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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
9 RFD:
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8 URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO REVERSE HIS
9 DECISION TO NOT FULLY FUND THE CONSTELLATION PROJECT.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with dismay that the budget
12 submitted to Congress by President Barack Obama recommends the
13 cancellation of the Constellation project; and

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

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

1 Lockheed Martin, and PW Rocketdyne; further, the Constellation
2 project has made significant and measurable progress toward
3 its goals; and

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

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

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

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

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