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4 ENROLLED, SJR52,

5 OBSERVING JULY 20TH AS NATIONAL SPACE EXPLORATION
6 DAY.

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8 WHEREAS, Alabama has a long history with space
9 exploration, and Alabama is proud to be the home to the titans
10 of innovation who brought the world the Saturn V rocket; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1969, the world's attention was
12 riveted on the historical achievement of the first landing,
13 footsteps, and exploration of our moon; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States National Space Policy
15 provides for a United States-led, integrated program with
16 commercial and international partners for a human return to
17 the moon, followed by missions to Mars and beyond; and

18 WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States Space
19 Program is, and has always been, the peaceful exploration of
20 space for the benefit of all humanity; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program has
22 provided immense scientific and technological benefits
23 affecting a multitude of aspects of 21st Century life for all
24 humanity; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Space Program, through
2 otherworldly programs such as Apollo, Viking, Voyager,
3 Cassini-Huygens, Spirit, Opportunity, New Horizons, and other
4 missions to the planets, the Space Shuttle, the Hubble Space
5 Telescope, the International Space Station, and other great
6 space efforts, has provided our nation with unparalleled
7 scientific and technological leadership in the space,
8 aeronautics, medical, and engineering sciences; and

9 WHEREAS, the same spirit of adventure and
10 engineering excellence that landed our Apollo space pioneers
11 on the moon may be applied to all noble pursuits involving
12 peace, brotherhood, courage, unity of human spirit, and the
13 exploration of new frontiers; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama and our nation recognize the
15 importance to mobilize and invigorate appreciation and
16 enthusiasm for space; to advance science, technology,
17 engineering, and math (STEM) education through the excitement
18 of space exploration; and to inspire future generations to
19 build upon the accomplishments of our early space pioneers so
20 they may reach new milestones of human achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, humankind will continue to explore, expand,
22 and settle the new frontier of space with the United States'
23 leadership, courage, and values for the benefit of the future
24 spacefaring generations and for life on earth; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we celebrate July 20th as
3 National Space Exploration Day, and urge our fellow citizens
4 to celebrate the accomplishments of space pioneers and the
5 remarkable, technical, scientific, and economic contributions
6 made to the State of Alabama and the United States of America,
7 thus commemorating one of the greatest scientific and
8 technological achievements of our time to inspire new
9 generations to aspire to loftier future space pioneering
10 goals.

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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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Waggoner