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3 By Senators Livingston, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 16-FEB-22

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 23, 2022, AS NASA DAY IN
ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has
contributed numerous advancements to the world in science and
rocket propulsion technology over the past six decades,
including taking Americans to the moon; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Space Flight Center is responsible
for generating \$4.3 billion in economic impact while
supporting more than 24,000 jobs across Alabama, with annual
contributions exceeding \$1 million in federal, state, and
local tax revenues and \$1.7 billion procurement dollars, and
serves as a major economic development asset and technology
magnet for Alabama and the southeast; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Space Flight Center brings
additional benefits to the state through continued advanced
discoveries, strengthens national security, deepens
partnerships across the country and around the world, and
inspires a new generation of scientists, engineers, and
explorers; and

1 WHEREAS, Marshall Space Flight Center, through a
2 strong legacy of accomplishments, such as the Space Launch
3 System for the Artemis Missions, the International Space
4 Station, Hubble Space Telescope, James Webb Telescope, Chandra
5 X-Ray Observatory, and Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer
6 Mission, is developing robust missions to expand understanding
7 of our planet, solar system, and the universe; and

8 WHEREAS, NASA Astronauts Clifton Williams, Henry
9 Hartsfield, Kathy Thornton, James Voss, Mae Jemison, Jan
10 Davis, and Kathryn Hire, each from Alabama, have spent over
11 320 days in space across 18 flights of the Marshall-managed
12 Space Shuttle Program, with Jemison, the first female African
13 American in space, and Davis flying together aboard STS-47 in
14 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, Alabamians are exceedingly proud of the
16 distinguished achievements of Marshall Space Flight Center and
17 the advances in space exploration and scientific advancements
18 it has produced for the benefit of all humanity; now
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby proclaim February
22 23, 2022, as NASA Day in the State of Alabama.