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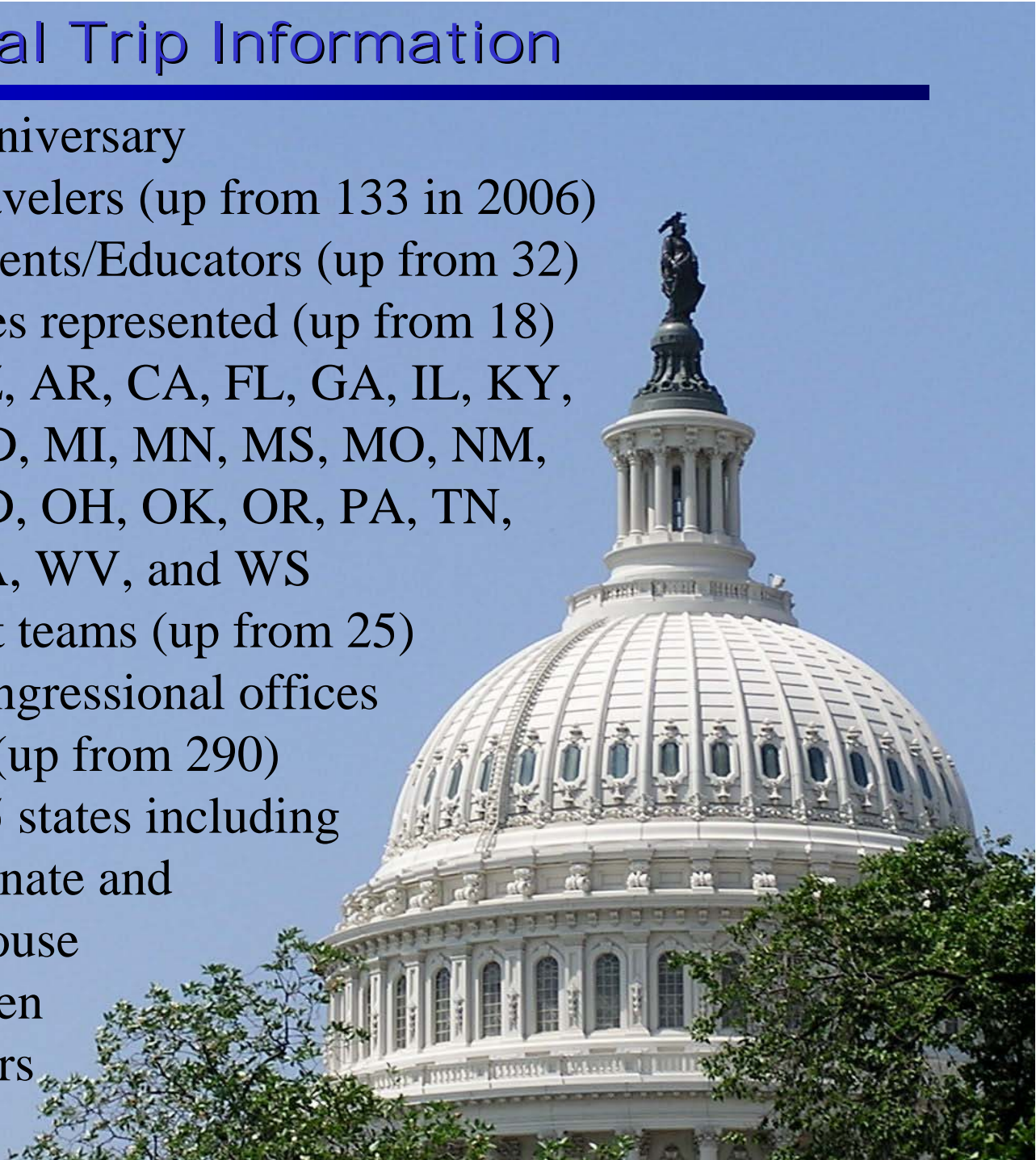
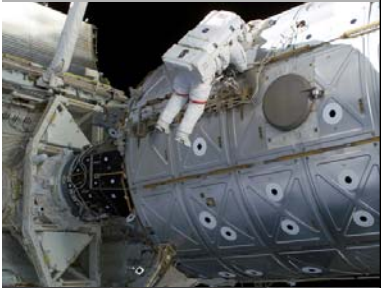
2007 DC Trip Report

