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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to fully support the space program and recognize
4 the significance of research related to human space
5 flight.

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7 WHEREAS, the Space Shuttle Program is scheduled to end in
8 the near future, and

9 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
10 is beginning the transition to new launch systems that enable
11 humans to explore beyond low earth orbit, and

12 WHEREAS, NASA and the White House Office of Science and
13 Technology Policy established the Review of U.S. Human Space
14 Flight Plans Committee to review the progress and status of the
15 national human space exploration mission and the programs and
16 systems being developed to enable human space exploration, and

17 WHEREAS, the committee found that human space exploration
18 can drive technology innovation, develop commercial industries
19 and national capabilities, demonstrate international leadership
20 and contribute to scientific knowledge, inspire the next
21 generation, and chart a path for human expansion into the solar
22 system, and

23 WHEREAS, the committee found that human exploration beyond
24 low earth orbit is not viable under the current federal budget
25 guidelines and that additional annual funding for human space
26 exploration is necessary in order to establish a meaningful
27 program, and

28 WHEREAS, the committee found that NASA's budget should

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29 | match its mission and goals, and that NASA should be given the
 30 | ability to shape its organization and infrastructure
 31 | accordingly, while maintaining facilities of national
 32 | importance, and

33 | WHEREAS, the current budget will result in a significant
 34 | gap in United States human space flight capabilities, which may
 35 | result in the loss of critical national capabilities of
 36 | workforce experience and the aerospace industrial base, NOW,
 37 | THEREFORE,

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 39 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 41 | That the Congress of the United States is requested to:

42 | (1) Increase the level of NASA's budget to a level
 43 | sufficient to enable the development of exploration systems and
 44 | vehicles, operate the International Space Station through 2020,
 45 | and reduce the gap in United States human space flight;

46 | (2) Support the life sciences research necessary for long-
 47 | term human space flight beyond low earth orbit;

48 | (3) Direct appropriate work and programs to utilize
 49 | Florida's unique workforce skills and aerospace facilities to
 50 | preserve and enhance national space launch capability; and

51 | (4) Support the increased utilization and sustainable
 52 | development of federal and state spaceports as national
 53 | resources supporting commercial enterprises and research and
 54 | technology development.

55 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 56 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the

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57 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
58 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
59 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.