

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The aerospace industry has contributed
2 significantly to the State of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The NASA Johnson Space Center and the surrounding
4 aerospace community directly employ more than 18,000 people, and in
5 fiscal year 2010 they received nearly \$5.3 billion in procurement
6 obligations; the economic impact of this was enormous, with 85
7 large businesses performing approximately \$3.6 billion of work in
8 Texas, and some \$119 million worth of work being provided to small
9 businesses; moreover, the industry contracted nearly \$14.2 million
10 in grants and agreements with Texas universities, \$70.4 million
11 with women-owned businesses, \$10.3 million with veteran-owned
12 businesses, and \$14.5 million with Texas nonprofit organizations;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The state aerospace industry leads the nation's
15 human space exploration program, and among its responsibilities are
16 flying the space shuttle fleet until its retirement, completing the
17 assembly and continuing the operation of the International Space
18 Station, and developing the Orion crew module, which will be used on
19 the nation's next launch vehicle; and

20 WHEREAS, Thanks in part to the efforts of the Bay Area Houston
21 Economic Partnership, Congress overwhelmingly passed the 2010 NASA
22 Authorization Act, and it was signed into law by the president; this
23 legislation charts a path for future space exploration that
24 includes three shuttle flights in 2011, continuing support for the

1 International Space Station at least through 2020, development of a
2 new launch system that leverages investments already made in the
3 Ares launch systems, and continued funding of a multipurpose crew
4 vehicle that uses the designs, systems, and safety features of the
5 Orion project; and

6 WHEREAS, The human space exploration program is essential to
7 America's global leadership, economic competitiveness, and job
8 creation, and the technological innovations pioneered by NASA
9 benefit not only the nation's safety and security, but also the
10 communications and health care industries, as well as others; and

11 WHEREAS, NASA and the entire aerospace community have long
12 made a vital and positive difference in the Lone Star State, and
13 they are indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor NASA and the aerospace industry for their
16 leadership and accomplishments in the State of Texas.

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Speaker of the House

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