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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the courage and bravery of the  
3 space shuttle Challenger crew on the 30th anniversary  
4 of the Challenger disaster.

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6 WHEREAS, the space shuttle Challenger, the second shuttle  
7 put into service by NASA, was successfully launched and landed  
8 nine times between April 4, 1983, and October 30, 1985, and

9 WHEREAS, during Challenger's tenth liftoff from the Kennedy  
10 Space Center on January 28, 1986, one of its O-ring seals, which  
11 had become brittle in the cold temperatures, failed, causing its  
12 right-hand solid rocket booster to separate from its external  
13 fuel tank, resulting in the shuttle's disintegration only 73  
14 seconds into its mission at 11:39 a.m., and

15 WHEREAS, the disaster killed the seven-person crew: Mission  
16 Commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, Pilot Michael J. Smith,  
17 Mission Specialist Judith A. Resnik, Mission Specialist Ellison  
18 S. Onizuka, Mission Specialist Ronald E. McNair, Payload  
19 Specialist Gregory B. Jarvis, and Teacher-in-Space Payload  
20 Specialist Sharon Crista McAuliffe, and

21 WHEREAS, Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord, New  
22 Hampshire, was scheduled to become the first teacher in space as  
23 part of the Teacher in Space Project to conduct experiments and  
24 teach lessons from the Challenger to encourage children to  
25 pursue careers in science and mathematics, and

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26 WHEREAS, many lessons have been learned from the tragic  
27 loss of the Challenger and its crew, and those lessons have made  
28 the United States' and NASA's dedication to explore space for  
29 the benefit of all mankind safer for everyone, and

30 WHEREAS, January 28, 2016, was the 30th anniversary of the  
31 tragic accident of the space shuttle Challenger and the loss of  
32 its seven brave crew members, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That the space shuttle Challenger's crew is honored for  
38 their courage and bravery on the 30th anniversary of the  
39 Challenger disaster.