*May 14-17, 2007
Washington, DC*



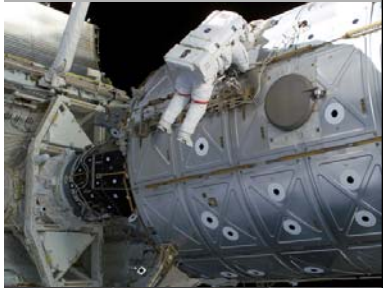
General Trip Information

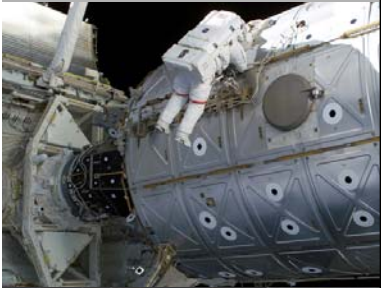
- 16th Anniversary
- 152 Travelers (up from 133 in 2006)
- 36 Students/Educators (up from 32)
- 26 States represented (up from 18)
AL, AZ, AR, CA, FL, GA, IL, KY,
LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NM,
NY, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN,
TX, VA, WV, and WS
- 27 Visit teams (up from 25)
- 317 Congressional offices
visited (up from 290)
from 45 states including
90% Senate and
68% House
Freshmen
Members



Student / Educator Participation

- 36 Students / Educators
- Message: NASA inspires youth to be involved with sciences, technology, engineering and math (STEM)
- Students / Educators recognized at the Congressional Reception





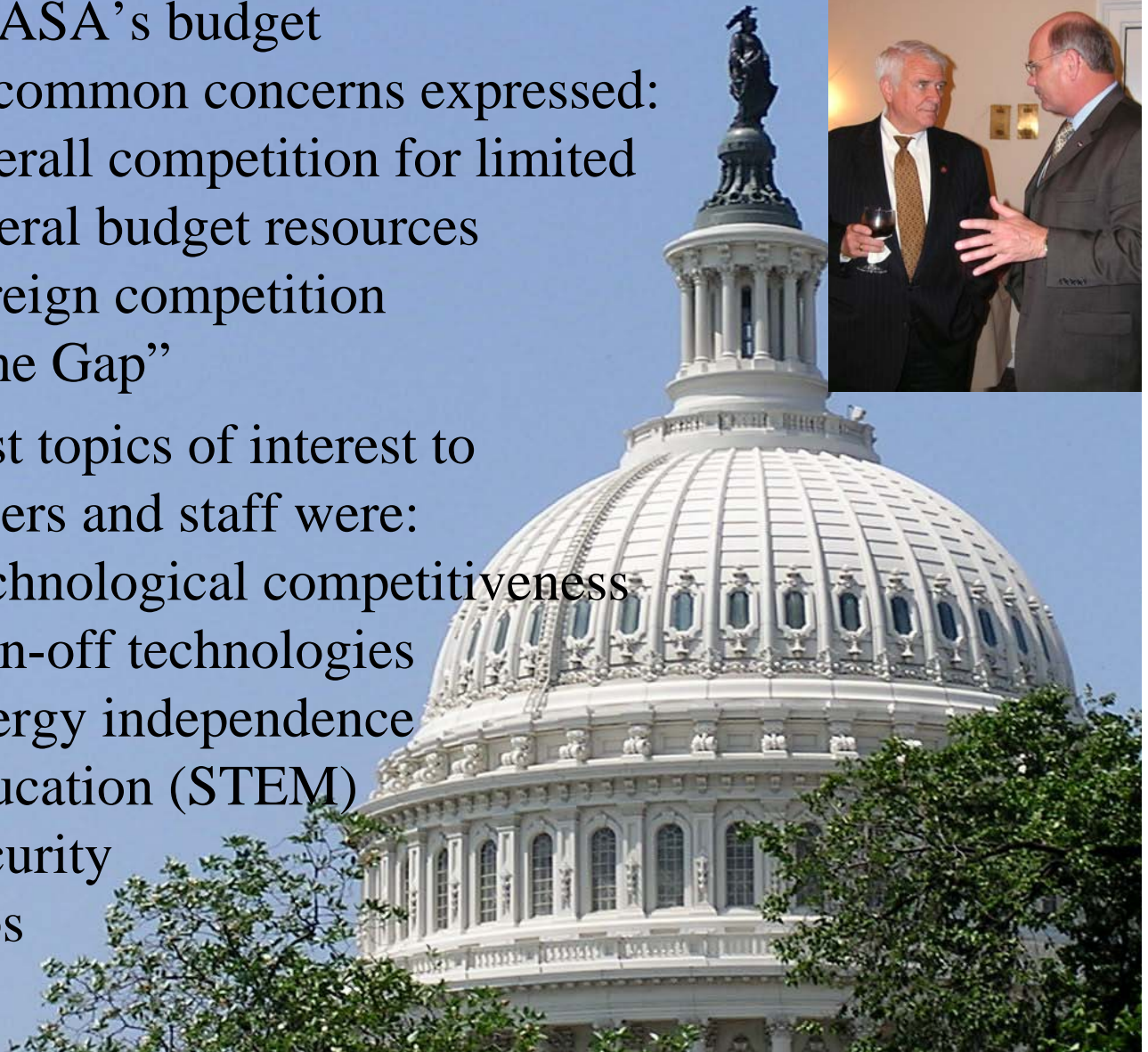
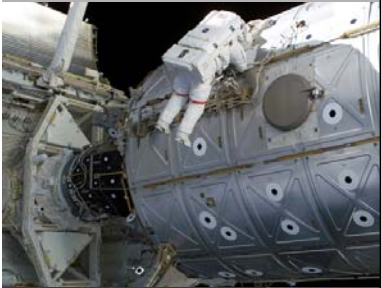
Key Messages

