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H. RES. 220

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to the achievements of the Expedition 6 Crew aboard the International Space Station.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2003

Mr. WU (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. HALL, and Mr. GORDON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to the achievements of the Expedition 6 Crew aboard the International Space Station.

Whereas the crew comprised of 2 astronauts, Kenneth D. Bowersox and Donald B. Pettit, and 1 cosmonaut, Nikolai Budarin, launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor on November 23, 2003;

Whereas the crew docked with the International Space Station on November 25, 2003, beginning a 161 day stay aboard the station;

Whereas the crew conducted experiments in the physical sciences, bioastronautics, and space flight contributing to the advancement of those fields and furthering of human knowledge;

Whereas the crew was aboard the ISS during the tragic loss of the shuttle Columbia, which made it impossible to return on the scheduled return date, and extended their time aboard the ISS by 2 months;

Whereas the crew faced the emotional challenge of coping with the loss of colleagues on the Columbia, while having to continue ISS operations and experiments, demonstrating the courage and devotion of astronauts;

Whereas the Expedition 6 crew members' prior experience made them strong, qualified astronauts and cosmonaut, with Commander Bowersox, a graduate of the Naval Academy, having served as a Naval aviator and test pilot, Flight Engineer Budarin being a Russian test Cosmonaut and veteran of two long-duration space missions aboard the Mir Station, and Science Officer Pettit holding a doctorate in chemical engineering and having worked for 12 years at the Los Alamos Laboratory; and

Whereas Science Officer Pettit's "Saturday morning experiments", conducted on his free time, gave much to the educational community and the general public: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that the astronauts and cosmo-
3 naut of the Expedition 6 Crew aboard the Inter-
4 national Space Station demonstrated the ideals of
5 manned spaceflight;

6 (2) honors their courage and dedication to sci-
7 entific research and education;

1 (3) commends their extraordinary performance
2 in space in the aftermath of the Columbia Shuttle
3 accident; and

4 (4) commits to continued efforts to explore
5 space.

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