



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. The entire world was captivated by that moment, envisioning the era of accomplishments to come. Americans everywhere took pride in the fact that the United States was the first nation to accomplish this grand mission, ushering in a new age of exploration and discovery; and

WHEREAS: NASA has long inspired the next generation of explorers and scientists by example and through a variety of initiatives, encouraging them to pursue professional careers critical to our nation's future excellence. NASA has developed and created renowned programs such as the Texas Aerospace Scholars, the NASA Explorer Schools and the Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers. Institutions of higher education across the Lone Star State have benefited immeasurably from the more than \$70 million they have received in NASA grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS: NASA has played a landmark role in technological advancement, leading to the creation of various products and systems that have enhanced our national security while saving and improving lives. Countless Americans have benefited from wide ranging advances, among them MRI and CAT scan technology that evolved from NASA imaging programs; cellular communications that have been made clearer through the use of NASA satellites; fetal heart monitors, developed from technology to measure airflow over the Shuttle's wings, and programmable heart pacemakers developed from satellite technology; and

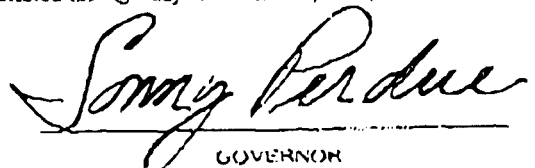
WHEREAS: NASA's vision for the future is bold and exciting. The Vision for Space Exploration sets NASA on a course to once again set foot on the Moon but this time as a stepping-stone to Mars and beyond. This is a mission of discovery, seeking answers to questions that have been asked for generations. It embraces the excellence of the past and, at the same time, sets a course of accomplishment for the future; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby thank and recognize

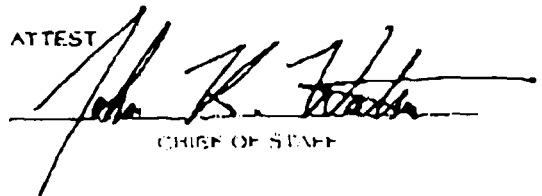
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for its rich history and many contributions to science and technological advancement.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of November, 2004


GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF

