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2 By Senator Waggoner
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ OBSERVING JULY 20, 2023, AS NATIONAL SPACE
5 EXPLORATION DAY.

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7 WHEREAS, Alabama has a long history with space
8 exploration, and Alabama is proud to be the home to the
9 titans of innovation who brought the world the Saturn V
10 rocket; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1969, the world's attention was
12 riveted on the historical achievement of the first landing,
13 footsteps, and exploration of our moon; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States National Space Policy
15 provides for a United States-led, integrated program with
16 commercial and international partners for a human return to
17 the moon, followed by missions to Mars and beyond; and

18 WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States Space
19 Program is, and has always been, the peaceful exploration of
20 space for the benefit of all humanity; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program has provided
22 immense scientific and technological benefits affecting a
23 multitude of aspects of 21st Century life for all humanity;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program, through



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26 otherworldly programs such as Apollo, Viking, Voyager,
27 Cassini-Huygens, Spirit, Opportunity, New Horizons, and
28 other missions to the planets, the Space Shuttle, the Hubble
29 Space Telescope, the International Space Station, and other
30 great space efforts, has provided our nation with

31 unparalleled scientific and technological leadership in the
32 space, aeronautics, medical, and engineering sciences; and

33 WHEREAS, the same spirit of adventure and
34 engineering excellence that landed our Apollo space pioneers
35 on the moon may be applied to all noble pursuits involving
36 peace, brotherhood, courage, unity of human spirit, and the
37 exploration of new frontiers; and

38 WHEREAS, Alabama and our nation recognize the
39 importance to mobilize and invigorate appreciation and
40 enthusiasm for space; to advance science, technology,
41 engineering, and math (STEM) education through the
42 excitement of space exploration; and to inspire future
43 generations to build upon the accomplishments of our early
44 space pioneers so they may reach new milestones of human
45 achievement; and

46 WHEREAS, humankind will continue to explore, expand,
47 and settle the new frontier of space with the United States'
48 leadership, courage, and values for the benefit of the
49 future spacefaring generations and for life on earth; now
50 therefore,



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51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we celebrate July 20, 2023,
53 as National Space Exploration Day, and urge our fellow
54 citizens to celebrate the accomplishments of space pioneers
55 and the remarkable, technical, scientific, and economic
56 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United
57 States of America, thus commemorating one of the greatest
58 scientific and technological achievements of our time to
59 inspire new generations to aspire to loftier future space
60 pioneering goals.

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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 Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Waggoner