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## House Resolution

A resolution designating March 21, 2007, as "Space Day" in Florida.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the nation is witnessing the birth and early growth of a new commercial space transportation industry and, during the next decade, Florida has the opportunity to broaden its existing leadership in civil and military launch activity, while also emerging as the nation's leader in new commercial 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  
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40 |         That March 21, 2007, is designated as "Space Day" in  
41 | Florida.