- 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
- Space exploration promotes America's competitiveness
- Public supports space exploration
- No less than full funding for the FY08 NASA budget
- SATOP



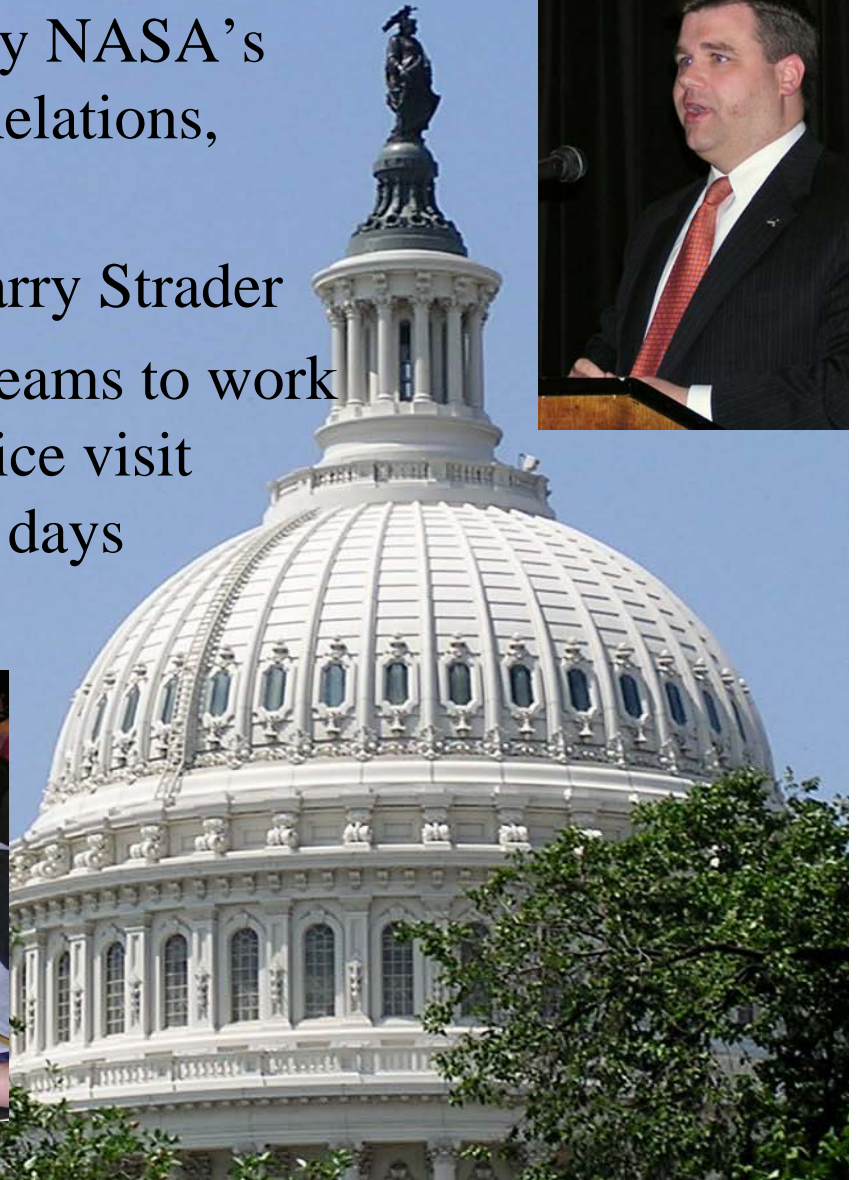
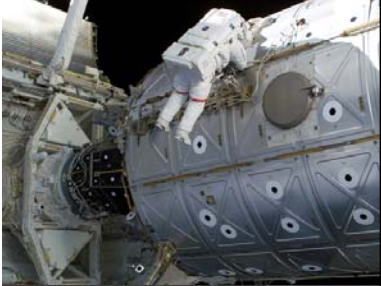
Congressional Response

