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8 NOTING WITH COMMENDATION THE ECONOMIC, INTELLECTUAL,  
9 AND HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA OF NASA'S  
10 MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND RECOGNIZING ITS DIRECTOR,  
11 PATRICK SCHEUERMANN.

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13 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in  
14 Huntsville, Alabama, serves as an engine of economic  
15 development and the anchor of the aerospace industry in north  
16 Alabama, employing nearly 6,000 people, in more than 125  
17 unique and specialized cutting-edge facilities and labs,  
18 managing American space launch systems and scientific  
19 endeavors, which open vast sources of knowledge of our  
20 universe and beyond; the Center's annual budget is  
21 approximately \$2.5 billion; and

22 WHEREAS, further, NASA's Marshall Space Flight  
23 Center partners with small businesses across the State of  
24 Alabama and the nation, sparking economic growth by obligating  
25 significant funds and providing ample opportunities for  
26 business development; and

1           WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center also  
2 fosters the tremendous growth of intellectual capital in the  
3 State of Alabama by supporting a highly educated workforce  
4 with education levels well above national averages, while  
5 additionally supporting area educational institutions with  
6 significant procurements and grants; and

7           WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center  
8 executes, with distinction, its critical role within NASA for  
9 54 years, by providing the rockets that powered Americans to  
10 the moon, developing the propulsion system for the Space  
11 Shuttle, developing Skylab, Spacelab, International Space  
12 Station nodes, the Hubble Space Telescope, the Chandra X-ray  
13 Observatory, and many other scientific instruments; and

14           WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is  
15 currently developing the nation's next generation launch  
16 vehicle, which will reach new heights and open new realms for  
17 human exploration, and further contributes to the benefit of  
18 the nation and all mankind through its leading role in the  
19 stewardship of America's excellence in rocket technology; and

20           WHEREAS, in September 2012, Patrick Scheuermann was  
21 named Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, bringing a  
22 wealth of experience to the position; he served from 2010-2012  
23 as Director of NASA'S Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis,  
24 Mississippi, having joined NASA in 1988 as a propulsion test  
25 engineer and fulfilling many additional roles through the  
26 years, earning respect for his exceptional abilities and  
27 tireless dedication; and

1           WHEREAS, among his numerous awards and honors, he  
2 received NASA's 2006 Outstanding Leadership Medal, for  
3 recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina; NASA's 2001  
4 Exceptional Service Medal for demonstrating substantial  
5 improvement in engineering, aeronautics, space flight and  
6 related endeavors; and a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2001  
7 from the University of New Orleans, where he earned a  
8 Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1986; and

9           WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are  
10 indeed exceedingly proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center's  
11 distinguished achievement, and the advances in space  
12 exploration and scientific progression it has produced, and  
13 its unparalleled contributions to the benefit of all mankind;  
14 now therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby extol the  
17 excellence of accomplishment of NASA and the Marshall Space  
18 Flight Center and the remarkable technical and scientific  
19 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United  
20 States of America.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
22 resolution be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Scheuermann in  
23 recognition of the Marshall Space Flight Center's  
24 distinguished scientists, engineers, technicians, management,  
25 and support personnel, all of whom have achieved distinction  
26 beyond measure.