

RESOLUTION

The Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio strongly expresses its heartfelt sympathy as we honor and mourn the loss of seven astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on Saturday, February 1, 2003.

WHEREAS, it is the nature of humankind to explore and seek knowledge as to our existence and our surroundings.

WHEREAS, the United States, founded upon this inexorable drive for discovery, has led the world over the last 42 years of manned space flight.

WHEREAS, on the day of Saturday, February 1, 2003, the United States suffered a national tragedy with the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

WHEREAS, the souls of all seven astronauts aboard, Mission Commander Colonel Rick Husband, Mission Specialist Doctor David Brown, Mission Specialist Commander Laurel Clark, Flight Engineer Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anderson, Shuttle Pilot Captain William McCool and Mission Specialist Colonel Ilan Ramon of Israel, were also lost.

WHEREAS, these brave men and women, among the best and brightest representatives of humankind, were aware of the risks and dangers associated with their mission and sacrificed their lives to further the scientific knowledge of our planet.

AND WHEREAS, they also represented the great diversity of our nation and the cooperative spirit that can bind the world together around all that is good and decent in it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, wish to send their heartfelt condolences and sympathy of its residents, to the families of the fallen heroes of the Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-107) and to their friends and colleagues at the National Aeronautical Space Administration (NASA), joining the billions of grieving citizens of the planet Earth in this time of global mourning.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph Nanni, Administrator Officer, County Administrator's Office.

**On Motion of Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Jones,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

Ayes: McCormack, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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