

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) for its impressive accomplishments and to designate Wednesday, March 23, 2022, as NASA Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, where the Saturn rockets for the Apollo program and the external tanks for the space shuttle program were manufactured, have been instrumental in the success of the U.S. space program for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, NASA is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 16 mission; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Michoud Assembly Facility are building the Space Launch System (SLS), which will be a critical component of the Artemis I launch in the months ahead; Artemis I will set the stage for human exploration of the moon and future missions to deep space and Mars, thus further consolidating America's role as the leader in space exploration; and

WHEREAS, NASA and the state of Louisiana share a commitment to promoting the growth of a well-trained aerospace workforce and to sustaining world-class manufacturing capabilities such as those at the Michoud Assembly Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall Space Flight Center is contributing to groundbreaking research to expand understanding of our planet, the solar system, and the universe, as evidenced in its work on the International Space Station, the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, the Near Earth Asteroid Scout mission, and the Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer mission; and

WHEREAS, NASA spinoffs have benefitted Louisiana by facilitating the decontamination of polluted soil and groundwater, providing forecasting models for storm surge, weather, and fishing hot spots, enabling the remote, high-speed transfer of digital data, and lowering costs and reducing manufacturing time for the prosthetics industry; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana are exceedingly proud of the state's critical role in the American space program and of the tremendous advances in space exploration and scientific progress its cooperation with NASA has produced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, March 23, 2022, as NASA Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend NASA for its impressive accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Lionel Dutreix, the Michoud Assembly Facility director, and Jody Singer, the Marshall Space Flight Center director.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES