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**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

J. "Andy" Kissner

A JOINT MEMORIAL

ENDORISING THE EFFORTS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
TO PURSUE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPACEPORT IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a number of organizations with space-related activities and unique facilities, including Sandia national laboratories, Los Alamos national laboratory, Air Force research laboratory, Air Force space and missile center, Air Force operational test and evaluation center, White Sands missile range, national atmospheric and space administration, White Sands testing facility, university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute of mining and technology and the professional aerospace contractors association; and

WHEREAS, high technology endeavors are more important to New Mexico's economy than to any other state; and

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1           WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the commercialization  
2 of technology; and

3           WHEREAS, New Mexico has the environment, climate and high  
4 launch altitude to support low-cost space flight operations;  
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6           WHEREAS, commercialization of space is a rapidly growing  
7 business sector with enormous opportunity for the state; and

8           WHEREAS, Lockheed-Martin is developing a single-stage-to-  
9 orbit, commercial, reusable, space booster, the VentureStar,  
10 and is looking for a suitable spaceport to assemble, launch  
11 and recover the VentureStar; and

12           WHEREAS, Lockheed-Martin expects the site provider to be  
13 a partner in the VentureStar program, and the program will  
14 ultimately provide between three thousand and four thousand  
15 direct jobs; and

16           WHEREAS, protected airspace and infrastructure for launch  
17 and recovery are available in New Mexico;

18           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it endorse and support the efforts of  
20 the economic development department to secure an agreement  
21 with Lockheed-Martin to establish a spaceport in New Mexico  
22 for the VentureStar assembly, launch and recovery; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature endorse and  
24 support formation of a public-private partnership to develop  
25 and operate the spaceport; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of economic development and to the president and chief executive officer of Lockheed-Martin.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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22 Debbie A. Rodella, Chairwoman  
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10 The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 11

12 Excused: Sanchez

13 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Excused: Aragon, Macias, Rawson, Robinson

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