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11 Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask,
12 McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy, McClurkin, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,
16 Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway,
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALABAMA
SPACEPORT AUTHORITY AND CREATING THE ALABAMA SPACEPORT
AUTHORITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the growth of global space
commercialization and strong demand for launching satellites
and other commercial or military space launches present an
opportunity for the development of a commercial spaceport in
Alabama which would strengthen the state's economic vitality
through increased business activity; and

WHEREAS, it is important to enhance the quality of
life of all Alabamians by promoting increased economic
opportunity consistent with Alabama's heritage and values; and

WHEREAS, Alabama could enhance world recognition and
prestige for its residents and its institutions by being a
significant participant in leading-edge aerospace development;
and

WHEREAS, a spaceport broadens opportunities to
define new scientific missions relating to aerospace,
telecommunications, and remote sensing; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation,
the Department of Economic Development, and other state
agencies could assist with the concept of developing an

1 Alabama Spaceport Authority, possibly as a division of the
2 Alabama Department of Transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Spaceport Authority would
4 ideally be authorized to make application for a spaceport and
5 to apply for grant funding related to a spaceport; and

6 WHEREAS, the Alabama agencies could be encouraged to
7 work cooperatively with the Department of Energy, the Federal
8 Aviation Administration, and other federal agencies and their
9 contractors to assist in the development of the Alabama
10 Spaceport Authority; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Board of Education, to the
12 extent possible, would be encouraged to direct the development
13 of programs to support the educational needs of the Alabama
14 Spaceport Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama agencies could encourage
16 appropriate private ventures interested in launching space
17 vehicles from Alabama and others interested in furthering
18 space flight from Alabama to assist in the development of an
19 Alabama Spaceport; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we express our support for the
22 development of an Alabama Spaceport Authority and urge the
23 Alabama Department of Transportation, the Department of
24 Economic Development, the Alabama Board of Education, and
25 other state agencies to provide their full cooperation and

1 support for the development of a comprehensive plan for
2 implementation and management of an Alabama Spaceport
3 Authority.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we establish the
5 Alabama Spaceport Authority Advisory Task Force to study and
6 advise the Legislature on the concept of developing a
7 spaceport authority. The committee shall be composed of the
8 Director of Alabama Development Office (ADO) or a designee,
9 the Director of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) or a
10 designee, the Director of the Department of Transportation
11 (ALDOT) or a designee, one member appointed by the Governor,
12 one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, two members
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members
14 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Members
15 of the task force shall serve without compensation or expense
16 reimbursement. The task force shall elect a chair and vice
17 chair and shall meet at such times as the chair calls or a
18 majority of the members vote.

