
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY CALLING UPON THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUEST BY RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS PROACTIVELY ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
2 (UNOOSA) is the United Nations office principally responsible
3 for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of
4 outer space; and

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6 WHEREAS, Planet Earth is much like an island in a great and
7 fathomless ocean, separated from other planets and celestial
8 bodies by thousands, millions, billions, and in some instances
9 trillions of miles; and

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11 WHEREAS, astronauts, cosmonauts, and numerous other brave
12 souls who have ventured into outer space during the last 47
13 years have marveled at how special, unique, and wonderful our
14 Planet Earth is from space, including NASA astronaut Roger
15 Chaffee who remarked, "The world itself looks cleaner and so
16 much more beautiful. Maybe we can make it that way - the way
17 God intended it to be - by giving everyone, eventually, that new
18 perspective from out in space"; and

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20 WHEREAS, on September 21, 1987, before the United Nations
21 General Assembly, President Ronald Reagan remarked, "In our
22 obsession with antagonisms of the moment we often forget how
23 much unites all the members of humanity"; and

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25 WHEREAS, when one considers the vastness of space and the
26 relatively small size of our Planet in comparison to the scale
27 of the Universe, even our most massive conflicts and violent
28 political disputes among nations seem minor; and

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30 WHEREAS, we as a human race have much to learn, not only
31 from one another, but from exploration of the planets, stars,
32 and solar systems beyond our own; and

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2 WHEREAS, statistically speaking, there are four hundred
3 billion stars just in our galaxy alone, and if only one in a
4 million of those had planets, and if just one of a million of
5 those had life, and if just one out of a million of those had
6 intelligent life, there would be literally millions of
7 civilizations out there, making our conflicts with our fellow
8 man seem irrelevant and petty in the grand scheme of things; and
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10 WHEREAS, the expansion of knowledge and the humility from
11 discovering new worlds and unlocking secrets of the stars could
12 greatly impact the progress of mankind, possibly leading to
13 decreased violence against one's own kind and even an end to
14 warfare and strife altogether; and
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16 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is deeply concerned
17 about the future of our keiki, our ohana, and our Planet; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2007, that in the name of connecting humanity,
23 bridging divides of conflict and bringing about peace, that this
24 body respectfully calls upon the United Nations General Assembly
25 to request by resolution that the UNOOSA proactively advance the
26 cause of world peace and cooperation between nations through
27 space exploration; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Nations General
30 Assembly is also humbly requested to include its resolution to
31 the UNOOSA a call to unite the nations in not only the pursuit
32 of new peaceful uses of space, but also a search for intelligent
33 life and a definitive answer to whether or not it has come to
34 Earth or is in our reach; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to:
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- 39 (1) The President of the UN General Assembly;
40 (2) The President of the United States;
41 (3) The Vice President of the United States;

- 1 (4) The Speaker of the US House of Representatives;
- 2 (5) The President pro tempore of the US Senate;
- 3 (6) The Executive Director of NASA;
- 4 (7) The Commander of the United States Air Force Space
- 5 Command;
- 6 (8) The Director of SETI; and
- 7 (9) The Director General of the European Space Agency.
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