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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.