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3 By Senators Butler, Orr, Barron, Sanford, Denton, Little (T),
4 Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop, Brooks, Coleman, Dixon,
5 Dunn, Erwin, Figures, French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little
6 (Z), Marsh, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Penn, Pittman, Poole,
7 Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and
8 Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR58,

5 URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO REVERSE HIS

6 DECISION TO NOT FULLY FUND THE CONSTELLATION PROJECT.

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8 WHEREAS, we note with dismay that the budget
9 submitted to Congress by President Barack Obama recommends the
10 cancellation of the Constellation project; and

11 WHEREAS, the Constellation project is intended to
12 facilitate our nation's return to the moon, to learn how to
13 live and work there for extended periods of time, as required
14 for future exploration of the Solar System; it calls for the
15 development of two rockets, the Ares I and Ares V, which would
16 transport personnel and materiel, respectively, and would
17 later be used for exploration beyond the moon; and

18 WHEREAS, the Administration's proposal to redirect
19 funding for the Constellation project to "commercial" rocket
20 builders is not based on hard evidence, but rather on the
21 apparent hope that the commercial sector will develop an
22 alternative plan for manned space flight; this proposal is
23 unnecessary, as the rockets presently under development are
24 being built by private interests, such as ATK, Boeing,
25 Lockheed Martin, and PW Rocketdyne; further, the Constellation

1 project has made significant and measurable progress toward
2 its goals; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States has already invested over
4 \$9 billion in the development of the Ares rockets; cancelling
5 the program now would cost an additional \$2.5 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, cancellation of the Constellation program
7 would significantly harm the citizens and economies of the
8 City of Huntsville and the State of Alabama; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge President Barack Obama
11 to reverse his decision to not fully fund the Constellation
12 project.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the members of
14 Alabama's Congressional Delegation to fight to restore funding
15 for the Constellation project and to oppose any further
16 efforts to cancel it.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
18 resolution will be provided to the President of the United
19 States and to each member of Alabama's Congressional
20 Delegation.

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President Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 18-FEB-10

By: Senator Butler