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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing and honoring the contributions and sacrifices made by the crew of Columbia on space shuttle mission STS-107.

WHEREAS, the space shuttle mission STS-107 was the 28th flight of the space orbitor Columbia and the 113th shuttle mission to date, and

WHEREAS, the Columbia was lost in the skies over Texas on February 1, 2003, after a sixteen-day mission dedicated to research in space, life, and physical sciences, and

WHEREAS, the Senate pays tribute to the memory of Flight Commander Rick Douglas Husband, USAF Colonel; Flight Pilot William C. McCool, USN Commander; Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Ph.D., USN Captain; Mission Specialist David M. Brown, M.D., USN Captain; Mission Specialist Laurel Blair Salton Clark, M.D., USN Captain; Payload Specialist Michael P. Anderson, USAF Lieutenant Colonel; and Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon, Israeli Air Force Colonel, and

WHEREAS, these were family men and women, skilled professionals, and avid adventurers, who dedicated their lives to a noble and necessary cause, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That this Legislative body honors the seven members of the crew of the space orbitor Columbia for their heroism and spirit, and pays tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by these men and women on behalf of this State and the Nation.