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4 Patterson, Whorton (R), Daniels and Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING THE MANY EXCEPTIONAL HISTORIC, ECONOMIC,
9 AND INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA BY
10 NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND ITS CENTER DIRECTOR,
11 TODD MAY.

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13 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center
14 contributed numerous advancements in rocket propulsion
15 technology during the past six decades that enabled Americans
16 to land on the moon as well as the current development of
17 advanced space systems and technologies that enable astronauts
18 to live and work safely in the harsh space environment,
19 including work in the active research facilities aboard the
20 International Space Station and on long-term, deep space
21 expeditions; and

22 WHEREAS, Marshall is responsible for approximately
23 22,000 jobs in Alabama, \$3.8 billion in economic output across
24 the state, and nearly \$100 million in state and local tax
25 revenues annually; Marshall serves as a major economic
26 development asset and technology magnet for Alabama and the
27 Southeast, drawing numerous private sector technology

1 companies to the area, creating thousands of high paying jobs,
2 and attracting talented individuals needed to fill them; and

3 WHEREAS, Marshall is leading the development of the
4 Space Launch System, or SLS, an entirely new capability for
5 taking humans and scientific missions beyond low Earth orbit
6 and into deep space, further than ever before, on a journey to
7 Mars; and

8 WHEREAS, Marshall is building upon a long legacy of
9 successful partnerships to maintain continued American
10 leadership in space while simultaneously ensuring that
11 valuable innovations in technology are accessible to the
12 public for scientific, academic, industrial, and commercial
13 use; and

14 WHEREAS, Marshall is fully supportive of Science,
15 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education
16 initiatives to educate and inspire a new generation of
17 scientists, engineers, and explorers in Alabama to carry on
18 NASA's mission of discovery throughout our solar system and
19 deliver untold benefits back home on Earth; and

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

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby extol the excellent

1 accomplishments of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the
2 remarkable technical, scientific, and economic contributions
3 made to the State of Alabama and the United States of America.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
5 resolution be forwarded to Center Director Todd May in
6 recognition of the distinguished scientists, engineers,
7 technicians, and management and support personnel at NASA's
8 Marshall Space Flight Center, all of whom have achieved
9 distinction beyond measure.