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8 COMMENDING NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND
9 ITS CENTER DIRECTOR, JODY SINGER, FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
10 TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, it gives us great pride and special
13 pleasure to commend NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and
14 its Center Director, Jody Singer, for their many exceptional,
15 historic, economic, and intellectual contributions to the
16 State of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has
18 contributed numerous advancements to the world during the past
19 six decades in the areas of science, rocket propulsion
20 technology that takes Americans to the Moon, and advanced
21 space systems and technologies that enable astronauts to
22 explore, live, and work safely in the harsh environment of
23 space; and

24 WHEREAS, Marshall is responsible for generating \$4.5
25 billion dollars in economic impact while supporting more than
26 28,000 jobs across Alabama; Marshall contributes more than one
27 billion dollars in federal, state, and local tax revenues

1 annually; also, with 1.8 billion in procurement dollars,
2 Marshall serves as a major economic development asset and
3 technology magnet for Alabama and the southeast, helping
4 create a culture of innovation, as well as drawing numerous
5 private-sector companies to the region; and

6 WHEREAS, Marshall brings additional returns to
7 Alabama and taxpayers beyond the economic impacts, through
8 knowledge of new discoveries, strengthening national security,
9 deepening partnerships with other nations, finding solutions
10 to tough problems, and inspiring the next generation of
11 students and explorers; and

12 WHEREAS, Marshall is celebrating the 50th
13 Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing and the Alabama
14 Bicentennial, while leading our nation's development of the
15 Space Launch System, which will be the most powerful rocket
16 ever built, allowing America to continue advancing beyond
17 low-Earth orbit, to return humans to the Moon to stay, and to
18 lead future missions to destinations such as Mars and beyond;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Marshall is continuing its work on the
21 International Space Station, Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra
22 X-Ray Observatory, and new Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer
23 Mission, developing robust science missions to expand
24 understanding of our planet, solar system, and the universe;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, NASA Astronauts Clifton Williams, Henry
27 Hartsfield, Kathy Thornton, James Voss, Mae Jemison, Jan

1 Davis, and Kathryn Hire, all from Alabama, have spent over 320
2 days in space across 18 flights of the Marshall-managed Space
3 Shuttle Program, with Jemison, the first female
4 African-American in space, and Davis flying aboard STS-47 in
5 1992; and

6 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are
7 indeed exceedingly proud of the distinguished achievements of
8 NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the advances in space
9 exploration and scientific progression that it has procured,
10 as well as its unparalleled contributions to the benefit of
11 all humanity; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby extol the
14 excellence of the accomplishments of NASA, the Marshall Space
15 Flight Center, and the remarkable technical, scientific, and
16 economic contributions made to the State of Alabama and the
17 United States of America; a copy of this resolution shall be
18 forwarded to Center Director Jody Singer in recognition of the
19 distinguished scientists, engineers, technicians, management,
20 and support personnel at Marshall Space Flight Center, all of
21 whom have achieved distinction beyond measure.