

## House Resolution 1028

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Johnson of the 37<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, and Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Russell Space Center Program's STS-13 Mission; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Russell Space Center is a yearlong project of a special group of fourth and  
4 fifth grade students from Russell Elementary School in Cobb County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, established by Russell Elementary's fifth grade class of 1998, the Russell Space  
6 Team was inspired by a class trip to the United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville,  
7 Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 35 selected students from all backgrounds comprise the Russell  
9 Space Team, all of whom have been chosen to study, train, and work at a grueling pace in  
10 preparation for a 24-hour plus high-fidelity space shuttle mission simulation; and

11 WHEREAS, the Russell Space Team astronaut crew is sealed inside a full-scale simulator  
12 for over 24 hours and monitored from a fully equipped, state-of-the-art Mission Control  
13 Center; and

14 WHEREAS, the Russell Space Team includes dedicated members of several teams that are  
15 integral to a successful mission and include the astronaut crew, the mission control team, the  
16 spaceflight meteorology group, simulation supervisors, a public affairs officer, a closeout  
17 crew, and a recovery crew; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 5-6, 2011, Russell Space Center will launch its 13th mission with  
19 STS-13, requiring team members to spend approximately 27 hours inside a mission simulator  
20 and culminating the eight months of dedicated training by the students; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the commitment of the fine members of  
22 the STS-13 mission be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize the hard work and dedication of the STS-13 Russell  
25 Space Center team and extend to them best wishes for a successful launch.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Russell Elementary School's  
28 Russell Space Center.