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space national guard; urging establishment

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URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A
SPACE NATIONAL GUARD.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the space domain has been a critical part of defense and
4 combat operations necessary for the continued security of the United
5 States symbolized by strategic importance and the multifaceted value of
6 space operations to both national security and technological advancement;
7 and

8 Whereas, Arizona is home to significant aerospace and defense
9 industry contributions, with its citizens and economy benefiting greatly
10 from the technological innovations and jobs these sectors provide; and

11 Whereas, establishing a Space National Guard would enhance the
12 capabilities of the United States in space by offering a cost-effective,
13 ready and innovative force that leverages the talent and resources of
14 states like Arizona; and

15 Whereas, the collaboration between the United States Department of
16 Defense, the United States Space Force and state National Guards would
17 strengthen national security, foster international partnerships and ensure
18 that the United States remains at the forefront of space domain
19 operations; and

20 Whereas, the integration of National Guard space operations into a
21 formal Space National Guard would optimize resources, ensuring every
22 dollar invested yields significant returns in combat capability and
23 technological advancement; and

24 Whereas, the Air National Guard's Space Operations have demonstrated
25 unparalleled expertise, readiness and economic efficiency and have proved
26 the vital role they play in the nation's defense and space exploration
27 efforts; and

28 Whereas, the establishment of the Space National Guard would
29 recognize and leverage the existing infrastructure, talent and innovation
30 present in states like Arizona and would foster a collaborative
31 environment between federal and state entities to advance the nation's
32 space objectives.

33 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House
34 of Representatives concurring, prays:

35 1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to immediately
36 establish a Space National Guard to harness and expand the capabilities,
37 readiness and economic efficiency of the Air National Guard's Space
38 Operations, thereby ensuring that the United States maintains its
39 competitive edge in space domain security and exploration.

40 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
41 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the
42 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
43 House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of
44 Arizona.