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Klein, Colleagues Pass NASA Legislation to Spark Innovation in Space Science

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Ron Klein (FL-22) today joined a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives to pass the NASA Authorization for Fiscal Year 2009 (H.R. 6063). Klein is a co-sponsor of this fiscally responsible legislation invests in key research by NASA scientists, including climate change research.

“Investing in research and development by NASA scientists meets some of our most critical national needs,” Klein said. “The beauty of scientific inquiry is that we never know where it will lead. Everyday conveniences like microwave ovens and lifesaving materials like fire-retardant clothing for our firefighters exist because of NASA research. The legislation passed today will fund research on key technologies with the potential to affect every aspect of our lives, from traffic management and safe, efficient air travel to innovative solutions on climate change.”

The legislation passed today ensures that NASA has the resources it needs to successfully conduct a balanced set of missions in scientific research, improving aeronautics, and space operations. The bill also authorizes a significant increase in scientific research and enhances funding for aeronautics research and development.

“Space exploration exemplifies the spirit of adventure and discovery that is at the heart of America,” Klein said. “Today’s legislation includes funding for NASA’s space operations and exploration to ensure that our space program continues to be a source of national pride, and that international space programs have the benefit of strong U.S. leadership.”

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