

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Commander  
2 Kevin Ford for his contributions to the National Aeronautics  
3 and Space Administration.

4           *Whereas, Commander Kevin A. Ford of Montpelier,*  
5 *Indiana has been with NASA since August of 2000, logging*  
6 *over 332 hours in space before his current mission;*

7           *Whereas, Commander Ford was fascinated with flying at*  
8 *a very early age and earned his pilot's license before he*  
9 *graduated from high school;*

10           *Whereas, After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in*  
11 *Aerospace Engineering from the University of Notre Dame,*  
12 *Commander Ford was commissioned as an officer in the United*  
13 *States Air Force, completing Air force jet training at Columbus*  
14 *Air Force Base;*

15           *Whereas, Commander Ford served in the Air Force until*  
16 *2008, retiring as a Colonel. During his service, he earned*  
17 *numerous awards and distinctions, including the Legion of*  
18 *Merit, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force*  
19 *Commendation Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal and the*



1 *Armed forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Air Force Test*  
2 *Pilot School David B. Barnes Outstanding Flight Instructor*  
3 *Award;*

4 *Whereas, While he was in the Air Force, Commander Ford*  
5 *earned a Ph.D. in Astronautical Engineering from the Air*  
6 *Force Institute of Technology;*

7 *Whereas, Commander Ford brought his education,*  
8 *experience, and passion for flight to NASA in 2000. In his first*  
9 *assignment, he worked advanced exploration issues and on the*  
10 *development and test of the Shuttle Cockpit Avionics Upgrade;*  
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12 *Whereas, He was later appointed as Director of Operations*  
13 *for the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Russia, serving*  
14 *in that capacity from January to December of 2004;*

15 *Whereas, He spent the next three years of his career*  
16 *servng as a Space Shuttle and International Space Station*  
17 *Capsule Communicator, where he worked on six shuttle*  
18 *missions and station Expedition Stage Operations;*

19 *Whereas, In 2009, Commander Ford piloted his first space*  
20 *shuttle mission, the Space Shuttle Discovery, which completed*  
21 *219 orbits of Earth in 13 days and 21 hours;*

22 *Whereas, Commander Ford is currently serving at the*  
23 *International Space Station on Expeditions 33 and 34;*

24 *Whereas, The crew from Expedition 33 launched on*  
25 *October 23, 2012 from Kazakhstan along with Russian*  
26 *cosmonauts. The Expedition 33 crew were able to successfully*  
27 *experiment with delay-tolerant networking and to control a*  
28 *robot on Earth from space;*

29 *Whereas, In November 2012, Commander Ford became the*  
30 *commander of Expedition 34. The mission of Expedition 34 is*  
31 *to perform a variety of experiments that will aid scientists in the*



1     *understanding of microgravity and molecules and cells in*  
2     *blood;*

3             *Whereas, Commander Ford and his fellow astronauts are*  
4     *scheduled to return to Earth in March of 2013;*

5             *Whereas, No matter how far Commander Ford goes from*  
6     *Indiana, he always credits his upbringing in Indiana for making*  
7     *him the hard-working and driven person that he is today;*

8             *Whereas, Commander Ford and his wife, Kelly, have two*  
9     *children, Anthony and Heidi; and*

10            *Whereas, Commander Kevin A. Ford is truly a remarkable*  
11     *individual. He is a member of an elite group of people who*  
12     *have had orbited the Earth, but remains committed to his*  
13     *Hoosier roots: Therefore,*

14                             *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
15     *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

16            SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes Commander  
17     Kevin A. Ford for his contributions to the National Aeronautics and  
18     Space Administration.

19            SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
20     transmit a copy of this Resolution to Commander Kevin A. Ford and  
21     his family.

