

By Senator Fasano

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