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3 By Representative McCutcheon
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8 NOTING WITH COMMENDATION THE ECONOMIC, INTELLECTUAL,
9 AND HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA OF NASA'S
10 MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND RECOGNIZING ITS NEW DIRECTOR,
11 PATRICK SCHEUERMANN.
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13 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in
14 Huntsville, Alabama, serves as an engine of economic
15 development and the anchor of the aerospace industry in north
16 Alabama, employing nearly 6,000 people, in more than 125
17 unique and specialized cutting-edge facilities and labs,
18 managing American space launch systems and scientific
19 endeavors, which open vast sources of knowledge of our
20 universe and beyond; the Center's annual budget is
21 approximately \$2.5 billion; and

22 WHEREAS, further, NASA's Marshall Space Flight
23 Center partners with small businesses across the State of
24 Alabama and the nation, sparking economic growth by obligating
25 significant funds and providing ample opportunities for
26 business development; and

1 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center also
2 fosters the tremendous growth of intellectual capital in the
3 State of Alabama by supporting a highly educated workforce
4 with education levels well above national averages, while
5 additionally supporting area educational institutions with
6 significant procurements and grants; and

7 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center
8 executes, with distinction, its critical role within NASA for
9 54 years, by providing the rockets that powered Americans to
10 the moon, developing the propulsion system for the Space
11 Shuttle, developing Skylab, Spacelab, International Space
12 Station nodes, the Hubble Space Telescope, the Chandra X-ray
13 Observatory, and many other scientific instruments; and

14 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is
15 currently developing the nation's next generation launch
16 vehicle, which will reach new heights and open new realms for
17 human exploration, and further contributes to the benefit of
18 the nation and all mankind through its leading role in the
19 stewardship of America's excellence in rocket technology; and

20 WHEREAS, in September 2012, Patrick Scheuermann was
21 named Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, bringing a
22 wealth of experience to the position; he served from 2010-2012
23 as Director of NASA'S Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis,
24 Mississippi, having joined NASA in 1988 as a propulsion test
25 engineer and fulfilling many additional roles through the
26 years, earning respect for his exceptional abilities and
27 tireless dedication; and

1 WHEREAS, among his numerous awards and honors, he
2 received NASA's 2006 Outstanding Leadership Medal, for
3 recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina; NASA's 2001
4 Exceptional Service Medal for demonstrating substantial
5 improvement in engineering, aeronautics, space flight and
6 related endeavors; and a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2001
7 from the University of New Orleans, where he earned a
8 Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1986; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are
10 indeed exceedingly proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center's
11 distinguished achievement, and the advances in space
12 exploration and scientific progression it has produced, and
13 its unparalleled contributions to the benefit of all mankind;
14 now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby extol the
17 excellence of accomplishment of NASA and the Marshall Space
18 Flight Center and the remarkable technical and scientific
19 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United
20 States of America.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 resolution be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Scheuermann in
23 recognition of the Marshall Space Flight Center's
24 distinguished scientists, engineers, technicians, management,
25 and support personnel, all of whom have achieved distinction
26 beyond measure.