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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.