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3 By Senators Livingston, Givhan, Butler, Scofield, Melson and
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OBSERVING JULY 20TH AS NATIONAL SPACE EXPLORATION
DAY.

WHEREAS, Alabama has a long history with space exploration and Alabama is proud to be the home to the titans of innovation who brought the world the Saturn V rocket; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 1969, the world's attention was riveted on the historic achievement of the first landing, footsteps, and exploration of our moon; and

WHEREAS, the United States national space policy provides for a United States-led, integrated program with commercial and international partners for a human return to the moon, followed by missions to Mars and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States program is, and has always been, the peaceful exploration of space for the benefit of all humanity; and

WHEREAS, the United States space program has provided immense scientific and technological benefits affecting a multitude of aspects of 21st century life for all humanity; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States space program, through
2 otherworldly programs such as Apollo, Viking, Voyager,
3 Cassini-Huygens, Spirit, Opportunity, New Horizons, and other
4 missions to the planets, the Space Shuttle, the Hubble Space
5 Telescope, the International Space Station, and other great
6 space efforts, have provided our nation with unparalleled
7 scientific and technological leadership in the space,
8 aeronautics, medical, and engineering sciences; and

9 WHEREAS, the same spirit of adventure and
10 engineering excellence that landed our Apollo space pioneers
11 on the moon may be applied to all noble pursuits involving
12 peace, brotherhood, courage, unity of human spirit, and the
13 exploration of new frontiers; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama and our nation recognize the
15 importance to mobilize and invigorate appreciation and
16 enthusiasm for space, to advance science, technology,
17 engineering, and math (STEM) education through the excitement
18 of space exploration; to inspire future generations to build
19 upon the accomplishments of our early space pioneers so they
20 may reach new milestones of human achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, humankind will continue to explore, expand,
22 and settle the new frontier of space with the United States
23 leadership, courage, and values for the benefit of the future
24 spacefaring generations and for life on earth; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize July 20th
27 as National Space Exploration Day, and extol the excellence of

1 accomplishments of space pioneers and the remarkable,
2 technical, scientific, and economic contributions made to the
3 State of Alabama and the United States of America;
4 commemorating one of the greatest scientific and technological
5 achievements of our time to inspire new generations to aspire
6 to loftier future space pioneering goals.