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Joint Resolution

To designate January 28, 1988, as "National Challenger Center Day" to honor the crew of the space shuttle Challenger.

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Whereas the crew of the space shuttle Challenger was dedicated to stimulating the interest of American children in space flight and science generally;

Whereas the members of the Challenger crew gave their lives trying to benefit the education of American children;

Whereas a fitting tribute to that effort and to the sacrifice of the Challenger crew and their families is needed;

Whereas an appropriate form for such a tribute would be to expand educational opportunities in science by the creation of a center that will offer children and teachers activities and information derived from American space research; and

Whereas the Challenger Center is the only institution expressly established by the immediate families of the crew of the Challenger for the above-named purposes, and is intended to be the living expression of the Nation's commemoration of the Challenger crew: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That January 28, 1988, is designated as "National Challenger Center Day" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such day—

(1) by resolving that in the course of their regular activities the people of the United States will remember both the Challenger astronauts who died while serving their country, and the importance of the Challenger Center is honoring the accomplishments of the Challenger crew by continuing their goal of the expansion of interest and ability in space and science education; and

(2) with other appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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