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Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Whereas on September 1, 1982, the United States Air Force created the United States Air Force Space Command to defend North America through its space and intercontinental ballistic missile operations;

Whereas 2012 marks the 30th year of excellence and service of Air Force Space Command to the United States;

Whereas Air Force Space Command played vital roles in Operation Desert Storm (the “first space war”), Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as conducting the United States land-based Intercontinental Ballistic Missile mission for over 16 years;

Whereas the mission of Air Force Space Command is to provide resilient and cost-effective space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the United States;

Whereas Air Force Space Command develops, acquires, fields, operates, and sustains space and cyberspace systems using a diverse and wide-ranging enterprise;

Whereas Air Force Space Command is committed to providing decisive space and cyberspace advantages to Joint Forces and the United States;

Whereas assured access to space and cyberspace is foundational to the conduct of military operations;

Whereas Air Force Space Command provides strategic missile warning critical to survival through space- and ground-based sensors;

Whereas Air Force Space command develops, builds, launches, operates, maintains and modernizes the Global Positioning System constellation of satellites, providing accurate positioning, navigation, and timing services for billions of users worldwide;

Whereas Air Force Space Command provides Military Satellite Communications supporting Presidential communications, Nuclear Command and Control, military operations in contested environments, and day-to-day operations;

Whereas through Air Force Space Command's Space Situational Awareness capability, approximately 22,000 man-made objects in space are monitored and tracked;

Whereas Air Force Space Command conducts cyberspace operations to increase the United States security posture, defend freedom of action, leverage national effectiveness

across Joint and coalition operations, and to provide innovative practices to stay ahead of emerging threats;

Whereas Air Force Space Command has supported 85 consecutive successful National Security Space launches since 1999;

Whereas deployed Air Force Space Command members around the globe provide space and cyberspace expertise to Combatant Commanders, synergizing capabilities for decisive battlefield advantages; and

Whereas Air Force Space Command preserves access to the electromagnetic spectrum for the Air Force and selected Department of Defense activities, ensuring continued and improved access for critical military systems: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the contributions made by Air
3 Force Space Command to the security of the United
4 States; and

5 (2) commends Air Force Space Command for
6 30 years of excellence and service to the United
7 States.

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