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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vanessa E. Wyche serves with great distinction as
2 deputy director of the NASA Johnson Space Center; and

3 WHEREAS, In her role, Vanessa Wyche helps lead nearly 10,000
4 civil service and contractor employees in operations and
5 development of human spaceflight programs; she previously served
6 JSC as director of Exploration Integration and Science, guiding
7 efforts to enable human and robotic exploration of deep space in
8 preparation for missions to Mars; over the course of her noteworthy
9 career as an engineer and manager, she has also held such important
10 positions as flight manager of several missions of the retired
11 Space Shuttle Program and executive officer in the Office of the
12 NASA Administrator; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Wyche is vice chair of the board of Space Center
14 Houston, and she serves on the board of advisors of Houston
15 Exponential, SpaceCom, and NASA's College Scholarship Fund;
16 committed to nurturing the next generation of experts in science,
17 technology, engineering, and mathematics, she leads an annual
18 science fair at an underserved elementary school; moreover, she is
19 executive sponsor of the JSC Chapter of the National Society of
20 Black Engineers, and she gives generously of her time and talents to
21 a number of worthy organizations, among them The Links,
22 Incorporated, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Jack and Jill of
23 America; and

24 WHEREAS, Widely admired for her professional accomplishments

1 and civic contributions, Ms. Wyche has received numerous
2 accolades, including two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals and two
3 NASA Achievement Medals; in 2017, she was named an Inspiring Woman
4 from South Carolina by Women in Philanthropy and Leadership at
5 Coastal Carolina University; she holds both a bachelor's degree in
6 engineering and a master's degree in bioengineering from Clemson
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her vision, leadership, and dedication,
9 Vanessa Wyche has greatly benefited the nation's space program, and
10 she has set an inspiring example for her fellow citizens; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Vanessa E. Wyche for her outstanding
14 service as deputy director of the NASA Johnson Space Center and
15 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Wyche as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.