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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

A RESOLUTION

Encouraging the Congress of the United States to fully fund the
National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's)
Vision for Space Exploration program.

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and
Michael Collins successfully landed the lunar module, The Eagle,
on the surface of the moon, forever changing the way our country
views space exploration; and

WHEREAS, This event 35 years ago gave hope and encouragement
to future generations during a tumultuous time in our country's
history; and

WHEREAS, The United States has a venerable history of space
exploration, which has led to a superior understanding of the
heavens, from our moon to Mars and outward to the universe; and

WHEREAS, On January 14, 2004, the President of the United
States announced the Vision for Space Exploration program, with
the goal of completing construction of the International Space
Station, furthering human research on the surface of our moon
and extending human existence throughout the solar system; and

WHEREAS, Under the new Vision for Space Exploration program, NASA, along with the National Space Society, the Planetary Society and the Coalition for Space Exploration, has set a goal of returning humans to the moon and pursuing human exploration of Mars and the solar system; and

WHEREAS, These nationally recognized organizations have agreed to join efforts to help promote greater public understanding of and support for the Vision for Space Exploration program; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and its teachers and students have played an important role in furthering the development of the National Space Program through programs such as the Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium which, through NASA, is comprised of nine public and private universities and colleges working together with industry and precollege partners to increase participation by Pennsylvania students in the economic, educational and scientific benefits of our National Space Program; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania students take part in other programs sponsored by NASA, including Project Starshine, a privately funded student space education experiment, and the NASA Student Involvement Program, designed by scientists and educators to involve and enlighten students in grades kindergarten through 12 about NASA's exploration of the universe; and

WHEREAS, Through these efforts our country is inspiring today's youth to become the scientists, engineers, technicians and space explorers of the future; and

WHEREAS, In order to guarantee the continuation of education and enlightenment through space discovery, as well as the development of the NASA space program, it is vital that the Congress of the United States enact and fully fund the proposed Vision for Space Exploration program as submitted to Congress in the fiscal year 2005 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the importance of and encourage Congress to enact and fund in its entirety the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Vision for Space Exploration program.