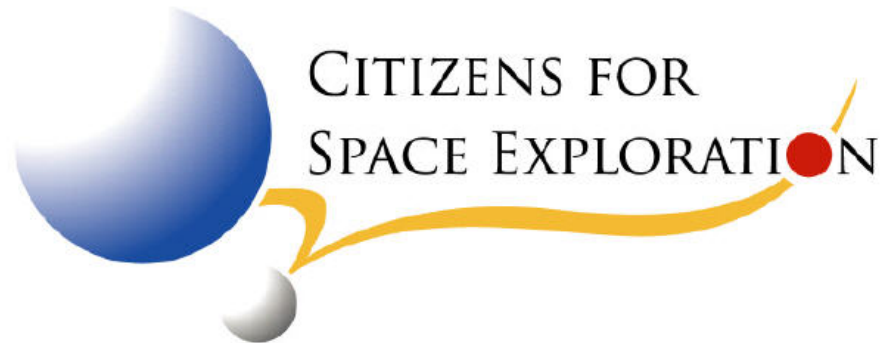


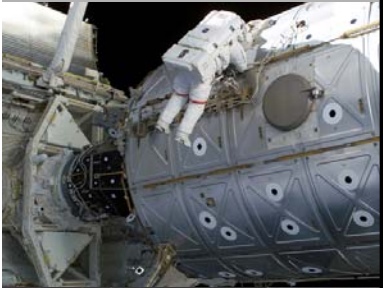
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2006 DC Trip Report



May 15-18, 2006

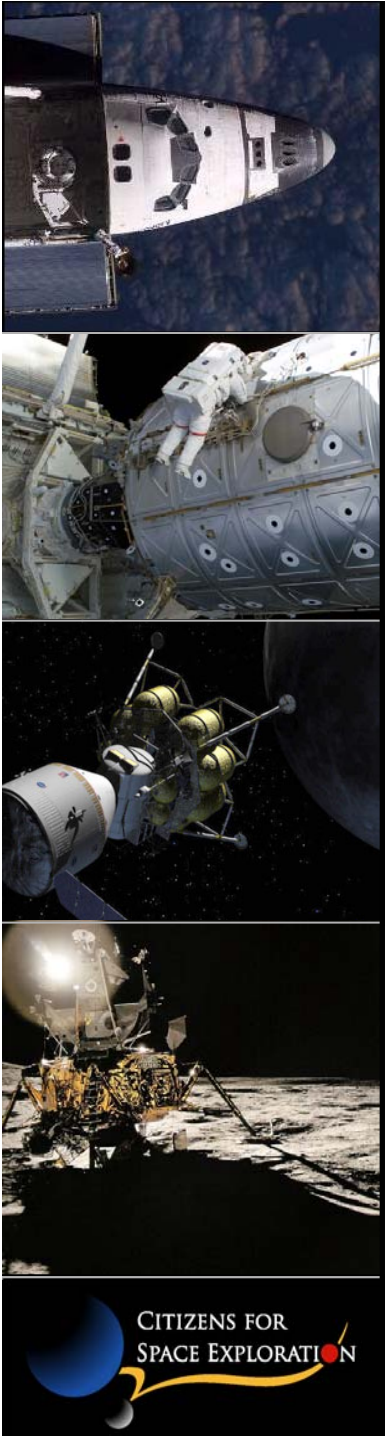
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General Trip Information

- 15th Anniversary
- 133 Travelers (up from 100 in 2005)
- 32 Students / Educators (up from 10)
- 25 Visit teams
- 18 States represented – AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR & TX
- 290 Congressional offices visited (up from 233)
- 175 attendees at the Congressional Reception

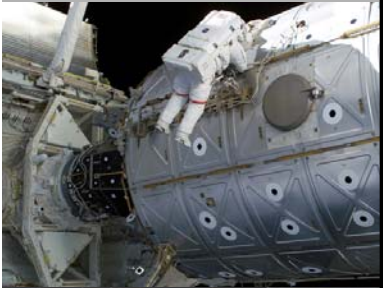




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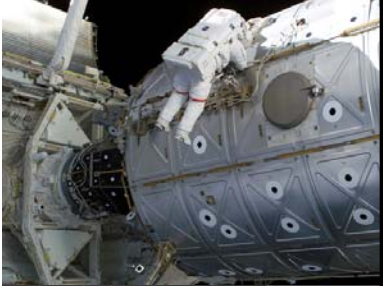
- 32 Students / educators
- Students / educators from CCISD, PISD, HISD, San Jacinto College, Texas A&M, University of Texas, University of Houston
- Message: NASA inspires youth to be involved with math, sciences and engineering
- Students / educators recognized at the Congressional Reception





Key Messages

- The Vision for Space Exploration is the right program for the country
- The benefits of a robust human and robotic space exploration program are many and a sound investment in our future
- It is important to minimize the gap in U.S. human access to space
- The Vision promotes America's competitiveness
- Public supports the Vision
- Fully fund the NASA budget



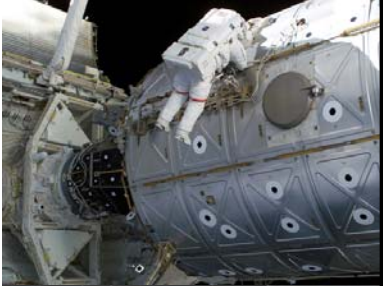
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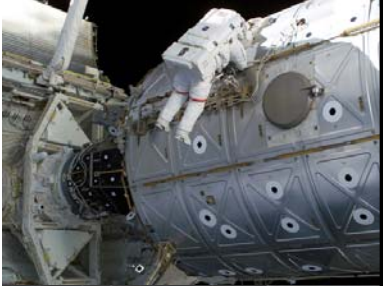
- Generally positive support for all elements of the Vision and NASA's budget
- Most common concerns expressed were:
 - Reductions in NASA science funding
 - Overall competition for limited federal budget resources
 - "The Gap"
- Hottest topics of interest to Members and staff were:
 - Education (particularly in math and science)
 - Technological competitiveness
 - SATOP
 - Spin-off technologies / benefits

