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3 By Senators Butler, Roberts, Enfinger, Barron, Bedford,
4 Biddle, Byrne, Denton, Dial, Dixon, Erwin, Escott, Figures,
5 French, Holley, Lee, Lindsey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,
6 McClain, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Myers, Penn, Poole,
7 Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Smith, Smitherman, Steele, Tanner, and
8 Waggoner
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ENROLLED, SJR100,
ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO ENACT AND FULLY FUND THE NATIONAL
AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION'S VISION FOR SPACE
EXPLORATION PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the expansion of America's exploration
boundaries from the original 13 states to the lunar surface in
the relatively short period of 200 years has led to
immeasurable benefits to all humankind 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, the creation of advanced
educational opportunities, and the establishment of a legacy
for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, the potential of space exploration has
2 proven to ignite American students' interest in science and
3 mathematics; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has long played a
5 leading role in America's exploration initiatives, especially
6 in our nation's space program; and

7 WHEREAS, Huntsville and North Alabama, home of Dr.
8 Werner von Braun and his team of rocket scientists, played a
9 key role in mankind's only voyages to the moon; and

10 WHEREAS, Marshall Space Flight Center in North
11 Alabama is a world-renowned center for the research and
12 development of many cutting edge technologies, especially
13 propulsion and space science; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to the National Space
15 Science and Technology Center, a national model of creating a
16 consortium of university, government, and private sector
17 entities to foster collaborative research and development; and

18 WHEREAS, the talent, technology, and infrastructure
19 exist in Alabama to provide resources key to carrying out
20 NASA's future missions; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the continuation of
23 research and development programs in earth and space science
24 missions to take full advantage of the previous investments
25 made in the space stations and other National Aeronautics and

1 Space Administration (NASA) infrastructure, we support NASA's
2 goal of returning to the moon as well as excursions to Mars
3 and beyond, and we hereby encourage the Congress of the United
4 States to enact and fully fund the proposed vision for the
5 Space Exploration Program as submitted to Congress in the
6 fiscal year 2005 budget, to enable the United States and
7 Alabama, in particular, to remain a leader in the exploration
8 and development of space.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
10 resolution be provided to the President of the United States,
11 to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
12 the United States House of Representatives, and to each member
13 of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 04-MAY-04

By: Senator Butler