H. CON. RES. 167

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day, and for other purposes.

Whereas the missions to the Moon by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are recognized around the globe as one of the most outstanding achievements of humankind;

Whereas the United States is a leader in the International Space Station, the first permanent human habitation and scientific laboratory in space;

- Whereas the first aircraft flight occurred in the United States, and the United States operates the largest and safest aviation system in the world;
- Whereas the United States aerospace industry is a powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income, directly employing 831,000 people in the United States and supporting more than 2,000,000 jobs in related fields;
- Whereas space exploration is a source of inspiration that captures the interest of young people;
- Whereas aerospace education is an important component of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and helps to develop the science and technology workforce in the United States;
- Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of advanced meteorological forecasting, which has saved lives around the world;
- Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of the Global Positioning System, which has strengthened national security and increased economic productivity;
- Whereas the aerospace industry assists and protects members of the Armed Forces with military communications, unmanned aerial systems, situational awareness, and satellite-guided ordinances; and
- Whereas September 16 is an appropriate date to observe "National Aerospace Day": Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
 - 2 concurring), That the Congress—
 - 3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of "National
 - 4 Aerospace Day"; and

- 1 (2) recognizes the contributions of the aero-
- 2 space industry to the history, economy, security, and
- 3 educational system of the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives September 9, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.