploration of Mars and the solar system; and

1-18 WHEREAS, NASA's landmark achievement in putting the first man
1-19 on the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong, on July 20, 1969, captured
1-20 the imagination of people everywhere; and

1-21 WHEREAS, This major accomplishment ushered in new and
1-22 exciting technological advances that have benefited our nation's
1-23 security and cellular communications; NASA has also advanced our
1-24 health care system through the development of MRI and CAT scan
1-25 technology, fetal heart monitors, programmable heart pacemakers,
1-26 and other important medical devices; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Through education programs like Texas Aerospace
1-28 Scholars, the NASA Explorer Schools, and the Network of Educator
1-29 Astronaut Teachers, NASA is nurturing a new generation of explorers
1-30 and scientists who can contribute to our nation's excellence; and

1-31 WHEREAS, NASA plays a vital role in the economy of the Lone
1-32 Star State, by employing nearly 3,000 civil servants and
1-33 approximately 13,000 contractors at the Johnson Space Center and by
1-34 awarding almost \$4 billion worth of NASA contracts annually; small
1-35 businesses across Texas with technical challenges have benefited
1-36 from the support of the aerospace industry, NASA, and the State of
1-37 Texas' support of the Technology Outreach Program, resulting in new
1-38 business ventures within the state; and

1-39 WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has the potential to
1-40 further drive innovation, development, and advancement in the
1-41 aerospace and other high technology industries across the nation
1-42 and in the State of Texas; and

1-43 WHEREAS, The extraordinary contributions of NASA to science
1-44 and technology are the pride of our state, and the Space Exploration
1-45 Vision is truly deserving of legislative recognition; now,
1-46 therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-48 hereby respectfully urge all members of the United States Congress
1-49 to fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
1-50 budget request in support of the Space Exploration Vision, as
1-51 submitted to the congress for fiscal year 2006, to enable the United
1-52 States, and the State of Texas, to remain leaders in the exploration
1-53 and development of space; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-55 copies of this resolution to the administrator of the National
1-56 Aeronautics and Space Administration, to the president of the
1-57 United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and
1-58 the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to
1-59 all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request
1-60 that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional
1-61 Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of
1-62 America.

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