

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR HEWITT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Thursday, May 3, 2018, as "NASA Day" at the state capitol and commends NASA and the Michoud Assembly Facility on their significant accomplishments which have positively impacted the United States and this state.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, May 3, 2018, as "NASA Day" at the state capitol and to commend
3 NASA and the Michoud Assembly Facility on their significant accomplishments
4 which have positively impacted the United States and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and Michoud Assembly Facility
6 in New Orleans have been instrumental in the success of the United States Space Program
7 during the previous five decades, manufacturing in Louisiana the Saturn rockets for the
8 Apollo program and the external tanks for the space shuttle program from the 1970s until
9 the program was retired in 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, NASA is preparing to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo
11 11 moon landing, with Marshall leading our nation's development of the Space Launch
12 System (SLS) which will be the most powerful rocket ever built, allowing America's
13 leadership in space to continue beyond low-Earth orbit, to enable human exploration of the
14 lunar vicinity, and to lead future missions to deep space with an eye toward Mars; and

15 WHEREAS, NASA and the state of Louisiana share a commitment to promote the
16 growth of a well-trained aerospace workforce and sustain the world class manufacturing
17 capabilities at Michoud Assembly Facility, where NASA is building the SLS and the Orion
18 Multipurpose Crew Vehicle that will usher in a new era of exploration and discovery taking

1 mankind further than we have been before; and

2 WHEREAS, Marshall is, in a continuation of its work on the International Space
3 Station, Chandra X-ray Observatory, and the new Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer
4 Mission, developing robust science missions to expand understanding of our planet, solar
5 system, and the universe; and

6 WHEREAS, NASA spinoffs have benefitted Louisiana by decontaminating polluted
7 soil and groundwater; providing forecasting models for storm surge predictions, weather
8 models, and fishing hotspots; enabling the remote transfer of high-speed digital data; and
9 lowering costs and reducing manufacturing time for the prosthetics industry; and

10 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana are indeed exceedingly proud of
11 their state's critical role in the United States Space Program and the tremendous advances
12 in space exploration and scientific progress its cooperation with NASA has produced.

13 . THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby designate Thursday, May 3, 2018, as "NASA Day" at the state capitol and does
15 hereby commend NASA and the Michoud Assembly Facility on their significant
16 accomplishments which have positively impacted the United States and the state of
17 Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
19 hereby recognize NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center Director Todd May and the
20 distinguished engineers, technicians, management, and support personnel working at
21 Michoud Assembly Facility, all of whom have achieved distinction beyond measure.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Todd
23 May.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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