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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2026 "NEW MEXICO AVIATION AND AEROSPACE
DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the birthplace of the United States
space and missile programs; and

WHEREAS, emergency services such as wildfire suppression
and medical evacuation operations rely on aviation as a vital
lifeline to protect the lives and property of New Mexico
residents; and

WHEREAS, aviation and aerospace play a critical role in
the lives and safety of New Mexico residents and impact
virtually every sector of the New Mexico economy, such as
agriculture, ranching, the film industry, health and medical
fields, manufacturing, recreation, travel, tourism, banking and
retail business; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to more than eighty innovative
2 aerospace companies performing satellite component and rocket
3 design, aerospace part manufacturing, space launch and data
4 analytics; and

5 WHEREAS, commercial aerospace in New Mexico provides
6 considerable economic and employment impacts of more than three
7 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) and more than eight
8 thousand jobs; and

9 WHEREAS, the three major federal research laboratories in
10 New Mexico have a combined annual budget of more than six
11 billion dollars (\$6,000,000,000) and employ more than twenty-
12 one thousand people; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to flight testing facilities
14 with access to more than six thousand square miles of
15 restricted airspace, four major United States military
16 installations and twenty federal, state and privately funded
17 laboratories; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico is ranked in the top three states for
19 drone-friendly skies; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to many superb sites of air
21 and space activity, including the United States army's White
22 Sands missile range, the national aeronautics and space
23 administration's White Sands test facility, Kirtland air force
24 base, the space rapid capabilities office, the air force
25 research laboratory, Sandia national laboratories, Los Alamos

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1 national laboratory and New Mexico state university's physical
2 science laboratory; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to the world's first purpose-
4 built commercial spaceport, spaceport America, which hosts
5 suborbital launches and someday will host launches to orbit;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to leading research
8 universities, including the New Mexico institute of mining and
9 technology, which operates the Magdalena research observatory
10 and the very large array; the university of New Mexico, which
11 is home to the institute of meteoritics; and New Mexico state
12 university, which is a core member of both the federal aviation
13 administration center of excellence for commercial space
14 transportation and the center for excellence for unmanned
15 aircraft systems; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico will continue to lead in aerospace
17 education through its superb science, technology, engineering
18 and mathematics education programs and world-class research
19 universities; and

20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico airport managers' association and
21 the New Mexico chapter of the aerospace states association are
22 sponsoring today's events to highlight the contribution of the
23 aviation and aerospace communities in New Mexico;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the

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1 contributions and technological achievements of the aviation
2 and aerospace communities in New Mexico be recognized by
3 proclaiming January 27, 2026 as "New Mexico Aviation and
4 Aerospace Day" in the house of representatives.

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