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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives from Blue Origin and Club for the  
2 Future are gathering in Austin on March 6, 2023, to celebrate For  
3 The Benefit of Earth Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Blue Origin has safely operated Launch Site One in  
5 Culberson County since 2006; there, it developed and tested the  
6 suborbital New Shepard system and reusable rocket engines necessary  
7 to fulfill its vision of millions of people living and working in  
8 space for the benefit of Earth; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2021, the company made human spaceflight history  
10 at Launch Site One, becoming the first entity to fly humans into  
11 space from Texas and the third private company to fly humans above  
12 the Kármán line, the internationally recognized boundary of space  
13 located at an altitude of 100 kilometers; the company repeated this  
14 achievement a total of six times in the span of 13 months,  
15 ultimately launching 31 humans into space from the Lone Star State  
16 and bringing Texas, Culberson County, and Van Horn to the attention  
17 of millions of people across the world; and

18 WHEREAS, Blue Origin has also contributed to national  
19 security efforts with the testing and delivery of the BE-4, a  
20 powerful liquified natural gas-fueled reusable rocket engine; the  
21 company employs upwards of 400 aerospace engineers, technicians,  
22 and business operations specialists in over 78 House and 31 Senate  
23 districts in Texas; it has awarded business to more than 400  
24 companies in the Lone Star State, for a total spend in Texas of well

1 over \$500 million; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to inspiring the next generation of space  
3 exploration, Blue Origin collects hundreds of thousands of  
4 postcards and flies them into space through its Club for the Future  
5 nonprofit organization; and

6 WHEREAS, Blue Origin is driving further innovation in the  
7 aerospace industry, and its efforts are truly deserving of special  
8 recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
10 hereby recognize March 6, 2023, as For The Benefit of Earth Day at  
11 the State Capitol and honor Blue Origin and Club for the Future for  
12 their incredible contributions to this state and this nation; and,  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
15 for Blue Origin and Club for the Future as an expression of high  
16 regard by the Texas Senate.