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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOON LANDING.

1 WHEREAS, July 20, 2019, marks the 50th anniversary of humankind's first steps on the moon during the National  
2 Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Apollo 11 mission; and

3 WHEREAS, United States President John F. Kennedy began the nation's journey into space exploration on May  
4 25, 1961, before a special joint session of Congress when he proclaimed the ambitious goal of a crewed lunar landing  
5 before the conclusion of the 1960s; and

6 WHEREAS, President Kennedy's vision guided NASA through the technological discoveries of Project Mercury  
7 and Project Gemini, which together included eighteen manned flights throughout the 1960s that proved humans could  
8 survive in space, exit their crafts, and return safely to earth; and

9 WHEREAS, the Apollo Program, which included seventeen flights between 1968 and 1972, was the culmination  
10 of a decade of unprecedented scientific advancement; and

11 WHEREAS, many women and people of color, including Margaret Hamilton, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy  
12 Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, made invaluable contributions to their country and were essential to the success of NASA  
13 operations, despite discrimination and barriers to their participation; and

14 WHEREAS, during Apollo 11, astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin crewed the flight  
15 that fulfilled President Kennedy's aspirations and put two men on the moon's surface on July 20, 1969; and

16 WHEREAS, Neil Armstrong's words as he became the first person to walk on the moon, "That's one small step for  
17 [a] man; one giant leap for mankind" were prescient, as the scientific advancements that made space exploration a reality  
18 revolutionized technology and, therefore, the history of humankind; and

19 WHEREAS, Delaware companies, including but not limited to, DuPont de Nemours, Inc., W. L. Gore and  
20 Associates, and ILC Dover, provided critical materials and ingenuity to the space program; and

21 WHEREAS, the innovations and discoveries of NASA scientists profoundly affected robotics, computer hardware  
22 and software, aeronautics, and nanotechnology, leading to eras of rapid advancement in communication, transportation, and  
23 health care; and

24 WHEREAS, NASA's space exploration has inspired countless generations to pursue Science, Technology,  
25 Engineering, and Mathematics; and

26 WHEREAS, NASA has funded over fifty educational programs which enhance Delaware's classrooms; and

27 WHEREAS, the state of Delaware benefits from a multitude of educational opportunities, such as DuPont's  
28 Challenger essay contest, Stephanie Wright's Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation, and the Delaware Foundation for  
29 Science and Mathematics Education, that were borne of the spirit that landed humankind on the moon; and

30 WHEREAS, through these endeavors, NASA continues to spark the creative energy of our future discoveries and  
31 adventures.

32 NOW, THEREFORE:

33 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
34 Representatives concurring therein, recognizes the contributions to society that the Apollo Program and preceding projects  
35 made, offers grateful congratulations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the occasion of this  
36 anniversary, and extends best wishes for continued innovation and scientific advancement from space exploration.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the National Aeronautics and  
38 Space Administration upon its passage.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution celebrates the 50th anniversary of the moon landing and recognizes the lasting impact of space exploration and the audacious innovators who made it possible.

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