

By Representative Sublette

House Resolution

A resolution commending United Space Alliance and Michael McCulley for their contributions to the United States Space Program and to the people of the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, United Space Alliance (USA), a joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin, was created as a response to NASA's need to consolidate its growing number of Space Shuttle contracts under a single prime contractor, and

WHEREAS, in a precedent-setting agreement with NASA, in October 1996 USA became the prime contractor for Space Shuttle operations, with responsibility for preflight processing, mission operations, and astronaut training, and

WHEREAS, in its Ground Operations division, which has flourished under the leadership of former astronaut Michael McCulley, USA employs more than 6,000 highly qualified professionals at the Kennedy Space Center who are responsible for shuttle modification, testing, and checkout operations, ocean retrieval of solid rocket boosters, and the manufacture, repair, and procurement of shuttle hardware and ground-support equipment, and

WHEREAS, in this historic partnership with NASA, USA is dedicated to providing more cost-effective operations for the Space Shuttle program, resulting in savings to the United States Government of more than \$400 million, while maintaining the most demanding standards for safety and mission success, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is proud to provide a home at the Kennedy Space Center for this major component of United Space Alliance operations, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida hereby commends United Space Alliance and Michael
6 McCulley for their outstanding contributions to the United
7 States Space Program and to the people of the State of
8 Florida.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
10 be presented to United Space Alliance as a tangible token of
11 the sentiments expressed herein.

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