

By Senator Wright

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating March 11, 2025, as "Space Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, as the birthplace of American space exploration since the first space launch from its shores more than 75 years ago, Florida is home to the nation's space program and has served as the international portal to remarkable scientific innovation and imagination and continues to play a critical role in pioneering new frontiers, as well as leading in the discovery of viable pathways further into space, and

WHEREAS, with its three spaceports, Florida is the world's gateway to space and is the epicenter of aerospace innovation, logistics, opportunity, and economic growth, and

WHEREAS, more than 141,000 residents work in Florida's aviation and aerospace industries, including rocket scientists, machinists, pilots, specialists, and engineers, and

WHEREAS, the number of space launches in Florida has tripled from 31 in 2020 to 93 in 2024, representing a record 36 percent of global launch activity, and, in 2025, more than 140 space launches are expected, and

WHEREAS, as the nation witnesses the rapid growth and expansion of its commercial space transportation industry, over the next decade, Florida has the opportunity to broaden its leadership position in civil and military launch activity, while also emerging as the nation's leader in commercial space opportunities and the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation technologies, including hypersonic technologies, a vision that, if realized, will position Florida for sustained

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30 economic growth and prosperity for decades to come, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida's top-tier universities prepare future
32 leaders and engineers for the aerospace and defense ecosystem,
33 cultivating a world-class workforce for these highly technical
34 fields, sending more than 4,800 engineering graduates into the
35 workforce annually, and

36 WHEREAS, with robust military installations that include
37 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast
38 Guard bases, Florida's aviation and aerospace industries play a
39 key role in national defense, flight training, and research, and
40 it is the only state with three distinct combatant commands
41 supporting national security missions across the globe, NOW,
42 THEREFORE,

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

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46 That March 11, 2025, is designated as "Space Day" in
47 Florida.