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Honoring the life and work of Commander M. Scott Carpenter, the second American to orbit the Earth.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. POLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and work of Commander M. Scott Carpenter, the second American to orbit the Earth.

Whereas Commander M. Scott Carpenter was 1 of the original 7 astronauts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Project Mercury;

Whereas, in 1962, Mr. Carpenter, aboard the spacecraft Aurora 7, was the second American to orbit the Earth and was able to overcome extreme technical difficulties during the mission by manually piloting the spacecraft to a safe re-entry;

Whereas, in 1965, Mr. Carpenter spent 30 days living and working on the ocean floor as an aquanaut aboard the Sealab II;

Whereas Mr. Carpenter was the fourth American to go into space;

Whereas Malcolm Scott Carpenter was born on May 1, 1925, in Boulder, Colorado, and was also a resident of New York City for a time;

Whereas Mr. Carpenter became a naval aviation cadet in 1943, serving his country for the duration of World War II, after which he entered the University of Colorado in 1946, received a Navy commission in 1949, and earned his wings of gold in 1951;

Whereas Mr. Carpenter flew patrol planes during the Korean war, trained as a test pilot at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, and was chosen in April 1959 among 7 military test pilots to be a Mercury astronaut, helping to carry out President John F. Kennedy's goal of putting a man on the Moon; and

Whereas Mr. Carpenter is survived by his wife, Patricia Barrett Carpenter; his sons Jay, Matthew, Nicholas, and Zachary; his daughters Kristen Stoever and Candace Carpenter; 1 granddaughter; 3 stepchildren; and 5 step-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors Commander M. Scott Carpenter for  
3       his brave work, unrelenting passion for space explo-  
4       ration, and encouragement in sending future stu-  
5       dents into the fields of aeronautics, astronautics,  
6       and undersea exploration; and

- 1           (2) acknowledges Mr. Carpenter as a dynamic
- 2           pioneer of modern exploration.

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