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4 Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks,
5 Bussman, Coleman, Dunn, Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holtzclaw,
6 Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 Taylor and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR57,

5 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALABAMA
6 SPACEPORT AUTHORITY.

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8 WHEREAS, the growth of global space
9 commercialization and strong demand for launching satellites
10 and other commercial or military space launches present an
11 opportunity for the development of a commercial spaceport in
12 Alabama which would strengthen the state's economic vitality
13 through increased business activity; and

14 WHEREAS, it is important to enhance the quality of
15 life of all Alabamians by promoting increased economic
16 opportunity consistent with Alabama's heritage and values; and

17 WHEREAS, Alabama could enhance world recognition and
18 prestige for its residents and its institutions by being a
19 significant participant in leading-edge aerospace development;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a spaceport broadens opportunities to
22 define new scientific missions relating to aerospace,
23 telecommunications, and remote sensing; and

24 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation,
25 the Department of Economic Development, and other state

1 agencies could assist with the concept of developing an
2 Alabama Spaceport Authority, possibly as a division of the
3 Alabama Department of Transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, the Alabama Spaceport Authority would
5 ideally be authorized to make application for a spaceport and
6 to apply for grant funding related to a spaceport; and

7 WHEREAS, the Alabama agencies could be encouraged to
8 work cooperatively with the Department of Energy, the Federal
9 Aviation Administration, and other federal agencies and their
10 contractors to assist in the development of the Alabama
11 Spaceport Authority; and

12 WHEREAS, the Alabama Board of Education, to the
13 extent possible, would be encouraged to direct the development
14 of programs to support the educational needs of the Alabama
15 Spaceport Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, Alabama agencies could encourage
17 appropriate private ventures interested in launching space
18 vehicles from Alabama and others interested in furthering
19 space flight from Alabama to assist in the development of an
20 Alabama Spaceport; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby establish the
23 Alabama Spaceport Authority Committee to study the proposal.
24 The committee shall be composed of the Director of Alabama
25 Development Office (ADO), the Director of Economic and

1 Community Affairs (ADECA), the Director of the Department of
2 Transportation (ALDOT), one member appointed by the Governor,
3 one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, two members
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members
5 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby express our
7 support for the development of an Alabama Spaceport Authority
8 and urge the Alabama Department of Transportation, the
9 Department of Economic Development, the Alabama Board of
10 Education, and other state agencies to provide their full
11 cooperation and support for the development of a comprehensive
12 plan for implementation and management of an Alabama Spaceport
13 Authority.

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President 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.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 05-APR-12

By: Senator Dial