

1-1 By: Ordaz, et al. H.C.R. No. 35  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 9, 2025;  
 1-4 April 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Administration; April 28, 2025, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3; April 28, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14		X		
1-15	X			

1-16 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-17 WHEREAS, Since the "space race" of the 1960s, Texas has been  
 1-18 at the forefront of space exploration, discovery, and innovation,  
 1-19 and the state is sure to play an instrumental role in defining the  
 1-20 next phase of American involvement in space; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Texas is home to NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space  
 1-22 Center as well as more than 2,000 aerospace establishments; during  
 1-23 the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature, the Texas Space  
 1-24 Commission was established to strengthen the state's leadership in  
 1-25 aerospace activity, and the Texas Aerospace Research and Space  
 1-26 Economy Consortium was launched to serve as a forum for higher  
 1-27 education and industry experts seeking to advance the state's role  
 1-28 in space operations; and

1-29 WHEREAS, In 2023, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the  
 1-30 Texas Economic Development Corporation recognized Texas as a  
 1-31 powerhouse in the rapidly expanding private space sector;  
 1-32 commercial investment in space transportation has driven the need  
 1-33 for spaceport sites, operating environments, and infrastructure,  
 1-34 and Texas ranks second in the nation in the number of spaceport  
 1-35 locations; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Tax-exempt private activity bonds currently finance  
 1-37 a wide range of facilities, including airports, docks, and wharves,  
 1-38 which, like spaceports, serve as hubs for the transportation of  
 1-39 people and freight; the qualification of spaceports for tax-exempt  
 1-40 private activity bonds would encourage more investment in aerospace  
 1-41 infrastructure, benefiting both Texas and the nation as a whole;  
 1-42 and

1-43 WHEREAS, The United States cannot afford to fall behind in  
 1-44 the highly competitive field of space operations, and making  
 1-45 spaceports eligible for tax-exempt private activity bonds would  
 1-46 help to ensure that the nation maintains its leadership in space  
 1-47 commerce; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-49 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to amend the  
 1-50 Internal Revenue Code to make spaceports eligible for tax-exempt  
 1-51 private activity bonds; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
 1-53 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
 1-54 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
 1-55 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
 1-56 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
 1-57 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
 1-58 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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