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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;
24 and

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.