

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO



To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and to honor the intrepid individuals who have helped advance the human potential for innovation and exploration throughout the course of NASA's history.

WHEREAS, Ohio is officially recognized as the "Birthplace of Aviation"; and

WHEREAS, Columbus is the proud birthplace of aviation pioneer Eddie Rickenbacker, whose legacy lives on in the entrepreneurial spirit and burgeoning economic development of Rickenbacker International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is the home to 24 astronauts, more than any other state; and

WHEREAS, these great astronauts—including John Glenn, Neil Armstrong and Jim Lovell—have helped inspire generations of Americans to keep the dream of continued space exploration and scientific innovation alive; and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is celebrating 50 years of space exploration, scientific discovery, and research; and

WHEREAS, NASA is now nearing the completion of the International Space Station and looking forward to the next generation of spacecraft that will continue our exploration of space; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus strongly encourages NASA to continue its storied partnership with Battelle Memorial Institute, a relationship that has led to many important technological advancements, and also looks forward to future space-related research projects in conjunction with NASA and The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is honored to have been selected as one of seven major cities nationwide to host NASA's Future Forum, which is an effort to reflect upon our nation's first 50 years of space exploration and discuss what lies ahead for future advancements in science, engineering, technology, education and discovery; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and honors the intrepid individuals who have helped advance the human potential for innovation and exploration throughout the course of NASA's history.

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INTRODUCED BY:


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