



## **H. Con. Res. 222– Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 222 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jo Ann Davis (R-VA) on October 2, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 222 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on October 15, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Con.Res. 222 congratulates and commends the men and women of NASA Langley Research Center for their accomplishments and role in inspiring the American people.

### **Background**

In 1917, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics established the nation's first civilian aeronautical research laboratory, Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

NASA Langley Research Center helped to launch America into the space age. They conceived and managed Project Mercury, the first United States manned space program. This program helped train the original seven astronauts, proved the feasibility of the lunar orbiter rendezvous, developed the lunar excursion module concept and researched facilities for simulating a landing on the Moon, and successfully sent the first Viking landers and orbiters to Mars.

The Langley Research Center has contributed, over the past several decades, critical technologies to the United States aviation industry. The aviation industry employs over two million Americans and comprises roughly nine percent of the country's gross national product.

The Center continues to provide critical research and development that advances the Nation's future in space exploration, scientific discovery, systems analysis, and aeronautics research while generating \$2.3 billion in revenue and 21,000 high-tech jobs for the United States economy.

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