

MR. BOGGS

RESOLUTION

Recognizing July 20 of each year as Space Exploration Day and
the period from July 16 through July 24 of each
year as Ohio Space Observance.

WHEREAS, The members of the 116th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to take this opportunity to recognize July 20 of each year as Space Exploration Day in Ohio and to designate the period from July 16 through July 24 of each year as Ohio Space Observance; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary purposes of the United States space program is the peaceful exploration of space for the benefit of all humankind. Through astute and insightful leadership, Project Apollo and other space missions have provided scientific and technological benefits affecting many areas of concern to humankind. The United States aerospace industry, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and educational institutions throughout the nation have provided much research and development for the space program, and have thereby contributed enormously to the strength of the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, In time, people may take for granted such wonders in the heavens as we cannot now imagine, just as the achievements of the space program today would have amazed the founders of our nation. The indomitable spirit that put men on the moon may be found in all noble pursuits involving peace, courage, unity of the human race, or the exploration of new frontiers. Advanced technology devoted to peaceful purposes such as space exploration can lead the way to a better life for the people of all nations; and

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1969, the people of the world were brought closer together by the first manned exploration of the moon. With the words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Neil Armstrong, commander of the three-man mission, left the Apollo 11 lunar landing module and became the first human being to set foot on the surface of the moon. It is fitting that we honor native son Neil Armstrong and the achievements of the space program by establishing a commemorative holiday on the anniversary of this historic event; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 116th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize July 20 of each year as Space Exploration Day and declare the period of July 16 through 24 of each year as Ohio Space Observance. We encourage all Ohioans to join in the observance of these events through appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to William R. Avery and to the news media of Ohio.