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House Memorial

A memorial to the President of the United States, urging the President to support the establishment of the United States Space Force and the United States Space Command in Florida.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Presidential Memorandum announced the establishment of the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as a unified combatant command that would be responsible for Joint Force space operations, and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, Space Policy Directive-4 was signed, ordering the United States Department of Defense to "develop a legislative proposal to establish a United States Space Force as a sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces within the Department of the Air Force," and

WHEREAS, under this proposal, the Space Force would organize, train, and equip military space forces to ensure unfettered access to space and enable prompt and sustained offensive and defensive space operations in protecting our national security and economic interests, and

WHEREAS, as the most military friendly state in the country with a fast-growing commercial aerospace industry, Florida is the ideal location for the Space Force and USSPACECOM, and

WHEREAS, in addition to an already existing infrastructure and a highly trained workforce, Florida has enduring

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26 | partnerships with both the United States Air Force and the
27 | National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and

28 | WHEREAS, Florida is home to several important and strategic
29 | facilities and Air Force bases, including the Kennedy Space
30 | Center on Merritt Island, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station,
31 | MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Tyndall Air Force Base in
32 | Panama City, Eglin Air Force Base in Valparaiso, and Patrick Air
33 | Force Base in Cocoa Beach, which currently provides space launch
34 | operations support through the 45th Space Wing, and

35 | WHEREAS, 3 of the 10 current unified combatant commands are
36 | located in Florida: the United States Southern Command, based in
37 | Doral, which oversees operations in Central and South America
38 | and the Caribbean; the United States Central Command, based in
39 | Tampa, which oversees operations in the Middle East and Central
40 | and South Asia; and the United States Special Operations
41 | Command, based in Tampa, which oversees the special operations
42 | missions of the five military branches, and

43 | WHEREAS, since the first rocket launch at Cape Canaveral in
44 | 1950, Florida has served as the launchpad of our country's
45 | achievements in space, and

46 | WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature believes that Florida is
47 | the ideal location for the new military branch and the 11th
48 | unified combatant command, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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52 That the President of the United States is urged to support
53 the establishment of the United States Space Force and the
54 United States Space Command in Florida.

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