

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2019 "SPACEPORT AMERICA DAY" IN THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE
4 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SPACEPORT AMERICA.
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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico is host to spaceport America, the
7 first purpose-built commercial spaceport; and

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

12 WHEREAS, spaceport America has been selected by the
13 defense advanced research projects agency of the United
14 States department of defense to support its commercial launch
15 challenge with spaceport America's horizontal launch
16 facility; and

17 WHEREAS, spaceport America is already home to some of
18 the most respected companies in the commercial space
19 industry, including Virgin Galactic; the Boeing company; UP
20 Aerospace, incorporated; EXOS Aerospace Systems and
21 Technologies, incorporated; and Building EnergetiCx; and

22 WHEREAS, spaceport America has agreements to cultivate
23 business relationships with over twenty-four new customers
24 who choose to operate from spaceport America; and

25 WHEREAS, spaceport America is promoting new economic

1 development in New Mexico to support building an aerospace
2 business ecosystem in the state to complement use of its
3 vertical and horizontal access to space capabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, spaceport America has ideal conditions to
5 attract additional commercial space companies; and

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

10 WHEREAS, spaceport America has conducted more than two
11 hundred space launches, twice sponsored the annual
12 international rocket cup and reached thousands of students in
13 science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, spaceport America has the potential to anchor a
16 thriving commercial space industry in New Mexico encompassing
17 a broad range of support businesses that will contribute to
18 the New Mexico economy;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23,
21 2019 be declared "Spaceport America Day" in the house of
22 representatives; and

23 BE IT FURTHER 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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executive director of the spaceport authority. _____