

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
 urging Congress to support the creation of the United
 States Space Force and the establishment of the Space
 Force and the United States Space Command in Florida.

WHEREAS, in the Presidential Memorandum of December 18,
 2018, President Trump announced the establishment of the United
 States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as a unified combatant command
 that would be responsible for Joint Force space operations, and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the president signed Space
 Policy Directive-4, ordering the United States Department of
 Defense to "develop a legislative proposal to establish a United
 States Space Force as a sixth branch of the United States Armed
 Forces within the Department of the Air Force," and

WHEREAS, under this proposal, the Space Force would
 organize, train, and equip military space forces to ensure
 unfettered access to space and enable prompt and sustained
 offensive and defensive space operations in protecting our
 national security and economic interests, and

WHEREAS, as the most military friendly state in the country
 with a fast-growing commercial aerospace industry, Florida is
 the ideal location for the Space Force and USSPACECOM, and

WHEREAS, in addition to an already existing infrastructure
 and a highly trained workforce, Florida has enduring

26 | partnerships with both the United States Air Force and the
 27 | National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and

28 | WHEREAS, Florida is home to several important and strategic
 29 | facilities and Air Force bases, including the Kennedy Space
 30 | Center on Merritt Island, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station,
 31 | MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Tyndall Air Force Base in
 32 | Panama City, Eglin Air Force Base in Valparaiso, and Patrick Air
 33 | Force Base in Cocoa Beach, which currently provides space launch
 34 | operations support through the 45th Space Wing, and

35 | WHEREAS, 3 of the 10 current unified combatant commands are
 36 | located in Florida—the United States Southern Command, based in
 37 | Doral, which oversees operations in Central and South America
 38 | and the Caribbean; the United States Central Command, based in
 39 | Tampa, which oversees operations in the Middle East and Central
 40 | and South Asia; and the United States Special Operations
 41 | Command, based in Tampa, which oversees the special operations
 42 | missions of the five military branches, and

43 | WHEREAS, since the first rocket launch at Cape Canaveral in
 44 | 1950, Florida has served as the launchpad of our country's
 45 | achievements in space, and

46 | WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature believes that the creation
 47 | of the Space Force and the establishment of USSPACECOM are
 48 | necessary to protect our national security and economic
 49 | interests and those of our allies against the continuing threat
 50 | to the United States and allied space systems, and that Florida

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51 | is the ideal location for the new military branch and the 11th
 52 | unified combatant command, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 54 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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56 | That the Congress of the United States is requested to
 57 | approve the creation of the United States Space Force and the
 58 | establishment of the Space Force and the United States Space
 59 | Command in Florida.

60 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 61 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 62 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 63 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 64 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.