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Expressing a declaration of space leadership.

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Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BOYD, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing a declaration of space leadership.

Whereas the continued exploration, development, and use of space is critical to our Nation's future as we enter a new millennium;

Whereas America's investment in space has worked to feed the human hunger for exploration, knowledge, and discovery;

Whereas our national commitment and work in space have helped to profoundly shape our Nation by saving lives by enhancing our well-being here on earth;

Whereas it is evident that an aggressive national commitment by government, industry, and the public to the continued

exploration and use of space will serve to strengthen America's leadership in the global economy in the new millennium;

Whereas space is vital to not only a peaceful, but a prosperous world;

Whereas space has been and will continue to be a critical driver of the American economy, which translates into jobs and prosperity for all Americans;

Whereas only true visionary leadership for space will bring forth economic leadership for future generations of Americans; and

Whereas space is a key to unlocking future economic power through a furtherance of education, a commitment to safety, an improvement in communications, the advancement of health care, and better stewardship of our environment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress declares its support for
 3 the strongest possible commitment to space exploration
 4 and development as a national priority. The Congress de-
 5 clares that in order to protect America's personal and eco-
 6 nomic health, and realize continued economic prosperity
 7 and leadership, we as a nation must give our highest com-
 8 mitment to—

9 (1) policies that ensure economic opportunities
 10 in the new burgeoning market that space offers;

1 (2) United States global leadership and com-
2 petitive advantage in the development of commercial
3 space products and services;

4 (3) space defense systems that allow our armed
5 forces the greatest advantage in guarding our na-
6 tional security and defending American people and
7 our interests;

8 (4) assurance that the National Aeronautics
9 and Space Administration can guarantee American
10 leadership in the exploration of space and the devel-
11 opment of advanced technologies; and

12 (5) policies that promote private investment in
13 space products and services.

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