

1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
 3 Congress to direct that one of the retiring space shuttle
 4 orbiters be preserved and placed on permanent display at
 5 the Kennedy Space Center.

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 7 WHEREAS, the space shuttle program was a technical
 8 milestone, producing the first reusable orbital spacecraft, and
 9 has been the mainstay of the nation's manned space flight
 10 program, and

11 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 12 launched the first space shuttle mission in 1981 from the
 13 Kennedy Space Center, the location from which all subsequent
 14 missions have been launched, and

15 WHEREAS, since 1981, there have been over 125 shuttle
 16 missions, with the last planned shuttle flight scheduled for
 17 launch from the Kennedy Space Center in September 2010, and

18 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2008, the space shuttle program was
 19 responsible for approximately 15 percent of the Kennedy Space
 20 Center's budget allocation, and

21 WHEREAS, after the tragic losses of Challenger in 1986 and
 22 Columbia in 2003, three orbiters remain in the shuttle fleet:
 23 Atlantis, Discovery, and Endeavor, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 25 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 27 That the Legislature requests the United States Congress to
 28 direct that one of the retiring space shuttle orbiters be

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29 | preserved and placed on permanent display at the Kennedy Space
30 | Center.

31 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
32 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
33 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
34 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
35 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.