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HJR\_\_\_ PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS SPACE DAY.

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has contributed numerous advancements to the world in science, technology, and rocket propulsion over the past six decades, including taking Americans to the Moon; and

WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has private suppliers in all seven congressional districts, reaffirming the space industry serves as a major economic development asset and technology magnet for Alabama and the southeast; and

WHEREAS, the partnerships between Marshall Space Flight Center, U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Beyond Gravity, Blue Origin, KBR, Leidos Dynetics, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Teledyne Brown Engineering, The Boeing Company, Raytheon RTX, Special Aerospace Services, United Launch Alliance, and many others across the state bring critical innovation through continued advanced discoveries, STEM outreach, strengthening national security, deepening partnerships across the country and around the world, and inspiring a new generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is resolute in continuing to shape the workforce of the future through robust partnerships with academia, industry, government, and nonprofits and



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29 acknowledges the establishment and success of the Alabama  
30 Aerospace Student Internship Program in its fifth year  
31 designed to provide students across Alabama a pathway into  
32 the aerospace industry; and

33 WHEREAS, Alabama continues to secure the nation's  
34 role as frontrunner in advancing industry, technology, and  
35 education, to support global space innovations and  
36 exploration; and

37 WHEREAS, NASA Astronauts Clifton Williams, Henry  
38 Hartsfield, Kathy Thornton, James Voss, Mae Jemison, Jan  
39 Davis, and Kathryn Hire, all from Alabama, have spent over  
40 320 days in space across 18 flights of the Marshall-managed  
41 Space Shuttle Program; and

42 WHEREAS, Alabamians are exceedingly proud of the  
43 distinguished achievements the advances in space  
44 exploration, technology, and science it has produced to the  
45 benefit of all humanity; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby proclaim February  
48 25, 2025, as Space Day in the State of Alabama.