

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 469

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the representatives of the Johnson Space Center who are visiting Austin on the occasion of NASA Space Day at the State Capitol, which is being celebrated March 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson Space Center has played a vital role in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's intrepid explorations of space and important scientific discoveries, which have for decades inspired and benefited the people of our nation and state; and

WHEREAS, NASA has long led the nations of the world in space exploration and aeronautical technology; the Johnson Space Center is pioneering the development of America's deep space vehicle, Orion, and maximizing the use of the International Space Station for research purposes; and

WHEREAS, Among its other functions are the research and development that are so vital to future space exploration, along with the formation of partnerships to advance commercial crew and cargo capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Over the past half century, NASA innovations have helped to ensure the national security of the United States, as well as the safety of its individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, Breakthroughs by NASA scientists have even revolutionized American health care; because of these achievements, today's medical professionals have access to technologies such as computerized axial tomography scans, magnetic resonance imaging, fetal monitors, and programmable heart pacemakers; and

WHEREAS, Through educational programs such as Texas Aerospace Scholars, NASA is preparing a new generation of scientists and explorers who can contribute to the nation's future; and

WHEREAS, NASA and the Johnson Space Center help drive our state's dynamic economy and generate a highly skilled work force for Texas and the rest of the world; the agency employs more than 3,100 civil servants and some 10,000 contractor personnel at the Johnson Space Center; it also awards \$4.9 billion worth of NASA contracts annually; and

WHEREAS, Such extraordinary contributions have made NASA a revered institution the world over, and the Johnson Space Center's essential role in these achievements has long been a source of pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby welcome the delegation from the Johnson Space Center to Austin and extend best wishes for an enjoyable and productive NASA Space Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

Taylor

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 19, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate