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By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR___ PROCLAIMING MARCH 5, 2024, AS SPACE 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 $8.3 billion in economic impact while supporting more than 41,000 jobs across Alabama; Marshall Space Flight Center 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, STEM outreach, strengthening national security, deepening partnerships across the country and around the world, and inspiring a new generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers; and

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

and

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

WHEREAS, Alabamians are exceedingly proud of the distinguished achievements of Marshall Space Flight Center and the advances in space exploration, technology, and science it has produced for the benefit of all humanity; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby proclaim March 5, 2024, as Space Day in the State of Alabama.