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House Resolution

A resolution commending the men and women of the Space Shuttle Program for their contributions to the United States Space Program and to the people of Florida.

WHEREAS, the Space Shuttle is the world's most versatile launch vehicle, having carried more than 2.6 million pounds of cargo, more than 700 major payloads to orbit, and more than two-thirds of the humans ever launched to space, and

WHEREAS, the Space Shuttle, with unmatched capabilities and 75 percent of its operational lifetime still ahead, will serve as our nation's bridge to the future well through the first decade of the 21st century, and

WHEREAS, the most adaptable, most capable, and most critical elements of the Space Shuttle Program are the men and women who prepare, maintain, and launch Columbia, Discovery, Atlantis, and Endeavour, and

WHEREAS, their commitment to safety, dedication to mission success, and continual pursuit of excellence provides inspiration to America's youth, and

WHEREAS, the Space Shuttle team will soon launch STS-101 on a mission to the International Space Station, and later this year is scheduled to launch the 100th Space Shuttle mission from the Kennedy Space Center, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is today the proud home of more than 10,000 workers in the Space Shuttle Program, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1           That the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Florida hereby recognizes and commends the men and women of  
3 the Space Shuttle Program for their contributions to the  
4 United States Space Program and to the people of the State of  
5 Florida.

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7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
8 be presented to representatives of the Space Shuttle Program  
9 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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