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To designate July 20, 1984, as "Space Exploration Day".

Whereas on July 20, 1969, the people of the World were brought closer together by the first manned exploration of the Moon;
Whereas the purpose of the United States space program is the peaceful exploration of space for the benefit of all mankind;
Whereas the United States space program has provided scientific and technological benefits affecting many areas of concern to mankind;
Whereas the United States space program, through the Project Apollo, Viking and Voyager Missions to the planets, the space shuttle and other space efforts, has provided our Nation with scientific and technological leadership in space;
Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the United States aerospace industry and educational institutions throughout the Nation contribute much research and development to the United States space program, and to the strength of the Nation's economy;
Whereas the space program reflects the technological skill of the highest order and the best in the American character—sacrifice, ingenuity, and our unrelenting spirit of adventure;
Whereas the spirit that put man on the Moon may be applied to all noble pursuits involving peace, brotherhood, courage, unity of the human spirit and the exploration of new frontiers; and
Whereas the human race will continue to explore space for the benefit of future generations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 20, 1984, is hereby designated as "Space Exploration Day", a nonpaid commemorative holiday. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe "Space Exploration Day" with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 9, 1984.

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