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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating March 16, 2006, as "Space Day" in  
3 Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, internationally known as the birthplace of  
6 American space exploration since the first space launch from its  
7 shores more than 50 years ago, Florida has served as the portal  
8 to remarkable scientific innovation and, truly the Gateway to  
9 Discovery for the nation's space program, continues to play a  
10 critical role in pioneering new frontiers in America as well as  
11 in space, and

12 WHEREAS, the aerospace industry historically has been a  
13 major component of Florida's economy, in 2004 accounting for  
14 nearly 148,000 jobs and \$7.4 billion in wage and salary  
15 disbursements, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2005, Kennedy Space Center employed 13,500  
17 Floridians at an average annual salary of \$69,000, which is  
18 nearly twice the average annual wage in Brevard County, and  
19 NASA's economic impact in the state was \$3.7 billion in output,  
20 \$1.8 billion in household income, and 35,000 jobs, with 85  
21 percent of the employees based at the space center working for  
22 private-sector contractors, and

23 WHEREAS, the nation is witnessing the birth and early  
24 growth of a new commercial space transportation industry and,  
25 during the next decade, Florida has the opportunity to broaden  
26 its existing leadership in civil and military launch activity,  
27 while also emerging as the nation's leader in new commercial  
28 space opportunities and the integration of space, aeronautics,

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29 and aviation technologies, a vision that, if realized, will  
30 position Florida for sustained economic growth and prosperity  
31 for decades to come, and

32 WHEREAS, as a result of its foresight and effective  
33 leadership, Florida is looked upon as the global cornerstone in  
34 the development of space-based technologies and innovations,  
35 NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
38 Florida:

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40 That March 16, 2006, is designated as "Space Day" in  
41 Florida.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
43 presented to James W. Kennedy, Director, John F. Kennedy Space  
44 Center, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.