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HONORING THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR CREW

MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME HOME THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR AND ITS CREW OF SIX FROM THE STS-134 MISSION. THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR LANDED SAFELY IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS TODAY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER LOCATED IN FLORIDA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE ASTRONAUTS OF STS-134 SPENT A TOTAL OF 16 DAYS IN SPACE AND DELIVERED THE ALPHA-MAGNETIC SPECTROMETER-2 TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, WHICH WILL BE A CRITICAL TOOL FOR ANALYZING COSMIC PARTICLES TRAVELING THROUGH SPACE.

THIS IS THE FINAL FLIGHT OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR AND NOW WITH ITS 25TH SUCCESSFUL MISSION SINCE 1992, INCLUDING THE FIRST SERVICING MISSION FOR THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE, NUMEROUS SPACE STATION ASSEMBLY MISSIONS, AND THE DELIVERY OF THE AMS-2, THE ORBITER WILL BE RETIRED TO THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER. ENDEAVOUR HAS CARRIED OVER 170 COURAGEOUS ASTRONAUTS TO SPACE AND HONORABLY FULFILLED THE LEGACY OF ITS NAMESAKE, THE 18TH CENTURY SHIP CHARTERED BY EXPLORER JAMES COOK TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE TO COMMANDER MARK KELLY, PILOT GREG JOHNSON, MISSION SPECIALISTS MIKE FINCKE, DREW FEUSTEL, GREG CHAMITOFF, AND EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY MISSION SPECIALIST ROBERTO VITTORI.

THEY ARE HEROES AND COURAGEOUS EXPLORERS FOR ALL OF HUMANITY. WELCOME HOME, TEAM.

SANDY ADAMS
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

