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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11
MISSION LANDING ON THE MOON.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, on May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced before a special joint session of the United States Congress the dramatic and ambitious goal of sending an American to the moon before the end of the decade; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, on January 27, 1967, astronauts Lieutenant Colonel Virgil Grissom, Lieutenant Colonel Edward White, and Lieutenant Commander Roger Chaffee lost their lives in pursuit of the American dream to land a human on the moon; and

WHEREAS, however, on July 20, 1969, Lieutenant Neil Armstrong and Colonel Buzz Aldrin completed the goal of making the United States the first and only country to land a human on the moon, as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, there have been 6 Apollo missions to the moon and 12 Americans have walked on its surface; and

WHEREAS, 2 individuals born in Arkansas have served in space, Space Shuttle Commander Richard Covey from Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Space Shuttle astronaut Scott Parazynski from Little Rock, Arkansas; and



WHEREAS, when the American spirit is unleashed we can accomplish what once was thought impossible,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives join the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first human's landing on the moon; in calling for the United Nations to establish the Apollo 11 landing site as a World Heritage site; to support the ongoing work of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to return astronauts to the moon and to make America the first country to land a person on Mars; and believing that through those efforts, one of our citizens who is a student today could be the first Arkansan to walk on the moon or perhaps even on Mars tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Jim Bridenstine, Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key for electronic distribution to our schools, and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Edward Stetinius Jr. by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.