

By Senator Wright

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing 2022 as the "Year of Artemis" in Florida to acknowledge the launch of the Artemis I mission and the beginning of a new era in deep space exploration.

WHEREAS, Florida has served as America's premier launch pad to space for more than 70 years, tracing a timeline back to the creation of a test site for missile launches which has grown into what is now the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and NASA's Kennedy Space Center, named for former President John F. Kennedy, and

WHEREAS, Florida's indispensable role in our nation's space program has resulted in human exploration missions in low Earth orbit and to the Moon which have yielded many research discoveries and benefits to mankind, and

WHEREAS, NASA's Artemis program marks America's return to the Moon from Florida with the hope of establishing a permanent human presence to investigate the lunar surface and prove technologies needed for long-term deep space exploration, and

WHEREAS, in Greek mythology, Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo and today symbolizes the United States' commitment to follow the Apollo program by returning to the Moon with the first woman and first person of color to crew a lunar mission, and

WHEREAS, Artemis I is the first in a series of increasingly complex missions that will enable human exploration of the Moon and Mars, using NASA's powerful new rocket, the Space Launch System (SLS), the Orion spacecraft, and exploration ground

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30 systems, and

31 WHEREAS, the SLS is the most powerful rocket in the world,  
32 and Orion will fly farther than any human-rated spacecraft has  
33 ever flown, and

34 WHEREAS, the Artemis I mission rocket is fully stacked  
35 inside the iconic Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space  
36 Center, where it is undergoing final testing and preparations  
37 for launch, and

38 WHEREAS, the Artemis I mission is slated to launch in the  
39 spring of 2022 from Launch Complex 39B, making history from the  
40 Space Coast and marking the beginning of a new era in human  
41 space exploration from this state, and

42 WHEREAS, the Artemis program results in an economic impact  
43 to Florida of more than \$2 billion, creating more than 10,000  
44 jobs filled by a highly specialized aerospace workforce that  
45 serves as one of this state's most valuable assets, and

46 WHEREAS, through the Artemis program, Florida will continue  
47 to serve as Earth's most prominent launch pad for the  
48 sustainment of humanity's exploration and endeavors beyond the  
49 bounds of our planet, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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53 That 2022 is recognized as the "Year of Artemis" in  
54 Florida, marked by the launch of the Artemis I mission.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florida's aerospace workforce  
56 is commended and congratulated for its remarkable efforts in  
57 ensuring our nation's leadership in space exploration through  
58 the Artemis program.