

By Senator Gaetz

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing July 15, 2016, as "Boeing  
3 Centennial Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, founded by William Boeing in 1916, Boeing has  
6 become a leader in the commercial and military aerospace  
7 industries, setting standards for excellence in science and  
8 technology, and

9 WHEREAS, in its 100-year history, Boeing has been  
10 responsible for innovations in passenger airplanes, military  
11 aircraft, missiles, satellites, and spacecraft and has helped  
12 the United States and the world cross frontiers in aerospace  
13 technologies, and

14 WHEREAS, Boeing's heritage includes the Douglas DC-3, the  
15 first passenger airplane widely used by airlines; the iconic B-  
16 52 Stratofortress, in use by the United States military for 61  
17 years; and the 707 and 747, which launched the jetliner era, and

18 WHEREAS, every American spacecraft that has carried  
19 astronauts into space was designed and built by companies that  
20 are now part of Boeing, and

21 WHEREAS, as a key player in commercial aerospace  
22 operations, national defense support, and space exploration,  
23 Boeing employs an estimated 1,400 individuals at multiple  
24 locations in this state and directly and indirectly supports  
25 33,000 jobs, and

26 WHEREAS, Boeing's Special Operations Forces Aerospace  
27 Support Center, located in Fort Walton Beach, supports United  
28 States Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field  
29 through the modification, testing, repair, and service of AC-  
30 130U and CV-22 platforms and other equipment, and

31 WHEREAS, Boeing's presence in Jacksonville includes a  
32 structural repair facility for the United States Navy and Marine

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33 Corps F/A-18 aircraft; the manufacturing and development site  
34 for the United States Air Force's QF-16 full-scale aerial target  
35 at Cecil Field; and flight, tactical, and maintenance training  
36 systems development and instruction for the United States Navy's  
37 P-8A Poseidon aircraft, and

38 WHEREAS, Boeing is the prime contractor for the  
39 International Space Station and, as such, has program personnel  
40 at Florida's Space Coast and NASA's John F. Kennedy Space  
41 Center, and

42 WHEREAS, Boeing is building the core stage of NASA's new  
43 heavy-lift rocket, the Space Launch System, and Boeing engineers  
44 are located at the Space Coast to oversee the design aspects of  
45 the project, and

46 WHEREAS, the John F. Kennedy Space Center serves as home to  
47 Boeing's Commercial Crew Program, which is responsible for  
48 building the CST-100 Starliner crew capsule that will transport  
49 NASA astronauts to the International Space Station, returning  
50 Americans to space from Florida, and

51 WHEREAS, Boeing Flight Services, in Miami, is the company's  
52 largest commercial aviation global training campus and the pro  
53 forma training facility for Boeing in the Americas, consisting  
54 of 16 full-flight simulators that offer training for all Boeing  
55 7-Series airplanes, and

56 WHEREAS, Boeing's success has been due in great part to the  
57 hard work and dedication of countless employees over the years,  
58 many of whom serve as leaders in their communities, and

59 WHEREAS, in 2014, Boeing and its employees in this state  
60 contributed more than \$5 million and many volunteer hours to  
61 worthy charitable causes, and

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62 WHEREAS, Boeing will commemorate its centennial on July 15,  
63 2016, and throughout the year with events that highlight the  
64 collaboration between its employees, suppliers, partners, and  
65 local communities to ensure outstanding service and equipment  
66 for the nation's men and women in uniform, the next generation  
67 of space explorers, and the flying public, NOW, THEREFORE,

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69 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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71 That July 15, 2016, is recognized as "Boeing Centennial  
72 Day" in Florida.