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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2, 2001, as
"Space Day in Florida."

WHEREAS, the space industry has more than a \$4.5 billion economic impact on the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida's economy has prospered, with more than 23,000 Floridians employed by the space program, and

WHEREAS, Florida has been an internationally recognized center for space research, education, innovation, and industry, and

WHEREAS, 26 of Florida's 67 counties are home to businesses in the space industry, and

WHEREAS, the space industry's partners in Florida include state and federal agencies and commercial enterprises, and

WHEREAS, Florida is building a premier space research facility, the Space Experiment Research and Processing Laboratory, at Kennedy Space Center to support International Space Station research projects, and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, is the gateway to the International Space Station, and

WHEREAS, the International Space Station now represents Florida and the United States as well as 16 cooperating nations for scientific research and discovery, and

WHEREAS, Destiny, the United States-built research lab, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis on February 7, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the crew of the International Space Station will perform research in a variety of scientific disciplines

1 advancing the world's understanding of life sciences, earth
2 sciences, and materials processing, while fostering commercial
3 research activities in space, and

4 WHEREAS, space research touches the lives of people
5 everywhere, increases the rate of invention, expands
6 scientific knowledge, inspires our children, and satisfies our
7 ancient need to explore and achieve, and

8 WHEREAS, the International Space Station will be the
9 largest space orbiter in history at a size of 1,040,000
10 pounds, and measuring 356 feet long by 290 feet wide, and

11 WHEREAS, the International Space Station orbits the
12 Earth once every 90 minutes at an approximate speed of 17,000
13 miles per hour, and

14 WHEREAS, the Expedition Two crew of the International
15 Space Station, Commander Yury Usachev, Flight Engineer James
16 Voss, and Flight Engineer Susan Helms have joined a meeting of
17 the Florida House of Representatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby
23 designates April 2, 2001, as "Space Day in Florida" in
24 recognition of the space community's contributions to Florida.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
26 be presented to the Spaceport Florida Authority and the
27 National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a tangible
28 token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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