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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION'S VISION FOR SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM**

Introduced By: Representatives Loughlin, Singleton, McHugh, Winfield, and Moura

Date Introduced: May 26, 2005

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The United States has a proud heritage of leading the world in exploration  
2 and discovery on land, under the seas, and in outer space; and

3           WHEREAS, This heritage of expanding the boundaries of the national experience has  
4 been paramount in American priorities from the days of Lewis and Clark through the exploration  
5 of the moon's surface by the Apollo astronauts and the surface of Mars using the Mars Rover; and

6           WHEREAS, The expansion of America's exploration boundaries from the original 13  
7 states to the lunar surface in the relatively short period of 200 years has led to immeasurable  
8 benefits to all humankind through the development of new technologies, the creation of new jobs  
9 across the entire economic spectrum, economic growth through creation of new commercial  
10 producers and markets, the creation of advanced educational opportunities, and the establishment  
11 of a legacy for future generations; and

12           WHEREAS, The potential of space exploration has proven to ignite American students'  
13 interest in science and mathematics; and

14           WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration was established on  
15 October 1, 1958; and since then has continued to captivate and inspire our Nation and the world  
16 with its endeavors; and

17           WHEREAS, NASA's scientific discoveries and technological achievements have  
18 enriched the lives our citizens and changed our collective perspective of the Universe in which  
19 we live; and

1           WHEREAS, NASA's mission and programs contribute directly to the economy and well-  
2 being of the State of Rhode Island through contracts and grants with businesses and academic  
3 institutions located here; and

4           WHEREAS, The Oliver Perry Middle School, located in Providence, was recently  
5 selected as a 2005 NASA Explorer School and will reap the benefits of working closely with  
6 science and engineering experts from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center to inspire the next  
7 generation of explorers to pursue studies in math, science and engineering; and

8           WHEREAS, This unique interaction between NASA professionals and Rhode Island  
9 students will directly contribute to the future of the Vision for Space Exploration and to the  
10 overall scientific, security and economic interests of the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, Stephen G. Bowen (Commander USN), a NASA Astronaut and the first  
12 Submarine Officer selected by NASA as a Mission Specialist, is visiting the State House today to  
13 support the Vision for Space Exploration Program; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby encourages the U.S. Congress to support the Vision for Space  
16 Exploration Program, and wishes NASA a prompt and safe return to space shuttle flight; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Delegation in Congress.

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