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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_ 2 A resolution recognizing March 27, 2003, as 3 "Florida Space Industry Day." 4 5 WHEREAS, Florida has been the world's premier gateway 6 to space for human exploration, national defense, and commerce for more than 50 years, and 7 8 WHEREAS, Florida's space industry is a statewide 9 enterprise providing high-technology, high-paying jobs in 10 fields that include manufacturing, technology development, services, and space tourism, and 11 12 WHEREAS, Florida's military space programs develop, and deliver to orbit, satellites that enable intelligence 13 gathering, national defense, and the precision delivery of 14 force, and 15 WHEREAS, universities throughout this state are 16 17 performing leading-edge research and technology development in a number of rapidly expanding fields, and 18 19 WHEREAS, Florida educators are applying space education 20 to create new opportunities for learning and discovery and for 21 inspiring the next generation of explorers, and 22 WHEREAS, Florida's space community is working tirelessly to overcome the loss of the Columbia and her crew 23 24 in order to safely resume human space flight, NOW, THEREFORE, 25 26 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 27 28 That the Florida Senate recognizes March 27, 2003, as 29 "Florida Space Industry Day," and commends Florida's space 30 industry for its contributions to the state's economy, national defense, space exploration, and education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate commends Florida's federal, state, and private organizations and educators for their contributions to the state's economy, to national defense and space exploration, and to education.