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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL  
AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)  
TO OUR NATION’S PROUD TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP  
IN SPACE EXPLORATION AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY  
AND TO DECLARE THIS STATE’S FULL SUPPORT FOR  
NASA’S VISION FOR SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM.

Whereas, the United States has a proud tradition of leadership in  
space exploration and scientific discovery; and this heritage has  
enhanced our national experience by providing vision, hope, and  
economic stimulus from the days of Lewis and Clark to the Apollo  
Programs; and

Whereas, space exploration is a quest for knowledge about what  
lies outside the confines of the Earth’s atmosphere and about the  
Earth itself; and knowledge gained through the exploration of  
space adds greatly to the accumulated wisdom of humankind and  
results in technological advances that improve our lives in  
countless ways; and

Whereas, space exploration, particularly as carried out under the  
auspices of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
(NASA), has generated more than its share of discovery and  
indirect economic and social benefits through the development of  
new technologies, the creation of new jobs across the entire  
economic spectrum, economic growth through creation of new  
commercial products and markets, and the establishment of a  
legacy for future generations; and

Whereas, NASA has enhanced our national security and improved  
the quality of life for all humankind through the development of

1 technologies and commercial spin-offs, among them MRI and  
2 CAT scan technology from NASA imaging programs; improved  
3 cellular communications through the use of NASA satellites; fetal  
4 heart monitors, from technology to measure airflow over the  
5 Shuttle's wings; and programmable heart pacemakers developed  
6 from satellite technology; and

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8 Whereas, NASA has long inspired the next generation of explorers  
9 and scientists through a variety of initiatives, encouraging them to  
10 pursue professional careers critical to our nation's future  
11 excellence. Renowned are programs such as the South Carolina  
12 Blue Ribbon Schools, NASA Explorer Schools, Educator  
13 Resource Center and Challenger Center; and

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15 Whereas, NASA positively impacts our economy by working with  
16 universities and companies in the State to accomplish many of the  
17 agency goals. Institutions of higher education across South  
18 Carolina have benefited immeasurably from the millions of dollars  
19 they have received in NASA grants and contracts. NASA, in fact,  
20 has provided to South Carolina funding for various programs over  
21 the past five years totaling over thirty-eight million dollars; and

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23 Whereas, NASA's Vision for Space Exploration sets NASA on a  
24 journey of discovery, seeking answers to questions asked for  
25 generations. It embraces the excellence of the past and, at the same  
26 time, sets a course of accomplishment for the future; and

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28 Whereas, the General Assembly of South Carolina fully supports  
29 and recognizes the positive social and economic impact of NASA  
30 and the Vision for Space Exploration. Now, therefore,

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32 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate  
33 concurring:

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35 That the members of the General Assembly recognize and  
36 acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the National  
37 Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to our nation's  
38 proud tradition of leadership in space exploration and scientific  
39 discovery and declare this state's full support for NASA's Vision  
40 for Space Exploration program.

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- 1 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
- 2 National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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