

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR OWEN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Louisiana Legislature Space Day at the state capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Louisiana Legislature Space Day at the state
3 capitol.

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

10 WHEREAS, the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans has played an
11 instrumental role in the success of the United States Space Program during the previous six
12 decades; manufacturing in Louisiana the Saturn rockets for the Apollo program and the
13 external tanks for the Space Shuttle program from the 1970s until the program was retired
14 in 2011; 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 the Michoud Assembly Facility, where NASA is building the SLS and Orion
18 Multipurpose Crew Vehicle that has ushered in a new era of exploration and discovery, and

