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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Marfa Martians of Marfa Elementary School have
2 won great distinction for themselves and their school by placing a
3 scientific experiment on the International Space Station; and

4 WHEREAS, After winning a schoolwide competition, a
5 microgravity experiment designed by this group of gifted fourth
6 through sixth grade girls was selected by a panel of scientists in
7 Washington, D.C., to be tested aboard the International Space
8 Station; and

9 WHEREAS, The experiment is one of only 41 projects from
10 across the nation to be selected this year by the Student
11 Spaceflight Experiments Program, which is an initiative of the
12 National Center for Earth and Space Science Education and the
13 Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education; since the program
14 was established in 2010, only one percent of the projects have been
15 sent into space; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marfa Martians include fourth graders Madison
17 Cash, Daniela Fernandez, Colette Fowlkes, and Mabel Melgaard, fifth
18 grader Charlotte Browning, and sixth grader Ashley Marquez; these
19 talented girls are the youngest team of microgravity researchers to
20 be selected this year; and

21 WHEREAS, These outstanding students are a source of great
22 pride to their families, school, and community, and their hard work
23 and ingenuity are truly deserving of special recognition; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Marfa Martians for placing an
3 experiment on the International Space Station and extend to these
4 accomplished young Texans sincere best wishes for continued success
5 and a bright future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the Marfa Martians as an expression of high regard by
8 the Texas House of Representatives.