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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 60 years, the National Aeronautics and  
2 Space Administration has inspired our nation and the world with its  
3 outstanding record of intrepid space exploration and scientific  
4 discovery; and

5 WHEREAS, NASA's innumerable engineering advances have  
6 greatly benefited our nation's security, safety, and  
7 communications systems, and innovations pioneered by NASA  
8 scientists and engineers have led to such improvements in health  
9 care technology as the MRI and the CAT scan, the fetal heart  
10 monitor, and the programmable heart pacemaker; and

11 WHEREAS, The agency's strong presence in the Lone Star State  
12 has long been a source of pride for all Texans; the Johnson Space  
13 Center in Houston is a global leader in human spaceflight, serving  
14 as the training center for America's corps of astronauts; the  
15 center is continuing that legacy by serving as the headquarters for  
16 the development of the nation's latest spacecraft, the Orion  
17 Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle; this effort includes working with  
18 private partners and conducting advanced research that will  
19 strengthen the future of space exploration; and

20 WHEREAS, The Johnson Space Center also plays a vital role in  
21 the Texas economy, employing more than 3,000 civil servants and  
22 approximately 12,000 civilian contractors and awarding almost \$5  
23 billion in contracts every year; in addition, NASA's Space Alliance  
24 Technology Outreach Program benefits small businesses across the

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1 state, and through education programs such as Texas Aerospace  
2 Scholars, NASA is nurturing and inspiring a new generation of  
3 scientists, engineers, and explorers; and

4 WHEREAS, NASA continues to drive further innovation in the  
5 aerospace and high-tech industries, and its development of  
6 technologies that simultaneously reach for the stars and better our  
7 lives here on Earth is truly deserving of special recognition; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2015, as Space Day at the  
11 State Capitol and honor the National Aeronautics and Space  
12 Administration for its immeasurable contributions to this state and  
13 nation.