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19 RFD: Rules

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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALABAMA  
9 SPACEPORT AUTHORITY AND CREATING THE ALABAMA SPACEPORT  
10 AUTHORITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE.  
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12 WHEREAS, the growth of global space  
13 commercialization and strong demand for launching satellites  
14 and other commercial or military space launches present an  
15 opportunity for the development of a commercial spaceport in  
16 Alabama which would strengthen the state's economic vitality  
17 through increased business activity; and

18 WHEREAS, it is important to enhance the quality of  
19 life of all Alabamians by promoting increased economic  
20 opportunity consistent with Alabama's heritage and values; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama could enhance world recognition and  
22 prestige for its residents and its institutions by being a  
23 significant participant in leading-edge aerospace development;  
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25 WHEREAS, a spaceport broadens opportunities to  
26 define new scientific missions relating to aerospace,  
27 telecommunications, and remote sensing; and

1           WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation,  
2           the Department of Economic Development, and other state  
3           agencies could assist with the concept of developing an  
4           Alabama Spaceport Authority, possibly as a division of the  
5           Alabama Department of Transportation; and

6           WHEREAS, the Alabama Spaceport Authority would  
7           ideally be authorized to make application for a spaceport and  
8           to apply for grant funding related to a spaceport; and

9           WHEREAS, the Alabama agencies could be encouraged to  
10          work cooperatively with the Department of Energy, the Federal  
11          Aviation Administration, and other federal agencies and their  
12          contractors to assist in the development of the Alabama  
13          Spaceport Authority; and

14          WHEREAS, the Alabama Board of Education, to the  
15          extent possible, would be encouraged to direct the development  
16          of programs to support the educational needs of the Alabama  
17          Spaceport Authority; and

18          WHEREAS, Alabama agencies could encourage  
19          appropriate private ventures interested in launching space  
20          vehicles from Alabama and others interested in furthering  
21          space flight from Alabama to assist in the development of an  
22          Alabama Spaceport; now therefore,

23          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we express our support for the  
25          development of an Alabama Spaceport Authority and urge the  
26          Alabama Department of Transportation, the Department of  
27          Economic Development, the Alabama Board of Education, and

1 other state agencies to provide their full cooperation and  
2 support for the development of a comprehensive plan for  
3 implementation and management of an Alabama Spaceport  
4 Authority.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we establish the  
6 Alabama Spaceport Authority Advisory Task Force to study and  
7 advise the Legislature on the concept of developing a  
8 spaceport authority. The committee shall be composed of the  
9 Director of Alabama Development Office (ADO) or a designee,  
10 the Director of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) or a  
11 designee, the Director of the Department of Transportation  
12 (ALDOT) or a designee, one member appointed by the Governor,  
13 one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, two members  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members  
15 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Members  
16 of the task force shall serve without compensation or expense  
17 reimbursement. The task force shall elect a chair and vice  
18 chair and shall meet at such times as the chair calls or a  
19 majority of the members vote.