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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution supporting the nation's New Vision for Space Exploration and encouraging Congress to continue to enact and fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's program implementing the nation's New Vision for Space Exploration.

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of explorers and has led the world in the exploration of outer space, and exploration and discovery are not options we choose, but desires written in the human heart, and

WHEREAS, space exploration benefits all humankind through new technologies and commercial products for everyday application, new jobs and economic contributions through new markets and commercial products, and improved life quality not only for United States citizens, but for people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, Florida has been the world's premier gateway to space for human exploration and commerce for more than 50 years, and

WHEREAS, the nation's New Vision for Space Exploration charts a new strategy to explore destinations across the solar system, providing this nation with the competitive edge in the new worldwide industry of space commerce, and

WHEREAS, the space industry's direct economic benefit to Florida is nearly \$4 billion annually and generates more than 35,000 jobs throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, Congress has seen fit to approve and enact NASA's 2005 budget initiating the New Vision for Space Exploration, and

1           WHEREAS, the New Vision for Space Exploration charts a  
2 course that begins in Florida with the safe return of the  
3 space shuttle to flight, the completion of the international  
4 space station, returning humans to earth's moon, and extending  
5 mankind's presence to Mars and beyond, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9           That the Congress of the United States is congratulated  
10 for funding and fully supporting NASA's implementation plan  
11 for the space exploration missions as submitted to Congress in  
12 the 2006 Budget of the United States Government and is  
13 requested to continue to fully support the New Vision for  
14 Space Exploration well into the future so that the United  
15 States, and Florida in particular, will remain leaders in the  
16 exploration of space.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution  
18 be provided to the President of the United States, the  
19 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
20 United States House of Representatives, and each member of the  
21 Florida Congressional Delegation.

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