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H. RES. 424

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Mr. CALVERT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

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Whereas the Space Shuttle Return-to-Flight is the first step in the Nation's Vision for Space Exploration;

Whereas the Space Shuttle Discovery Crew completed three highly successful extra-vehicular activity spacewalks;

Whereas the STS flight 114 accomplished the first in-flight heat shield repairs on the Space Shuttle;

Whereas the Discovery crew delivered more than 6 tons of needed supplies and equipment to the International Space Station;

Whereas Discovery's spacewalkers removed a failed Space Station gyroscope and replaced it with a new one, restoring full capability of the Station's attitude control system;

Whereas the Discovery mission successfully used three different Canadian robotic extensions to conduct spacewalks and to survey the Shuttle: the Shuttle Canadarm; the Space Station Canadarm2; and the Orbiter Boom Sensor System;

Whereas the crew of the Discovery experienced "virtual" visits from leaders of 2 nations, the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Japan; and

Whereas Commander Eileen Collins led the crew of 7 and guided the Discovery vehicle through an unprecedented back flip maneuver: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) commends Commander Eileen Collins, for
2 being the first female space shuttle commander and
3 a role model for all;

4 (2) commends Col. Jim Kelly, pilot of STS 114,
5 for his second flight aboard the Space Shuttle and
6 his participation in robotic arm operations;

7 (3) commends Charlie Camarda, mission spe-
8 cialist, a “rookie” who performed like a veteran by
9 transferring the multipurpose logistics module from
10 the International Space Station to the Space Shut-
11 tle;

12 (4) commends Wendy Lawrence, mission spe-
13 cialist, for outstanding skill in operating
14 Canadarm2;

15 (5) commends Soichi Noguchi of Japan, mis-
16 sion specialist, a “rookie” who was a “spacewalker”
17 for the inspections and repairs of the Space Shuttle;

18 (6) commends Steve Robinson, mission spe-
19 cialist, for his outstanding skill as a “spacewalker,”
20 who enhanced and repaired Discovery and the Inter-
21 national Space Station; and

22 (7) commends Andy Thomas, mission specialist,
23 who performed the laser checks on the leading edge
24 of the Space Shuttle by the operation of Canadarm2.

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