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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, During the last 50 years, space exploration has  
2 ushered in an astounding array of technology that has enhanced  
3 almost every facet of human life; and

4           WHEREAS, In an example of just one critical area, the  
5 National Aeronautics and Space Administration has transformed  
6 health care through the development of MRI and CAT scan technology,  
7 fetal heart monitors, programmable heart pacemakers, and other  
8 important medical devices; and

9           WHEREAS, Texas is deeply influenced by the achievements of  
10 NASA through the Johnson Space Center in Houston; as the agency's  
11 lead human space flight center, JSC is home to the NASA astronaut  
12 corps and is responsible for training space explorers from the  
13 United States and partner nations; moreover, the Mission Control  
14 Center at JSC directs all space shuttle missions and manages all  
15 activity onboard the International Space Station; and

16           WHEREAS, NASA plays a vital role in the Texas economy by  
17 employing more than 3,400 civil servants and some 13,000 contractor  
18 personnel at the Houston center and by awarding more than \$4 billion  
19 in contracts annually; in addition, the agency's Space Alliance  
20 Technology Outreach Program offers free technical assistance to  
21 small businesses in Texas, hastening the transfer of space  
22 technology to the private sector; and

23           WHEREAS, The people of Texas further benefit from such  
24 programs as Texas Aerospace Scholars, the NASA Explorer Schools,

1 and the Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers, all of which seek to  
2 nurture a new generation of astronauts and scientists; and

3 WHEREAS, The extraordinary contributions of NASA have  
4 resulted in far-reaching advances in science and technology, and  
5 the U.S. Space Exploration Policy has the potential to drive  
6 continued innovation and progress in the 21st century; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to  
10 fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget  
11 request in support of the U.S. Space Exploration Policy, as  
12 submitted to Congress for Fiscal Year 2010; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of  
14 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the  
15 president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of  
16 representatives and the president of the senate of the United  
17 States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to  
18 Congress with the request that this resolution be officially  
19 entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of  
20 the United States of America.