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Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should be commended for successfully carrying out the Mars Pathfinder Mission, and that the United States should continue to act as the leader in space exploration into the 21st century.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 1997

Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, and Mrs. THURMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should be commended for successfully carrying out the Mars Pathfinder Mission, and that the United States should continue to act as the leader in space exploration into the 21st century.

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration successfully landed the United States spacecraft Pathfinder on the surface of Mars on July 4, 1997;

Whereas through this extraordinary achievement the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will enhance

human knowledge of Mars and provide unique insights into the history and evolution of the Red Planet;

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration successfully followed its motto of “faster, better, cheaper” in landing the Pathfinder on the surface of Mars and in releasing the 23-pound Sojourner to independently travel, explore, and analyze samples of the Martian terrain through a focused set of science investigations; and

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has reawakened the consciousness of the people of the United States to the unlimited potential of space exploration, including possible human expeditions to Mars and throughout the solar system: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
4 istration should be commended for successfully car-
5 rying out the Mars Pathfinder Mission, an outstand-
6 ing and uplifting achievement in space exploration,
7 and for its commitment to developing low-cost space-
8 craft with highly focused science objectives; and

9 (2) the United States should continue to act as
10 the leader in space exploration into the 21st century
11 for the benefit of the people of the United States
12 and for all humankind.

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