

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to facilitate any commercial, civil, military, and academic endeavors necessary to maintain the nation's only manned spaceflight operations workforce.

WHEREAS, the final mission of the Apollo space program was launched on July 15, 1975, from the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, and

WHEREAS, during the interim between the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs, the Space Shuttle program had to establish, at great expense, a new and untested workforce for Space Shuttle flight operations, and

WHEREAS, the first orbital flight of the Space Shuttle was launched on April 12, 1981, from the John F. Kennedy Space Center, and

WHEREAS, the final mission of the Space Shuttle program is scheduled for launch on September 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the first manned flight of the Orion spacecraft, the planned successor of the Space Shuttle, was not scheduled for launch until 2015, and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010, the President of the United States announced a proposal to cancel funding for the Constellation program, including the Orion spacecraft, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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29 | That the Legislature requests the United States Congress to
30 | facilitate any commercial, civil, military, and academic
31 | endeavors, including, but not limited to, job training and
32 | placement, that are necessary to maintain the nation's highly
33 | skilled manned spaceflight operations workforce who reside in
34 | this state.

35 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
36 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
37 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
38 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
39 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.