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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar
2 landing mission on July 20, 2019.

3 WHEREAS, Following the Soviet Union's successful launch of
4 Sputnik in 1957, the great Space Race between the United States
5 and the Soviet Union effectively began, fueling the rivalry
6 throughout the Cold War; and

7 WHEREAS, During a special joint session of Congress in 1961,
8 President John F. Kennedy boldly announced that "this nation
9 should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade
10 is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to
11 Earth"; and

12 WHEREAS, Five years following President John F. Kennedy's
13 declaration, the first unmanned Apollo mission was conducted by
14 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with
15 the expertise and knowledge of an international team of

1 scientists and engineers; and

2 WHEREAS, Consequently, after the first successful unmanned
3 Apollo mission, the first manned launch pad test was conducted
4 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Tragedy
5 struck on that day as a fire broke out as a result of the
6 launch, and three astronauts' lives were lost on January 27,
7 1967; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite the loss, NASA forged ahead, successfully
9 orbiting Earth and traveling around the dark side of the moon in
10 two different manned missions in 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, Just months prior to the Apollo 11 mission, Apollo 9
12 and Apollo 10 successfully tested the lunar module of the
13 spacecraft in Earth's orbit and completed a full lunar orbit
14 with three astronauts on board; and

15 WHEREAS, On July 16, 1969, the world watched the Apollo 11
16 spacecraft make history, traveling 240,000 miles in 76 hours,
17 entering lunar orbit three days after its initial launch; and

18 WHEREAS, Upon landing on the lunar surface on July 20, 1969,
19 Neil Armstrong, a former military pilot, became the first human
20 to walk the lunar surface, famously speaking the words, "that's
21 one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"; and

22 WHEREAS, Shortly after Neil Armstrong's trailblazing steps,
23 Buzz Aldrin, a former fighter pilot in the Korean War, joined
24 Armstrong on the moon's surface where an American flag was
25 planted while the two men corresponded with President Richard
26 Nixon; and

27 WHEREAS, The two astronauts began the journey back to Earth
28 on July 22, 1969, safely landing in the Pacific Ocean about 900
29 miles from Hawaii on July 24, 1969; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the

1 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing mission on July
2 20, 1969; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize those
4 who contributed to the successful operation.