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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO ENACT AND  
2 FULLY FUND THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION'S  
3 VISION FOR SPACE EXPLORATION.

4 WHEREAS, the United States has a proud tradition of  
5 leadership in space exploration and scientific discovery; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States' exploration of space has led to  
7 technological advances that improve our lives in countless ways;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, on January 14, 2004, President George W. Bush  
10 announced a new vision for United States space exploration, with  
11 the goal of returning humans to the moon within the next decade  
12 and extending a human presence across our solar system; and

13 WHEREAS, the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request for  
14 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is \$1  
15 billion higher than the previous year's request and would redirect  
16 \$11 billion in the existing funding to provide a total \$12 billion  
17 over five years to help address the space exploration vision; and

18 WHEREAS, in early June 2004, the President's Commission on  
19 Implementation of the United States Space Exploration Policy will  
20 issue its recommendations on how to implement the exploration  
21 vision; and

22 WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the State of Mississippi has  
23 played an important role in the United States' space program, with  
24 the John C. Stennis Space Center located in Hancock County,  
25 Mississippi, serving as the nation's primary rocket propulsion  
26 testing facility; and

27           WHEREAS, every United States astronaut who has traveled in  
28 space has flown on engines tested at the Stennis Space Center,  
29 from the Saturn V engines that took Apollo astronauts to the moon,  
30 to the Space Shuttle main engines that have orbited the earth  
31 since 1981; and

32           WHEREAS, Stennis Space Center also manages NASA's Earth  
33 Science application program, using results from Earth Science  
34 research and remote sensing satellites to enable more informed  
35 decisions in disaster management, community planning,  
36 environmental quality and natural resources; and

37           WHEREAS, Mississippi universities and companies have,  
38 likewise, played a major role in providing a skilled engineering  
39 and scientific work force and in conducting research and  
40 development required to perform the important missions of NASA and  
41 other resident agencies at Stennis Space Center; and

42           WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is committed to continuing  
43 its contributions to the nation's space program by maximizing the  
44 taxpayers investments in the propulsion testing infrastructure and  
45 buffer zone at Stennis Space Center, as well as the investments in  
46 Mississippi university research programs, and in supplying a  
47 technically competent work force; and

48           WHEREAS, these capabilities located within the State of  
49 Mississippi will continue to be important elements in carrying out  
50 NASA's future mission:

51           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
53 THEREIN, That we support NASA's goal of returning humans to the  
54 moon and pursuing human exploration of Mars and the solar system;  
55 that we support continued funding of human space flight, Earth  
56 Science and other NASA programs, as well as continued funding of  
57 the space-related infrastructure at the John C. Stennis Space  
58 Center, and we hereby encourage the Congress of the United States  
59 to enact and fully fund the proposed budget for the Space

60 Exploration Program as submitted in the fiscal year 2005 budget,  
61 which will enable the United States and the State of Mississippi  
62 to remain leaders in exploration and development of space.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
64 furnished to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, members of  
65 the Mississippi congressional delegation, the Director of the John  
66 C. Stennis Space Center, the Administrator of the National  
67 Aeronautics and Space Administration and to the members of the  
68 Capitol Press Corps.