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H. R. 4065

To require the Discovery space shuttle to be transferred from the Smithsonian Institution to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Bring the Space Shut-
5 tle Home Act".

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF DISCOVERY SPACE SHUTTLE TO**
2 **JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON,**
3 **TEXAS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, under the direction
6 of the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
7 Space Administration (referred to in this Act as the “Ad-
8 ministrator”), the Discovery space shuttle shall be trans-
9 ferred from the Smithsonian Institution’s Steven F. Udvar
10 Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum, near
11 Washington, DC, to the National Aeronautics and Space
12 Administration’s Johnson Space Center in Houston,
13 Texas.

14 (b) PLAN.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator and the
16 Smithsonian Institution shall jointly develop a plan
17 to transfer the Discovery space shuttle under sub-
18 section (a), which shall include an estimated timeline
19 and cost estimate for such transfer.

20 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
21 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Administrator and the Smithsonian Institution
23 shall submit to Congress the plan developed under
24 paragraph (1).

25 (c) TRANSFER OF TITLE TO NASA.—Not later than
26 1 year after the date on which the Discovery space shuttle

1 is transferred under subsection (a), the Smithsonian Insti-
2 tution shall transfer the title to the shuttle to the National
3 Aeronautics and Space Administration.

4 (d) PUBLIC EXHIBITION.—On the transfer of the
5 Discovery space shuttle under subsection (a)—

6 (1) the shuttle shall be placed on public exhi-
7 bition to advance science, technology, engineering,
8 and mathematics learning at a location not more
9 than 5 miles from the Johnson Space Center; and

10 (2) the Johnson Space Center shall be respon-
11 sible for oversight of the shuttle until the date on
12 which the shuttle is transferred to a nonprofit entity
13 under subsection (e).

14 (e) ROLE OF NONPROFIT ENTITY.—On any date
15 after the transfer of title under subsection (c), the Admin-
16 istrator shall transfer the title to the Discovery space shut-
17 tle to a nonprofit entity designated by the Administrator,
18 on the condition that the nonprofit entity shall maintain
19 the shuttle on public exhibition to advance science, tech-
20 nology, engineering, and mathematics learning in a loca-
21 tion not more than 5 miles from the Johnson Space Cen-
22 ter.

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator
25 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section,

1 which shall be in addition to any amounts authorized to
2 be appropriated by any other Act, and may be requested
3 by the President as supplemental requirements, if needed,
4 in the appropriate fiscal years.

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