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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
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4 ENROLLED, SJR47,

5 NOTING WITH COMMENDATION THE MANY EXCEPTIONAL
6 ECONOMIC, INTELLECTUAL, AND HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
7 STATE OF ALABAMA NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND ITS
8 CENTER DIRECTOR, TODD MAY.

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10 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has, in
11 the 57 years since its creation in 1960, contributed numerous
12 advancements in rocket propulsion technology that have landed
13 a man on the moon and are currently developing advanced,
14 affordable space systems and technologies that enable
15 astronauts to live and work safely in the harsh space
16 environment, whether in the space station's active research
17 facilities or during long-term, deep-space expeditions to
18 Mars; and

19 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is
20 responsible for approximately 22,000 jobs in Alabama and
21 contributing more than \$96 million in state and local tax
22 revenues annually while serving as a major economic
23 development asset and technology magnet for the State of
24 Alabama and the Southeast drawing numerous private sector
25 technology companies to the area, creating thousands of high

1 paying jobs, and attracting the talented people needed to fill
2 them; and

3 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is
4 leading in the development of NASA's Space Launch System, or
5 SLS, an entirely new capability for taking humans and science
6 missions beyond lower Earth's orbit onward and onward back
7 into deep space on the journey to Mars; Marshall and the SLS
8 program support tens of thousands of jobs, creating a
9 significant economic impact to the full spectrum of industries
10 from manufacturing to food service; and

11 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is
12 building on a long legacy of successful, mutually beneficial
13 partnerships to lead NASA and the nation into a rewarding
14 future in space while Marshall's valuable innovations in
15 technology are made accessible to the public for scientific,
16 academic, industrial, and commercial use; and

17 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is in a
18 continuation of its work on the Hubble Space Telescope, the
19 Chandra X-ray Observatory, and the International Space Station
20 (ISS) developing robust science missions to expand
21 understanding of our planet, the solar system, and the
22 universe; and

23 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is
24 working in support of the National Science, Technology,
25 Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiative to educate and

1 inspire a new generation of scientists, engineers, and
2 explorers to carry on NASA's mission of discovery throughout
3 our solar system and deliver untold benefits back home on
4 Earth; and

5 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama are
6 indeed exceedingly proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center's
7 distinguished achievement, the advances in space exploration
8 and scientific contributions made to the State of Alabama and
9 the United States of America; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby extol the excellence
12 of accomplishments of NASA and the Marshall Space Flight
13 Center and the remarkable technical and scientific
14 contributions made to the State of Alabama and the United
15 States.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
17 resolution shall be forwarded to Center Director Todd May in
18 recognition of the Marshall Space Flight Center's
19 distinguished scientists, engineers, technicians, management,
20 and support personnel, all of whom have achieved distinction
21 beyond measure.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-17

By: Senator Holtzclaw