- Generally positive support for space exploration and NASA's budget
- Most common concerns expressed:
 - Overall competition for limited federal budget resources
 - Foreign competition
 - "The Gap"
- Hottest topics of interest to members and staff were:
 - Technological competitiveness
 - Spin-off technologies
 - Energy independence
 - Education (STEM)
 - Security
 - Jobs



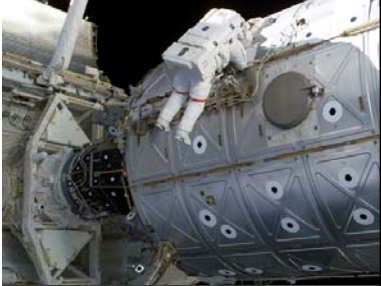
Traveler Briefing

- 27 teams, focused on specific State visits
- NASA budget briefing by NASA's lead for Congressional Relations, Brian Chase
- Motivational input by Larry Strader
- Extra time this year for teams to work together to plan their office visit strategy for the next two days



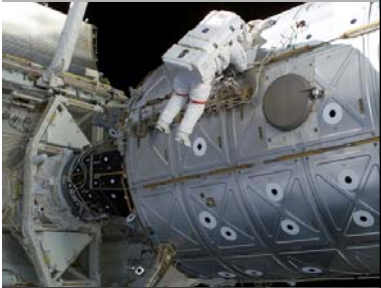
Congressional Reception

- Congressional Speakers - Guests:
Senators Hutchison and Cornyn
Representatives Carter, Gohmert,
G. Green, Jackson Lee, Lampson,
McCaul, Poe, Weldon, Feeney,
Cramer and Westmoreland
- NASA Speaker: Doc Horowitz,
Associate Administrator
- Student / Educator recognition



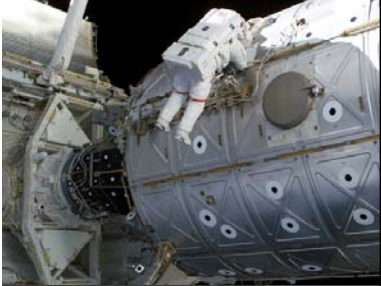
Key Improvements

- Congressional Reception held in Rayburn House Office Building
- Teams focused on key Members of Congress and Freshmen Members



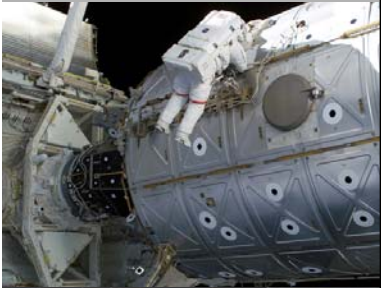
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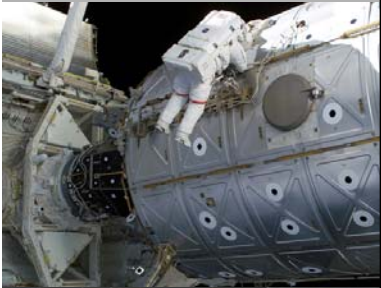
- Student selection focused on targeted states
- Partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Special Thanks

- Trip Sponsorship / Support
 - Aerospace Advisory Committee
 - Texas Chiropractic College
- Student Sponsorship / Support
 - Coalition for Space Exploration
 - Jacobs Engineering
- Congressional Reception Support
 - Aerospace Advisory Committee
- In-kind Services / Support:
 - United Space Alliance
 - The Boeing Company
 - L-3 Communications
 - GB Tech





Save the Date:

Next year's trip is tentatively set
for May 19 – 22, 2008

