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Joint Resolution

To commend the NASA Langley Research Center on the celebration of its 75th anniversary on July 17, 1992.

July 20, 1992

[S.J. Res. 324]

Whereas, in 1917, the first civilian aeronautical research laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) was established in Hampton, Virginia;

Whereas such laboratory, now called the NASA Langley Research Center (hereafter referred to in this Resolution as the "Center"), occupies 787 acres of government-owned land;

Whereas the official groundbreaking ceremonies for the Center were held on July 17, 1917;

Whereas the Center is the United States Government's oldest, most prolific and most honored aerospace laboratory;

Whereas the Center supports the Nation by studying the basic problems of flight, selecting certain of those problems for investigation, and following up with practical solutions to such problems through long-term research and test programs;

Whereas the first United States manned space program, Project Mercury, began at the Center in 1958;

Whereas the Center supports investigations and research in space technology and advanced space transportation systems, designs concepts for large space structures, and develops research hardware and conducts experiments in space;

Whereas the Center makes major contributions to national atmospheric research such as developing satellite experiments, modeling the atmosphere and analyzing climate observations;

Whereas from the beginning, people have been the most important resource of the Center with over 3,000 civil servants and over 2,200 contract personnel university researchers and United States Army helicopter research personnel currently working at NASA Langley;

Whereas the Center is comprised of many facilities unique in the world of aerospace research, five of which have been designated as National Historic Landmarks by the Department of the Interior; and

Whereas the Center is one of the leading aerospace research laboratories in the world and has consistently been a source of technology that has made aerospace a major factor in commerce and national defense: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress does commend the NASA Langley Research Center as it celebrates its 75th anniversary on July 17, 1992, and as it continues expanding the frontiers of flight.

Approved July 20, 1992.

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