

By: Senator(s) Moran, Barnett, Dearing,
DeBar, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd), Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 650

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WELCOMING NASA ASTRONAUT STEPHANIE D.
2 WILSON TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI ON THE OCCASION OF THE PARTNERS
3 FOR STENNIS SPACE CENTER CAPITOL DAY.

4 WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the Partners for Stennis will
5 present the Stennis Space Center Capitol Day event in honor of
6 NASA Astronaut Stephanie D. Wilson; and

7 WHEREAS, Partners for Stennis is a volunteer group that
8 advocates for space, earth and ocean exploration. Its members are
9 from regional Chambers of Commerce, economic development
10 foundations, businesses, educational institutions, local
11 governments, community groups and individual citizens who desire
12 to encourage development of the NASA-Stennis Space Center, a
13 unique federal and commercial city that is home to more than 30
14 federal, state, academic and private organizations and numerous
15 technology-based companies. For more than four decades, Stennis
16 has served as America's largest rocket test complex. Located in
17 Hancock County, Mississippi, on the Louisiana border, the
18 workforce of 4,500 civil servants, contractors, scientists and



19 engineers provide a significant source of employment and income in
20 the two-state region; and

21 WHEREAS, Stephanie D. Wilson is a veteran of three
22 spaceflights, STS420, STS-121 and STS-131, and has logged more
23 than 42 days in space. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, she
24 attended high school in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and earned her
25 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Science from Harvard
26 University in 1988. After working at Martin Marietta for two
27 years, she earned her Master of Science Degree in Aerospace
28 Engineering in 1992 from the University of Texas at Austin; her
29 graduate research, sponsored by a NASA Graduate Student
30 Researchers Fellowship, focused on the control and modeling of
31 large, flexible space structures. Selected by NASA as an
32 Astronaut in April 1996, she flew her first space shuttle mission
33 in 2006, then flew subsequent shuttle missions in 2007 and 2010.
34 Wilson has also served as a member of the 2009 and 2013 Astronaut
35 Selection Boards. She currently supports the International Space
36 Station Operations branch; and

37 WHEREAS, Stephanie has received several group achievement and
38 performance awards (1992 to 2008); Young Outstanding Texas Exes
39 Award (2005); Harvard Foundation Scientist of the Year Award
40 (2008); Harvard College Women's Professional Achievement Award
41 (2008); Honorary Doctorate of Science from Williams College
42 (2011); NASA Space Flight Medal (2006, 2007, 2010); NASA
43 Distinguished Service Medal (2009, 2011); Johnson Space Center



44 Director's Innovation Group Achievement Award (2013); and Johnson
45 Space Center Director Commendation Award (2013). She is a member
46 of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
47 (Associate Fellow); the Association of Space Explorers; the
48 Harvard University Board of Overseers (2007-2013); and The Links,
49 Incorporated; and

50 WHEREAS, the Stennis facility has been responsible for
51 testing all of the engines used in manned Apollo flights and in
52 space shuttle missions. It currently has a vibrant role in
53 testing the next generation of rocket engines to be used in
54 America's space program. NASA's progress toward a return to deep
55 space missions continues with a new round of upcoming tests on the
56 next-generation J-2X rocket engine, which will help power the
57 agency's Space Launch System (SLS) to new destinations in the
58 solar system; and

59 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize NASA
60 Astronaut Stephanie D. Wilson and the contributions of the Stennis
61 Space Center to the economy of the State of Mississippi:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
63 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
64 we do hereby welcome NASA Astronaut Stephanie D. Wilson to the
65 State of Mississippi on the occasion of the Partners for Stennis
66 Space Center Capitol Day on March 21, 2018, and extend our best
67 wishes to Stephanie and the administration and employees of the
68 Stennis Space Center on this auspicious occasion.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
70 Stephanie D. Wilson and the Executive Director of the Stennis
71 Space Center, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

