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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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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,

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1 incorporated; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has hosted one hundred one
9 launches, and its educational program has reached over six
10 thousand New Mexico students in science, technology,
11 engineering and mathematics; and

12 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has the potential to anchor a
13 thriving commercial space industry in New Mexico encompassing a
14 broad range of support businesses that will contribute to the
15 New Mexico economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Spaceport America is already a major generator of
17 space operations, educational programs and tourism,
18 contributing significantly to the economy of southern New
19 Mexico and the entire state;

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

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the office of the governor, the secretary of
25 tourism, the secretary of economic development and the

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1 executive director of the spaceport authority.

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