

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 8, 2019, as NASA Day at the state capitol and commends NASA

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for its scientific  
3 and technological contributions to the state of Louisiana and the United States of  
4 America and to designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, as NASA Day at the state  
5 capitol.

6 WHEREAS, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and Michoud Assembly Facility  
7 in New Orleans, where the Saturn rockets for the Apollo program and the external tanks for  
8 the space shuttle program were manufactured, have been instrumental in the success of the  
9 U.S. space program for sixty years; and

10 WHEREAS, NASA is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon  
11 landing; and

12 WHEREAS, the Marshall Space Flight Center and Michoud Assembly Facility are  
13 building the Space Launch System (SLS), which will feature the most powerful rocket ever  
14 built and will enable human exploration of the moon and future missions to deep space with  
15 an eye towards Mars, thus further consolidating America's role as the leader in space  
16 exploration; and

17 WHEREAS, NASA and the state of Louisiana share a commitment to promoting the  
18 growth of a well-trained aerospace workforce and to sustaining world-class manufacturing  
19 capabilities such as those at the Michoud Assembly Facility, where NASA is building the  
20 SLS and Orion Multipurpose Crew Vehicle, both of which will usher in a new era of  
21 exploration and discovery beyond Earth's orbit; and

1           WHEREAS, within the last year, the Marshall Space Center and Michoud Assembly  
2 Facility have facilitated the signing of 66 partnership agreements with a value exceeding  
3 \$23.7 million in areas such as engine development, materials testing, wind tunnel testing,  
4 and other engineering services, while also managing 281 Space Act Agreements with  
5 industry, academia, and other government agencies; and

6           WHEREAS, even as it continues NASA's proud heritage of groundbreaking  
7 advancements in human space exploration, the Michoud Assembly Facility locally supports  
8 more than five thousand jobs, generates \$630 million in economic impact, and has obtained  
9 \$116 million in government contracts; and

10           WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana are exceedingly proud of the state's  
11 critical role in the American space program and of the tremendous advances in space  
12 exploration and scientific progress its cooperation with NASA has produced.

13           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, as NASA Day at  
15 the state capitol and does hereby commend NASA for its remarkable scientific and  
16 technological contributions to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jody  
18 Singer, deputy center director of the Marshall Space Center.

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#### DIGEST

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