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SJR___ OBSERVING JULY 20, 2024, AS NATIONAL SPACE
EXPLORATION DAY.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the United States Space Program has provided
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.