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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 "SPACEPORT AMERICA DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SPACEPORT AMERICA.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is host to Spaceport America, the
first purpose-built commercial spaceport; and

WHEREAS, the federal aviation administration-licensed
launch capabilities at Spaceport America attract aerospace
industry members to perform secure and safe commercial space
activities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America is already home to some of
the most respected companies in the commercial space
industry, including Virgin Galactic; the Boeing company;
United Launch Alliance; UP Aerospace, incorporated; EXOS
Aerospace Systems and Technologies, incorporated; and
Pipeline 2 Space, incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America has ideal conditions to
attract additional commercial space companies; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America has exceptional capacity to
support those companies' needs for research, engineering,
testing and manufacturing, as well as access to space flight
launching and landing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America has hosted one hundred one
launches, and its educational program has reached over six

1 thousand New Mexico students in science, technology,
2 engineering and mathematics; and

3 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has the potential to anchor a
4 thriving commercial space industry in New Mexico encompassing
5 a broad range of support businesses that will contribute to
6 the New Mexico economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Spaceport America is already a major generator
8 of space operations, educational programs and tourism,
9 contributing significantly to the economy of southern
10 New Mexico and the entire state;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2018 be declared
13 "Spaceport America Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the office of the governor, the secretary of
16 tourism, the secretary of economic development and the
17 executive director of the spaceport authority. _____

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