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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the value of the United States'
3 human space flight program and the Kennedy Space Center
4 and acknowledging the magnitude of the loss of the human
5 space flight program on Florida's economy.

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7 WHEREAS, every United States' orbital human space flight to
8 date has launched from Florida, and

9 WHEREAS, the United States' human space flight program is
10 scheduled to cease operations on September 30, 2010, and

11 WHEREAS, the cessation of our nation's human space flight
12 program will result in the loss of employment of thousands of
13 highly trained space flight employees in Florida, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida is home to thousands of suppliers and
15 service providers who will lose employment or vital income upon
16 cessation of the United States' human space flight program, and

17 WHEREAS, the next planned United States' human space flight
18 program is not scheduled to be in operation for at least 5
19 years, and

20 WHEREAS, a gap of 5 years in human space flight programs
21 will result in our nation's loss of highly specialized space-
22 faring skills due to the dispersion of the workforce, and

23 WHEREAS, both the United States and Florida have already
24 experienced economic devastation resulting from the abrupt
25 cessation of the Apollo Program and have learned from that
26 period of history, and

27 WHEREAS, other countries, some of which are hostile to the
28 United States, will have the opportunity during our nation's

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29 | human space flight program's gap to surpass the United States in
30 | technological advances and the dominance of space exploration,
31 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
37 | value of the human space flight program and the Kennedy Space
38 | Center and acknowledges the magnitude of the loss of the human
39 | space flight program on Florida's economy.