

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 299

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Texans across the state in celebrating March 4 and 5, 2009, as NASA Space Days at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The exploration of space has brought about many exciting technological innovations that have inspired and benefited countless people around the world; magnetic resonance imaging technology, fetal heart monitors, and programmable heart pacemakers are but a few of the medical advances that have come about as a result of NASA research; and

WHEREAS, Through educational programs like Texas Aerospace Scholars, NASA Explorer Schools, and the Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers, NASA is cultivating a new generation of explorers and scientists who will further expand our nation's body of knowledge and expertise; and

WHEREAS, NASA plays an essential role in the economy of our state, employing more than 3,400 civil servants and some 13,000 contract employees at the Johnson Space Center and awarding more than \$4 billion in contracts every year; it is truly deserving of recognition for its many accomplishments and contributions to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on its extraordinary contributions to science and technology and call upon all Texans to celebrate March 4 and 5, 2009, as NASA Space Days at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the agency as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Jackson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate