



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 28, 2010**

**Motion 13262**

**Proposed No. 2010-0299.2**

**Sponsors von Reichbauer, Phillips, Lambert,  
Dunn, Hague, Ferguson, Drago and Patterson**

1           A MOTION requesting the President of the United States,  
2           the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space  
3           Administration and the Director of the Smithsonian's  
4           National Air and Space Museum to allocate one of three  
5           space shuttles the National Aeronautics and Space  
6           Administration is taking out of service next year to the  
7           Museum of Flight.

8           WHEREAS, the Museum of Flight has been a significant national resource for  
9           historic preservation of aviation since 1964, when the Pacific Northwest Aviation  
10          Historical Foundation was established with the twin goals of saving significant aircraft  
11          and related artifacts and educating the public in terms of their importance, and

12          WHEREAS, the museum today holds one of the largest and most comprehensive  
13          air and space collections in the United States, containing millions of rare photographs and  
14          negatives, a world-class library, tens of thousands of artifacts and over one hundred fifty  
15          rare aircraft and space vehicles, and

16          WHEREAS, the Red Barn®, the birthplace of the Boeing Company, was saved  
17          from demolition on its original location on the Duwamish river, and floated by river  
18          barge to its current location at the Museum of Flight. The Red Barn® was restored in  
19          1983 and became the first permanent location for the Museum of Flight, joined by the

20 Great Gallery in 1987, the Library and Archives Building in 2002 and the J. Elroy  
21 McCaw Personal Courage Wing and Airpark in 2004, and

22 WHEREAS, the Museum of Flight's fundamental goals are to acquire and  
23 preserve a wide array of materials and artifacts relating to aviation and space history and  
24 to provide a center for the scholarly research of these materials and artifacts, and

25 WHEREAS, exhibits are artifact-based for credibility, professionally researched  
26 and designed according to a carefully thought-out comprehensive storyline, based on the  
27 central theme of "mankind's dream of flying" and the Pacific Northwest region's critical  
28 contributions to commercial aviation, jet flight and manned space flight, and

29 WHEREAS, the Museum of Flight serves as a resource to the public schools, with  
30 ongoing youth programs designed to complement established schoolroom curricula,  
31 foster interest in math and science, through factual and interactive exhibits, education  
32 events and symposia; and

33 WHEREAS, the museum's extensive collection of historic photographs, books  
34 and precious papers are used by scholars for historic and scientific research in  
35 aeronautical technology, and

36 WHEREAS, both the governor and Legislature of Washington state have included  
37 three million dollars in the state's capital budget for development of a space gallery to  
38 house the space shuttle and other space-exploration artifacts, and

39 WHEREAS, the space gallery would be built across the street from the current  
40 museum, and almost eight million of the twelve million dollars needed to complete the  
41 project has already been raised, and architectural work on the building has begun to meet  
42 the required completion date to qualify for a shuttle of July 2011, and

43           WHEREAS, the Museum of Flight is an important attraction for guests to  
44 Washington state. More than fifty million tourist trips help sustain Washington's  
45 economy, and the travel industry is the fourth largest business sector in the state. Travel  
46 spending in Washington state directly supports about one hundred forty-four thousand  
47 one hundred jobs with wages of three billion nine hundred million dollars annually, and

48           WHEREAS, the Museum of Flight has received letters of endorsement from  
49 Governor Chris Gregoire, all the members of the Washington congressional delegation  
50 and many educational institutions in support of the allocation of a space shuttle;

51           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

52           The King County council respectfully represents and petitions to the Honorable  
53 Barack Obama, President of the United States, the Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr.,  
54 Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and John R. Dailey,  
55 Director of the

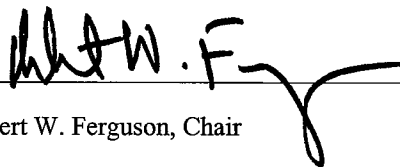
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57 Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum to allocate one of the three space shuttles  
58 soon to be decommissioned for permanent display at the Museum of Flight.  
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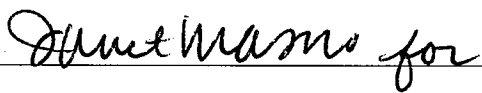
Motion 13262 was introduced on 5/10/2010 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/28/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None