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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2019 "SPACEPORT AMERICA DAY" IN THE SENATE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SPACEPORT AMERICA.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is host to Spaceport America, the first purpose-built commercial spaceport; and

WHEREAS, the federal-aviation-administration-licensed launch capabilities at Spaceport America attract aerospace industry members to perform secure and safe commercial space activities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America has been selected by the defense advanced research projects agency of the United States department of defense to support its commercial launch challenge with Spaceport America's horizontal launch facility; and

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1 WHEREAS, Spaceport America is already home to some of the
2 most respected companies in the commercial space industry,
3 including Virgin Galactic; the Boeing company; UP Aerospace,
4 incorporated; EXOS Aerospace Systems and Technologies,
5 incorporated; and Building EnergetiCx; and

6 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has agreements to cultivate
7 business relationships with over twenty-four new customers who
8 choose to operate from Spaceport America; and

9 WHEREAS, Spaceport America is promoting new economic
10 development in New Mexico to support building an aerospace
11 business ecosystem in the state to complement use of its
12 vertical and horizontal access to space capabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has ideal conditions to attract
14 additional commercial space companies; and

15 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has exceptional capacity to
16 support those companies' needs for research, engineering,
17 testing and manufacturing, as well as access to space flight
18 launching and landing facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has conducted more than two
20 hundred space launches, twice sponsored the annual
21 international rocket cup and reached thousands of students in
22 science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Spaceport America has the potential to anchor a
24 thriving commercial space industry in New Mexico encompassing a
25 broad range of support businesses that will contribute to the

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New Mexico economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2019 be declared "Spaceport America Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the office of the governor, the secretary of tourism, the secretary of economic development and the executive director of the spaceport authority.