

House Resolution 643

By: Representatives Knight of the 130th, Quick of the 117th, Smith of the 70th, McCall of the 33rd, and Williams of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the unique economic and natural resources of coastal Georgia and the need to
2 carefully study and consider the impacts a commercial spaceport may have on such
3 resources; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives passed House Bill 1 on
5 February 16, 2017, for the purpose of fostering the development of the commercial space
6 launch industry in the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, due to the risks associated with commercial space launches, it is anticipated that
8 any vertical launch commercial spaceport developed in the State of Georgia will be located
9 in coastal Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the development of a commercial spaceport in coastal Georgia offers potential
11 economic benefits to the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the impacts a commercial spaceport may have on Georgia's ports, its
13 commercial fishing and shrimping industries, its recreation and tourism industries, and the
14 private property rights of Georgia citizens have not yet been studied; and

15 WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to understand how a commercial spaceport in
16 coastal Georgia will impact the aforementioned economic and natural resources of the State
17 of Georgia and the industries that depend upon them.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize the need for careful study of the impacts a commercial
20 spaceport may have on the aforementioned vital economic and natural resources of the State
21 of Georgia and its citizens.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 public and the press.