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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

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

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

WHEREAS, the three major federal research laboratories

1 in New Mexico have a combined annual budget of more than six
2 billion dollars (\$6,000,000,000) and employ more than twenty-
3 one thousand people; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to flight testing facilities
5 with access to more than six thousand square miles of
6 restricted airspace, four major United States military
7 installations and twenty federal, state and privately funded
8 laboratories; and

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

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to many superb sites of air
12 and space activity, including the United States army's White
13 Sands missile range, the national aeronautics and space
14 administration's White Sands test facility, Kirtland air
15 force base, the space rapid capabilities office, the air
16 force research laboratory, Sandia national laboratories, Los
17 Alamos national laboratory and New Mexico state university's
18 physical science laboratory; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to the world's first
20 purpose-built commercial spaceport, spaceport America, which
21 hosts suborbital launches and someday will host launches to
22 orbit; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to leading research
24 universities, including the New Mexico institute of mining
25 and technology, which operates the Magdalena research

1 observatory and the very large array; the university of New
2 Mexico, which is home to the institute of meteoritics; and
3 New Mexico state university, which is a core member of both
4 the federal aviation administration center of excellence for
5 commercial space transportation and the center for excellence
6 for unmanned aircraft systems; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico will continue to lead in aerospace
8 education through its superb science, technology, engineering
9 and mathematics education programs and world-class research
10 universities; and

11 WHEREAS, the New Mexico airport managers' association
12 and the New Mexico chapter of the aerospace states
13 association are sponsoring today's events to highlight the
14 contribution of the aviation and aerospace communities in New
15 Mexico;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
18 contributions and technological achievements of the aviation
19 and aerospace communities in New Mexico be recognized by
20 proclaiming January 27, 2026 as "New Mexico Aviation and
21 Aerospace Day" in the house of representatives. _____