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Joint Resolution

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Designating July 16 through July 24, 1994, as "National Apollo Anniversary Observance".

Whereas President Kennedy in 1961 called upon the United States to face the challenge of those extraordinary times by sending a mission to the Moon;

Whereas the United States Government, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the American people committed great resources, time, and human labor within one decade to span the 238,700 miles between the Earth and the Moon;

Whereas the United States rose to the challenge and formulated the Apollo missions culminating in the liftoff on July 16, 1969, of the Apollo 11 Mission to the Moon;

Whereas 25 years ago astronaut Neil Armstrong, with the help of Colonel Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr. (USAF) and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Collins (USAF), took that first significant step and became the first human to set foot on the surface of another world;

Whereas that small step furthered the development of space technology for the lasting benefit of all mankind; and

Whereas such an event united the world and our many cultures for a brief moment under the flag of peaceful exploration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 16, 1994, through July 24, 1994, is designated as "National Apollo Anniversary Observance", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such period with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 20, 1994.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 187:

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