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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-010

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 17, 2025, AS "COLORADO**
102 **AEROSPACE DAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Our nation and the world have significantly
2 benefitted from technological and scientific advancements resulting from
3 space exploration and aerospace activities; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado ranks first in the nation for aerospace
5 employment concentration; and

6 WHEREAS, There are over 33,000 Coloradans who are directly
7 employed in aerospace, with the aerospace cluster supporting over
8 240,000 jobs; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorado is home to the nation's top aerospace

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1 companies, including Boom Supersonic, BAE Systems, Blue Origin,
2 Boeing, L3Harris, Lockheed Martin Space, Maxar Technologies,
3 Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Sierra Space, and United Launch
4 Alliance, and close to 500 additional companies that support the
5 aerospace sector by providing services and developing products,
6 including spacecraft, launch vehicles, satellites, command and control
7 software, sensors, and navigation operations; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorado is a strategic location for national space and
9 cyber activity, with five key military commands: North American
10 Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the United States Northern
11 Command, the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated
12 Missile Defense, the United States Army Space and Missile Defense
13 Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and the permanent home of
14 United States Space Command and three space-related United States
15 Space Force bases: Buckley, Peterson, and Schriever; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force Academy, along with
17 Colorado's colleges and universities, including the University of Colorado
18 Boulder, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado School
19 of Mines, Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of
20 Denver, University of Denver, Colorado Mesa University, and Fort Lewis
21 College, provides access to world-class aerospace-related degrees and
22 offers aerospace companies one of the country's most educated
23 workforces; and

24 WHEREAS, Various organizations are key to Colorado's
25 prominence in aerospace, such as the American Institute of Aeronautics
26 and Astronautics, the world's largest aerospace technical society; the
27 Colorado Space Coalition, a group of industry stakeholders working to
28 grow and promote Colorado as a center of excellence for aerospace; the
29 Colorado chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration, housed within the
30 Colorado Business Roundtable, whose mission is to promote better
31 understanding of aerospace and its importance in our economy and daily
32 lives, as well as promoting the importance of human space exploration;
33 and the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, an organization that works
34 to convene stakeholders from industry, government, and academia to
35 advance aerospace business and workforce opportunities throughout the
36 state; and

37 WHEREAS, The Colorado Air and Space Port seeks to serve as
38 America's hub for commercial space transportation, research, and

1 development. This horizontal launch facility will have the potential to
2 become the foundation for a global suborbital transportation network
3 connecting Colorado globally; now, therefore,

4 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
5 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

6 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

7 (1) Strongly urge and request the government of the United States
8 of America to take action to preserve and enhance American leadership
9 in space, spur innovation, and ensure our continued national and
10 economic security by increasing funding for space exploration and
11 activities;

12 (2) Recognize that Colorado's aerospace industry plays a pivotal
13 role in NASA's Artemis program, with numerous companies contributing
14 critical technologies and expertise to enable human exploration of the
15 moon and beyond. Lockheed Martin Space, headquartered in Littleton, is
16 a prime contractor for the Orion spacecraft, the crew vehicle designed to
17 transport astronauts to lunar orbit. United Launch Alliance, based in
18 Centennial, provides the second stage, which propels the Orion spacecraft
19 to the moon after launch. BAE Systems, located in Boulder, contributes
20 advanced spacecraft instruments and sensors for Artemis-related
21 missions. Similarly, Raytheon Technologies' Colorado operations supply
22 precision navigation and control systems, ensuring the accurate trajectory
23 and landing of lunar missions.

24 (3) Congratulate the Colorado Department of Labor and
25 Employment, in partnership with the aerospace industry and key space
26 organizations, such as the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, in its
27 newly established teacher externship program aimed at bridging the gap
28 between K-12 education and industry needs. This initiative provides
29 educators with hands-on experience that enables them to bring real-world
30 applications back to their classrooms and enhance their understanding of
31 the skills and knowledge required in today's workforce, particularly in
32 STEM fields, and to inform curriculum development that aligns with
33 current industry standards.

34 (4) Hereby declare March 17, 2025, to be "Colorado Aerospace
35 Day".

1 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
2 to President Donald Trump; Vice President JD Vance; Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives Mike Johnson; House Minority Leader Hakeem
4 Jeffries; Senate Majority Leader John Thune; Senate Minority Leader
5 Charles E. Schumer; Senator John Hickenlooper; Senator Michael
6 Bennet; Congresswoman Diana DeGette; Congressman Joe Neguse;
7 Congressman Jeff Hurd; Congresswoman Lauren Boebert; Congressman
8 Jeff Crank; Congressman Jason Crow; Congresswoman Brittany
9 Pettersen; Congressman Gabe Evans; Janet Petro, Acting NASA
10 Administrator; Chris Rocheleau, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation
11 Administration; Governor Jared Polis; Lieutenant Governor Dianne
12 Primavera; Major General Laura L. Clellan, The Adjutant General of
13 Colorado; General Stephen N. Whiting, Commander, U.S. Space
14 Command; Colonel Heidi Dexter, Commander of Space Base Delta 2,
15 Buckley Space Force Base; Dr. Heather Pringle, Chief Executive Officer,
16 Space Foundation; Dr. Ronald M. Sega, Co-chair, Colorado Space
17 Coalition; Debra Wilcox, Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable;
18 Stacey DeFore, Chair, Colorado Citizens for Space Exploration; Kristi
19 Farley, Chair, AIAA Rocky Mountain Section; Jeff Kloska, Director,
20 Colorado Air and Space Port; and Debbie Brown, President, Colorado
21 Business Roundtable.