

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, NASA spinoffs have benefitted Louisiana by decontaminating polluted soil and groundwater; providing forecasting models for storm surge, weather, and fishing

hotspots; enabling the remote transfer of high-speed digital data; and lowering costs and reducing manufacturing time for the prosthetics industry; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana are indeed exceedingly proud of their state's critical role in the United States Space Program and 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, May 8, 2024, as Space Day at the state capitol and does hereby extol the accomplishments of NASA and the remarkable technical and scientific contributions made to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES