

By Senator Wright

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating February 3, 2026, as "Space Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida has been known as the birthplace of American space exploration since the first space launch from its shores more than 75 years ago, is home to the nation's space program, and has served as a portal to remarkable scientific innovation and imagination, and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to play a critical role in pioneering new frontiers in spaceflight as well as leading in the discovery of viable pathways into space, and

WHEREAS, more than 144,500 Floridians work in Florida's aviation and aerospace industries as rocket scientists, machinists, pilots, engineers, and other important roles, and

WHEREAS, Florida recorded a record-breaking 109 orbital rocket launches from the Space Coast in 2025, transporting more than 2,100 payloads, and

WHEREAS, Florida has long been the world's gateway to space and continues to be the epicenter of innovation, opportunity, and economic expansion in the aerospace industry with its three spaceports solidifying the state's advantage, and

WHEREAS, the nation is witnessing the rapid growth and expansion of its commercial space transportation industry and, during the next decade, Florida has the opportunity to broaden its leadership in civilian and military launch activity, while also emerging as the nation's leader in commercial space opportunities and the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation technologies, including hypersonic technologies, a

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vision that, if realized, will position Florida for sustained economic growth and prosperity for decades to come, and

WHEREAS, Florida's top-tier universities prepare future leaders and engineers for the aerospace and defense ecosystems, cultivating a world-class workforce for these highly technical fields and sending more than 4,800 engineering graduates into the workforce annually, and

WHEREAS, with robust military installations that include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard bases, Florida's aviation and aerospace industries play a key role in national defense, flight training, and research, and it is the only state with three distinct combatant commands supporting national security missions across the globe, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That February 3, 2026, is designated as "Space Day" in Florida.