

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Creation of a U.S. Space and Flight Center in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requesting the Maryland Delegation to Congress to actively~~  
4 ~~advocate and seek private sector, State, and federal support, including funding,~~  
5 ~~for a site in Maryland to be designated as a U.S. Space and Flight Center, and~~  
6 ~~for the planning, design, and development of a space and flight center in Prince~~  
7 ~~George's County, Maryland stating that there is the need for a U.S. Space and~~  
8 ~~Flight Center to be established in Prince George's County, Maryland in~~  
9 ~~conjunction with the Goddard Space Flight Center and Andrews Air Force Base;~~  
10 ~~and urging the Maryland Delegation to Congress to seek federal support for the~~  
11 ~~establishment of the U.S. Space and Flight Center and the cooperation of the~~  
12 ~~Goddard Space Flight Center and Andrews Air Force Base.~~

13 WHEREAS, Maryland has two major space and flight facilities that are of great  
14 importance to the economy and security of the nation, to the advancement of  
15 knowledge, and to the quality of life and well-being of the American people; and

16 WHEREAS, These two facilities are the Goddard Space Flight Center and  
17 Andrews Air Force Base, home of Air Force One; and

18 WHEREAS, The time is right for Maryland to more fully utilize these assets to  
19 educate and inspire our youth, their teachers, and their parents and to attract visitors  
20 and realize the economic benefits from these assets; and

21 WHEREAS, Other states have developed space centers and space camps in  
22 conjunction with NASA facilities in their states, and have demonstrated the great  
23 interest the American people have in visiting and learning more about our space  
24 programs, their history, and their potential; and

1 WHEREAS, Maryland has one of the oldest NASA facilities in the nation, and  
2 Goddard has developed such outstanding technological advances as the implantable  
3 cardioverter defibrillator, Earth Alert, Weather Anywhere, and the LIDAR  
4 topographical mapping system; and

5 WHEREAS, Other flight museums have obtained decommissioned Air Force  
6 One airplanes and other high-profile airplanes to create air museums and other  
7 tourist attractions, but Maryland is the home of Air Force One; and

8 WHEREAS, Maryland is home of the College Park airport, which is the oldest  
9 continuously active airport in the world, site of the first military flight training  
10 conducted by one of the Wright brothers, and the home of many other historic planes  
11 that are on display at nearby Smithsonian locations making Maryland a premier  
12 center for flight history, education, and tourism; and

13 WHEREAS, Andrews Air Force Base is also the airport used by the President of  
14 the United States and other high-ranking United States officials and visiting  
15 dignitaries from all over the world as they travel in and out of Washington, D.C.; and

16 WHEREAS, Most residents of Maryland have never visited either the Goddard  
17 Space Flight Center or Andrews Air Force Base, and most visitors to the Nation's  
18 Capitol do not include these Maryland attractions in their itinerary; and

19 WHEREAS, With the creation of a U.S. Space and Flight Center, highly visible  
20 and easily accessible from the Capital Beltway, tourists from all over the country  
21 could be attracted to Maryland to visit the U.S. Space and Flight Center, and students  
22 from throughout the State could take advantage of the unique educational  
23 opportunities that a space camp serving in conjunction with Goddard Space Flight  
24 Center and Andrews Air Force Base would provide; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That there is  
26 the need for a U.S. Space and Flight Center to be established in Prince George's  
27 County, Maryland in conjunction with the Goddard Space Flight Center and Andrews  
28 Air Force Base; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Maryland Delegation to Congress ~~be is~~ urged to seek  
30 federal support for the establishment of ~~such a space camp~~ a U.S. Space and Flight  
31 Center, including funding for the planning, design, and development of the Center,  
32 and the cooperation of ~~NASA and Goddard~~ the Goddard Space Flight Center and  
33 Andrews Air Force Base; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
35 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;  
36 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
37 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates, ~~and; and be it~~  
38 further

39 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
40 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.  
41 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;

1 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,  
2 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and  
3 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, ~~and~~ ; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
6 Legislative Services to Mr. Ralph Gipson, Executive Director, ~~the NASA, the U.S. Air~~  
7 ~~Force, and the U.S. Space Camp Foundation, 1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama~~  
8 35807; A. V. Diaz, Director, NASA - Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt,  
9 Maryland 20771; and Brigadier General James A. Hawkins, Base Commander,  
10 Andrews Air Force Base, AAFB, Maryland 20762-7001.