



ASA Resolution 104-101

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1958, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has accomplished many great scientific and technological feats, in addition to advancing humankind's knowledge of the Earth and the universe; and

WHEREAS, NASA has improved the quality of life for citizens not only within the United States, but worldwide, by the development of technologies including, but not limited to, image processing in CAT Scanners and MRI Machines, kidney dialysis, programmable heart pacemakers, fetal heart monitors, and surgical probes to treat brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, NASA employs more than 18,000 civil service employees and awarded over \$13.2 billion in contracts in fiscal year 2003 with both the private sector and academia in support of NASA programs; and

WHEREAS, the desire to explore is part of America's character, and history has shown that space exploration benefits all humankind through new technologies for everyday application, new jobs across the entire economic enterprise, economic contributions through new markets and commercial products, education and inspiration, United States leadership, increased security, and a legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a Space Exploration Vision has recently been articulated to affirm the United States' commitment to human and robotic space exploration and to give NASA a new focus and clear objectives, including long-term human and robotic programs to explore the solar system, and a return to the moon that will ultimately enable future exploration of Mars and other destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Space Exploration Vision has the potential to drive innovations, development, and advancement in the aerospace and other high technology industries across the nation,

WHEREAS, the proposed budget request for NASA in fiscal year 2005 fully supports the Space Exploration Visions, aligns NASA programs with the Vision goals, affirms the nation's commitment to space exploration, and provides a clear direction for the United States space program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association, hereby strongly encourages all members of the United States Congress to fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the amount of \$16.2 billion in support of the Space Exploration Vision, as submitted by the President to the Congress for fiscal year 2005, to enable the United States, and its 50 states, to remain leaders in the exploration and development of space.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Fallin'.

The Honorable Mary Fallin, Lt. Gov., Oklahoma
Chair, Aerospace States Association