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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.