

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 8, 2024, as Space Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Space Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, NASA Marshall and Michoud Assembly Facility are leading our  
4 nation's development of the Space Launch System's (SLS) contribution to the Artemis  
5 launches, allowing America's leadership in space to continue beyond low-Earth orbit, to  
6 enable human exploration of the lunar vicinity, and to lead future missions to deep space  
7 with an eye toward Mars; and

8 WHEREAS, Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans has played an instrumental  
9 role in the success of the United States Space Program during the past six decades; the  
10 Saturn rockets for the Apollo program and the external tanks for the Space Shuttle program  
11 were manufactured at the Louisiana facility; and

12 WHEREAS, NASA and the state of Louisiana share a commitment to promoting the  
13 growth of a well-trained aerospace workforce and sustaining the world class manufacturing  
14 capabilities at Michoud Assembly Facility, where NASA is building the SLS and the Orion  
15 Multipurpose Crew Vehicle which have ushered in a new era of exploration and discovery,  
16 taking mankind further than we have been before; and

17 WHEREAS, Marshall is, in a continuation of its work on the International Space  
18 Station, Chandra X-ray Observatory, James Webb Space Telescope, Near Earth Asteroid  
19 Scout Mission, Nuclear Thermal Propulsion, and the Imaging X-Ray Polarity Explorer  
20 Mission, developing robust science missions to expand understanding of our planet, solar  
21 system, and the universe; and

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

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

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Space Day at  
10 the state capitol and does hereby extol the accomplishments of NASA and the remarkable  
11 technical and scientific contributions made to the state of Louisiana and the United States  
12 of America.

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