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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALABAMA  
9 SPACEPORT AUTHORITY.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Alabama could enhance world recognition and  
21 prestige for its residents and its institutions by being a  
22 significant participant in leading-edge aerospace development;  
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24 WHEREAS, a spaceport broadens opportunities to  
25 define new scientific missions relating to aerospace,  
26 telecommunications, and remote sensing; and

1           WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation,  
2           the Department of Economic Development, and other state  
3           agencies could assist with the concept of developing an  
4           Alabama Spaceport Authority, possibly as a division of the  
5           Alabama Department of Transportation; and

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

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

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

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

23          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby establish the  
25          Alabama Spaceport Authority Committee to study the proposal.  
26          The committee shall be composed of the Director of Alabama  
27          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.