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1 specialist, captain in the United States navy and an astronaut  
2 since 1996;

3 E. Kalpana Chawla, married, age forty-one, Columbia  
4 mission specialist, aerospace engineer and an astronaut since  
5 1994;

6 F. Laurel Blair Salton Clark, married with one  
7 child, age forty-one, Columbia mission specialist, former  
8 resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, commander in the United  
9 States navy, physician and an astronaut since 1996; and

10 G. Ilan Ramon, married with four children, age  
11 forty-eight, Columbia payload specialist, colonel in the  
12 Israeli air force and an astronaut since 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, this state has strong ties to the birth and  
14 growth of this country's manned space flight program beginning  
15 with the medical testing of the first astronauts at Lovelace  
16 clinic in 1959 in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, the Columbia space shuttle landed in White Sands,  
18 New Mexico in 1982; and

19 WHEREAS, this state is host to the international space  
20 hall of fame at Alamogordo, New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, the state has many close bonds with the men and  
22 women of the national aeronautics and space administration; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexicans grieve the loss of seven courageous  
24 astronauts;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that its deepest sympathy and heartfelt  
2 condolences be extended to the families and friends of the  
3 seven astronauts of the Columbia space shuttle; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the Johnson space center at Houston, Texas, for  
6 distribution to the bereaved families of the crew members of  
7 the Columbia space shuttle, to the president of the United  
8 States, to each member of the New Mexico congressional  
9 delegation and to the international space hall of fame in  
10 Alamogordo, New Mexico.

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