

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 192

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 182

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This measure would memorialize the President and CEO of the Lockheed Martin Corporation to choose California as the site for the development, production, and launch of VentureStar, the next generation commercial space launch vehicle, and for future commercial space activities.

WHEREAS, California has historically been the leader in aerospace development; and

WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced its intention to revise the current space shuttle program and has partnered with the Lockheed Martin Corporation and its associates to develop the next generation commercial space launch vehicle to be named VentureStar; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin Corporation and NASA are searching for primary and secondary launch sites with 10,000 foot runways to construct or utilize an existing spaceport; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has facilities that meet those criteria, one being Vandenburg Air Force Base and the others being in the vicinity of Edwards Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, The X-33 Program, the technology demonstrator vehicle for the VentureStar, is currently being built in California and will be launched to determine the feasibility of, and to perfect, Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) technology; and

WHEREAS, The California Spaceport Authority, California Space and Technology Alliance, administers the California Space Flight Competitive Grant Program to which the State of California has recently allocated one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for purposes of promoting California's commercial space launch and landing capabilities, commercial space research and education, and other commercial space activities; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has recently allocated one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for the purpose of enhancing space flight infrastructure to the Highway to Space Competitive Grant Program, which is administered by the Western Commercial Space Center; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has provided one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Trade and Commerce Agency specifically for activities connected to preparations, including studies, necessary to complete the proposal for the VentureStar Spaceport; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, concurrently, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and CEO of the Lockheed Martin Corporation to choose California as the site for the development, production, and launch of the VentureStar and for future commercial space activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and CEO of the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

