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AJR-13 National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13

CHAPTER 144

Relative to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 07, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 13, Lackey. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

This measure would urge the President and the Congress of the United States to continue to place an emphasis on increasing funding to NASA's budget and encouraging the expansive use of public-private partnerships to propel the industry forward into the next generation of advancement.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is essential to fostering and encouraging the advancement of many of the incredible technologies we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, The core of what NASA stands for is progress, innovation, creativity, and a desire to improve the world; and

WHEREAS, Recently signed legislation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-10), authorizes new funding enabling NASA to undertake advanced projects and continue to explore the possibilities of technology; and

WHEREAS, Projects initiated by NASA pushed the bounds of human achievement, including the development of the Space Shuttle, Moon rover, Mars rover, and International Space Station, and it is advantageous to continue to encourage these types of creative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Technologies developed to make space exploration possible have additionally advanced innovations across multiple industry sectors resulting in new products that provide tangible benefits to modern life on earth; and

WHEREAS, Satellite technologies developed by NASA and expanded by private industry provide critical information for a variety of industry sectors, including agriculture and banking as well as public purposes, such as fire suppression, early warning devices, and global positioning system (GPS) services; and

WHEREAS, A number of successful public-private partnerships have helped leverage capabilities to meet NASA's strategic goals and should be expanded; and

WHEREAS, NASA has consistently contributed to the benefit of California with three locations in the state, as well as to the nation; and

WHEREAS, The three locations in California are the Ames Research Center at Moffett Airfield in Mountain View, the Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base in Antelope Valley, and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, NASA also adds to the benefit of California through other facilities that are expanding access to space such as the launch site and payload integration facility at Vandenberg Air Force Base in the County of Santa Barbara, the Mojave Air and Space Port in the County of Kern, which is a testing ground for craft such as the X-37, and the SOFIA Program aircraft located at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the NASA budget would help further these goals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to continue to place an emphasis on increasing funding to NASA's budget and encouraging the expansive use of public-private partnerships to propel the industry forward into the next generation of advancement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.