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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ OBSERVING JULY 20, 2024, AS NATIONAL SPACE  
5 EXPLORATION DAY.

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a long history with  
8 space exploration and is proud to be the home of the titans  
9 of innovation who brought to the world the Saturn V rocket  
10 and the world renowned Marshall Space Flight Center that  
11 generates \$8.3 billion in economic impact and supports over  
12 41,000 Alabama jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1969, the world's attention was  
14 riveted on the historical achievement of the first man to  
15 walk on the moon; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States Space  
22 Program is, and has always been, the peaceful exploration of  
23 space for the benefit of all humanity; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program has provided  
25 immense scientific and technological benefits affecting a



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26 multitude of aspects of 21st Century life for all humanity;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program, through  
29 otherworldly programs such as Apollo, Viking, Voyager,  
30 Cassini-Huygens, Spirit, Opportunity, New Horizons, and  
31 other missions to outer planets, the Space Shuttle, the  
32 Hubble Space Telescope, the James Webb Space Telescope, the  
33 International Space Station, and other great space efforts,  
34 has provided our nation with unparalleled scientific and  
35 technological leadership in the space, aeronautics, medical,  
36 and engineering sciences; and

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

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

50 WHEREAS, humankind will continue to explore, expand,



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51 and settle the new frontier of space with the United States'  
52 leadership, courage, and values for the benefit of the  
53 future spacefaring generations and for life on earth; now  
54 therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we celebrate July 20, 2024,  
57 as National Space Exploration Day, and urge our fellow  
58 citizens to celebrate the accomplishments of space pioneers  
59 and the remarkable, technical, scientific, and economic  
60 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United  
61 States of America, thus commemorating one of the greatest  
62 scientific and technological achievements of our time to  
63 inspire new generations to aspire to loftier future space  
64 pioneering goals.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 04-Apr-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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