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8 NOTING WITH COMMENDATION THE ECONOMIC, INTELLECTUAL,  
9 AND HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT  
10 CENTER TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in  
13 Huntsville, Alabama, serves as an engine of economic  
14 development and the anchor of the aerospace industry in north  
15 Alabama, employing nearly 6,000 people, in more than 125  
16 unique and specialized cutting-edge facilities and labs,  
17 managing American space launch systems and scientific  
18 endeavors, which open vast sources of knowledge of our  
19 universe and beyond; and

20 WHEREAS, further, NASA's Marshall Space Flight  
21 Center partners with small businesses across the State of  
22 Alabama and the nation, sparking economic growth by obligating  
23 significant funds and providing ample opportunities for  
24 business development; and

25 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center also  
26 fosters the tremendous growth of intellectual capital in the  
27 State of Alabama by supporting a highly educated workforce

1 with education levels well above national averages, while  
2 additionally supporting area educational institutions with  
3 significant procurements and grants; and

4 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center  
5 executes, with distinction, its critical role within NASA for  
6 53 years, by providing the rockets that powered Americans to  
7 the moon, developing the propulsion system for the Space  
8 Shuttle, developing Skylab, Spacelab, International Space  
9 Station nodes, the Hubble Space Telescope, the Chandra X-ray  
10 Observatory, and many other scientific instruments; and

11 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is  
12 currently developing the nation's next generation launch  
13 vehicle, which will reach new heights and open new realms for  
14 human exploration, and further contributes to the benefit of  
15 the nation and all mankind through its leading role in the  
16 stewardship of America's excellence in rocket technology; and

17 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are  
18 indeed exceedingly proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center's  
19 distinguished achievement, and the advances in space  
20 exploration and scientific progression it has produced, and  
21 its unparalleled contributions to the benefit of all mankind;  
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby extol the excellence  
25 of accomplishment of NASA and the Marshall Space Flight Center  
26 and the remarkable technical and scientific contributions it

1 has made to the State of Alabama and the United States of  
2 America.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
4 resolution be forwarded to Mr. Gene Goldman on behalf of the  
5 Marshall Space Flight Center's distinguished scientists,  
6 engineers, technicians, management, and support personnel, all  
7 of whom have achieved distinction beyond measure.