

1-1 By: Hinojosa of Nueces S.C.R. No. 12  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 4, 2025; February 7, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;  
1-4 March 18, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 18, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			

1-13 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-14 WHEREAS, Since the "space race" of the 1960s, Texas has been  
1-15 at the forefront of space exploration, discovery, and innovation,  
1-16 and the state is sure to play an instrumental role in defining the  
1-17 next phase of American involvement in space; and

1-18 WHEREAS, Texas is home to NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space  
1-19 Center as well as more than 2,000 aerospace establishments; during  
1-20 the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature, the Texas Space  
1-21 Commission was established to strengthen the state's leadership in  
1-22 aerospace activity, and the Texas Aerospace Research and Space  
1-23 Economy Consortium was launched to serve as a forum for higher  
1-24 education and industry experts seeking to advance the state's role  
1-25 in space operations; and

1-26 WHEREAS, In 2023, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the  
1-27 Texas Economic Development Corporation recognized Texas as a  
1-28 powerhouse in the rapidly expanding private space sector;  
1-29 commercial investment in space transportation has driven the need  
1-30 for spaceport sites, operating environments, and infrastructure,  
1-31 and Texas ranks second in the nation in the number of spaceport  
1-32 locations; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Tax-exempt private activity bonds currently finance  
1-34 a wide range of facilities, including airports, docks, and wharves,  
1-35 which, like spaceports, serve as hubs for the transportation of  
1-36 people and freight; the qualification of spaceports for tax-exempt  
1-37 private activity bonds would encourage more investment in aerospace  
1-38 infrastructure, benefiting both Texas and the nation as a whole;  
1-39 and

1-40 WHEREAS, The United States cannot afford to fall behind in  
1-41 the highly competitive field of space operations, and making  
1-42 spaceports eligible for tax-exempt private activity bonds would  
1-43 help to ensure that the nation maintains its leadership in space  
1-44 commerce; now, therefore, be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-46 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to amend the  
1-47 Internal Revenue Code to make spaceports eligible for tax-exempt  
1-48 private activity bonds; and, be it further

1-49 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-50 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
1-51 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
1-52 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
1-53 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
1-54 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
1-55 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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