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3 By Representative McCutcheon
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND
4 ITS CENTER DIRECTOR, JODY SINGER, FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
5 TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, it gives us great pride and special
8 pleasure to commend NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and
9 its Center Director, Jody Singer, for their many exceptional,
10 historic, economic, and intellectual contributions to the
11 State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has
13 contributed numerous advancements to the world during the past
14 six decades in the areas of science, rocket propulsion
15 technology that takes Americans to the Moon, and advanced
16 space systems and technologies that enable astronauts to
17 explore, live, and work safely in the harsh environment of
18 space; and

19 WHEREAS, Marshall is responsible for generating \$4.5
20 billion dollars in economic impact while supporting more than
21 28,000 jobs across Alabama; Marshall contributes more than one
22 billion dollars in federal, state, and local tax revenues
23 annually; also, with 1.8 billion in procurement dollars,
24 Marshall serves as a major economic development asset and
25 technology magnet for Alabama and the southeast, helping

1 create a culture of innovation, as well as drawing numerous
2 private-sector companies to the region; and

3 WHEREAS, Marshall brings additional returns to
4 Alabama and taxpayers beyond the economic impacts, through
5 knowledge of new discoveries, strengthening national security,
6 deepening partnerships with other nations, finding solutions
7 to tough problems, and inspiring the next generation of
8 students and explorers; and

9 WHEREAS, Marshall is celebrating the 50th
10 Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing and the Alabama
11 Bicentennial, while leading our nation's development of the
12 Space Launch System, which will be the most powerful rocket
13 ever built, allowing America to continue advancing beyond
14 low-Earth orbit, to return humans to the Moon to stay, and to
15 lead future missions to destinations such as Mars and beyond;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Marshall is continuing its work on the
18 International Space Station, Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra
19 X-Ray Observatory, and new Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer
20 Mission, developing robust science missions to expand
21 understanding of our planet, solar system, and the universe;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, NASA Astronauts Clifton Williams, Henry
24 Hartsfield, Kathy Thornton, James Voss, Mae Jemison, Jan
25 Davis, and Kathryn Hire, all from Alabama, have spent over 320

1 days in space across 18 flights of the Marshall-managed Space
2 Shuttle Program, with Jemison, the first female
3 African-American in space, and Davis flying aboard STS-47 in
4 1992; and

5 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are
6 indeed exceedingly proud of the distinguished achievements of
7 NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the advances in space
8 exploration and scientific progression that it has procured,
9 as well as its unparalleled contributions to the benefit of
10 all humanity; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby extol the excellence
13 of the accomplishments of NASA, the Marshall Space Flight
14 Center, and the remarkable technical, scientific, and economic
15 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United
16 States of America; a copy of this resolution shall be
17 forwarded to Center Director Jody Singer in recognition of the
18 distinguished scientists, engineers, technicians, management,
19 and support personnel at Marshall Space Flight Center, all of
20 whom have achieved distinction beyond measure.

