

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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-- Budget and Taxation/Commerce and Government Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Currie**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate 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

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

4 WHEREAS, Other states have developed space centers and space camps in
5 conjunction with NASA facilities in their states, and have demonstrated the great
6 interest the American people have in visiting and learning more about our space
7 programs, their history, and their potential; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
7 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
8 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
9 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
10 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
11 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515,~~and;~~ and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
14 Legislative Services to Mr. Ralph Gipson, Executive Director, ~~the NASA, the U.S. Air~~
15 ~~Force, and the U.S. Space Camp Foundation, 1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama~~
16 35807; A.V. Diaz, Director, NASA - Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland
17 20771; and Brigadier General James A. Hawkins, Base Commander, Andrews Air
18 Force Base, AAFB, Maryland 20762-7001.