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Declaring a national commitment to the exploration, development, and use
of space.

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Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mr. McKEON, Mr. BOYD, Mr. GORDON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. ADERHOLT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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

Declaring a national commitment to the exploration,
development, and use of space.

Whereas the exploration, development, and use of space is fundamental to the human need to imagine, invent, discover, explore, learn, grow, and thereby improve the human condition;

Whereas the United States investment in space has profoundly shaped our Nation through the latter half of the 20th century; has produced knowledge and technologies that save lives and enhance our well-being; has created economic opportunities that have helped our Nation to flourish and prosper; and has generated a new under-

standing of our responsibility as stewards of the home planet and our place in the universe; and

Whereas an aggressive national commitment by government, industry, and the public to the continued exploration and use of space will best serve individual citizens and our collective society, and the continued exploration and use of space is a top national priority: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the exploration, development, and use
 3 of space is a vital bridge to a peaceful and prosperous
 4 world. In times of tight budgets and difficult policy deci-
 5 sions, visionary leadership is required to sustain and im-
 6 prove our quality of life in the next century, and that vi-
 7 sion must include the exploration and use of space as a
 8 central component. Therefore, the Congress declares that
 9 a national commitment should be made to the following
 10 priorities in the commercial, civil, and national security
 11 space efforts:

12 (1) Ensuring the existence of affordable and
 13 technologically advanced launch capability to support
 14 America's space goals.

15 (2) Encouraging policies that promote private
 16 investment in space products and services.

17 (3) Speeding transfer of Government-developed
 18 technology to the private sector and enhancing the
 19 availability of commercial satellite systems.

1 (4) Promoting Government purchase of com-
2 mercial, off-the-shelf space products.

3 (5) Increasing funding for the National Aero-
4 nautics and Space Administration and other Govern-
5 ment civil space agencies.

6 (6) Ensuring a continuous and strengthened
7 human presence in space through the 21st century.

8 (7) Continuing to explore our universe to ad-
9 vance scientific discoveries and improve our under-
10 standing of the planet Earth.

11 (8) Funding space-related defense systems that
12 give our armed forces the greatest possible advan-
13 tage during times of national crisis or conflict.

14 (9) Sustaining a leadership position in space
15 national security by developing new and more effec-
16 tive technologies.

17 (10) Improving the cost efficiency and effective-
18 ness of our national defense through investment in
19 space-based communications, intelligence, and early
20 warning capabilities.

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