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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
2 pay tribute to National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
3 (NASA), whose intrepid explorations of space and important  
4 scientific discoveries have inspired and benefited the people of  
5 our nation and state; and

6           WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has set a goal of  
7 returning the Space Shuttle to flight, completing assembly of the  
8 International Space Station, developing the Crew Exploration  
9 Vehicle, returning humans to the moon, and pursuing human  
10 exploration of Mars and the solar system; and

11           WHEREAS, NASA's landmark achievement in putting the first man  
12 on the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong, on July 20, 1969, captured  
13 the imagination of people everywhere; and

14           WHEREAS, This major accomplishment ushered in new and  
15 exciting technological advances that have benefited our nation's  
16 security and cellular communications; NASA has also advanced our  
17 health care system through the development of MRI and CAT scan  
18 technology, fetal heart monitors, programmable heart pacemakers,  
19 and other important medical devices; and

20           WHEREAS, Through education programs like Texas Aerospace  
21 Scholars, the NASA Explorer Schools, and the Network of Educator  
22 Astronaut Teachers, NASA is nurturing a new generation of explorers  
23 and scientists who can contribute to our nation's excellence; and

24           WHEREAS, NASA plays a vital role in the economy of the Lone

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space  
18 Administration on their many accomplishments and wish them the best  
19 in accomplishing the many goals and milestones they still have to  
20 achieve.