* Based on evaluations filled out by Citizen teams for each meeting

Proposed Initiatives

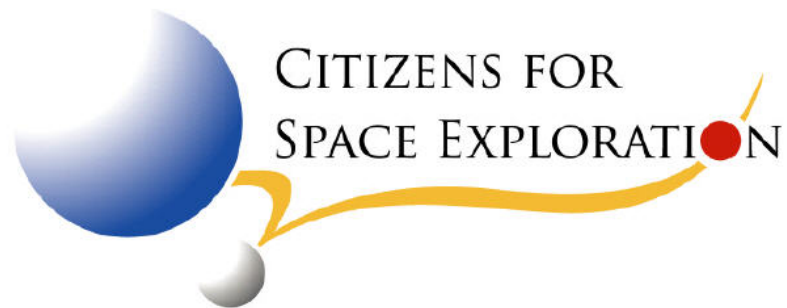
- Texas Space Symposium – February 2007
- Utilize trip information to create database for ongoing communications with the Texas delegation
- Find ways to improve communications and explain the ways space technology benefits America

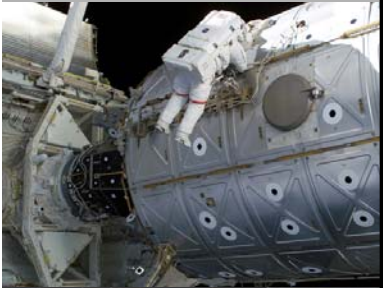




Congressional Reception

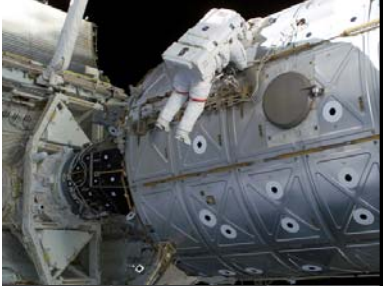
- Congressional Speakers: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Representatives DeLay, Paul and Jackson Lee
- OSTP Speaker Damon Wells, Senior Policy Analyst
- Student / educator recognition for outstanding achievement and support of NASA and the Vision





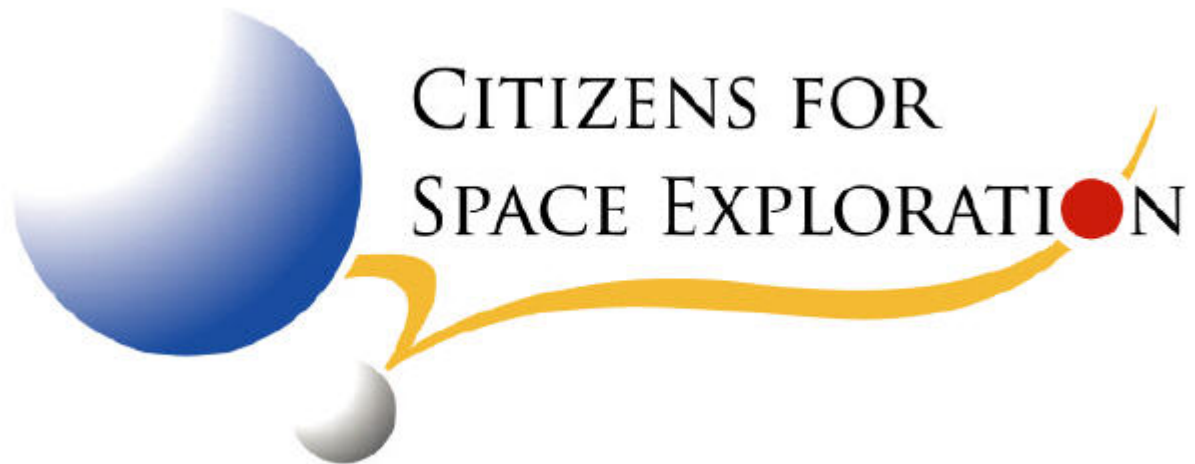
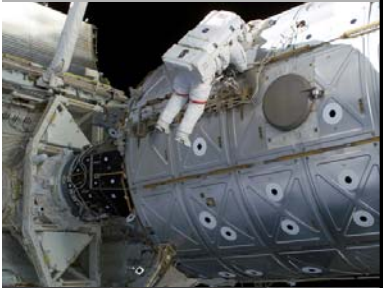
Key Improvements

- Trip attendance improved from 100 in 2005 to 133 in 2006
- Number of Students / Educators more than tripled – 10 in 2005 to 32 in 2006
- Travelers from 18 states
- First time to have Senators participate in the Congressional Reception
- Reformatted Briefing Document
- New handout materials – pocket card, redesigned lapel pins and pens, Coalition for Space Exploration CD, newsletter
- Trip report was completed and delivered to NASA on Thursday in D.C.



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- Congressional Reception Support:
 - College of the Mainland
 - United Space Alliance

A large graphic of the Citizens for Space Exploration logo, consisting of a blue sphere, a yellow swoosh, and a red circle.

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