



# RESOLUTION

## URGING CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THE HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT PROGRAM CONSTELLATION

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2011 federal budget submitted to Congress by the White House proposes to cancel the Constellation human space flight program; and

WHEREAS, the Constellation program would provide a means for developing new launch vehicles and spacecraft capable of human space flight to the moon, Mars and other destinations after the current space shuttle program is phased out; and

WHEREAS, NASA's manned space flight program is directed from Houston's Johnson Space Center (JSC); and

WHEREAS, the Constellation program would help the JSC workforce, civil servant and contractor, transition effectively as the space shuttle is retired following completion of the International Space Station assembly in 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, cancellation of the Constellation program will have a negative impact on the Houston-Galveston region's economy including loss of 4,000 to 7,000 direct jobs, 2,300 to 4,000 indirect jobs and \$560 million to \$1 billion in economic loss; and

WHEREAS, cancelling Constellation could also adversely impact the nation's and JSC's leadership role in space exploration, technology development that results from manned space flight and science, technology, engineering and mathematics education; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council is the region's voluntary association of governments representing over 130 local governments, with over 5.7 million persons;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors that:

1. The U.S. Congress and the Administration are urged to continue funding for the human space flight program Constellation.
2. This resolution be distributed to federal, state and local officials as appropriate.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.

APPROVED:

The Honorable Kerry Neves  
Councilman, City of Dickinson  
H-GAC Chair

ATTEST:

The Honorable Delores Martin  
Mayor, City of Manvel  
H-GAC Vice Chair

