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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to provide sufficient funding to the National
4 Aeronautics and Space Administration and the John F.
5 Kennedy Space Center to mitigate the severe economic
6 impact that will result in Florida when the nation's human
7 space flight program ceases operations and before the new
8 human space flight program begins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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28 WHEREAS, the United States' human space flight program has
 29 greatly contributed to our nation's national defense and many of
 30 today's technological advances, and

31 WHEREAS, other countries, some of which are hostile to the
 32 United States, will have the opportunity during our nation's
 33 human space flight program's gap to surpass the United States in
 34 technological advances and the dominance of space exploration,
 35 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 39 That the Congress of the United States is urged to provide
 40 sufficient funding to the National Aeronautics and Space
 41 Administration and the John F. Kennedy Space Center to mitigate
 42 the devastating economic impact to Florida's workforce and
 43 economy due to a gap of 5 years in human space flight programs.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 45 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 46 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 47 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 48 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.