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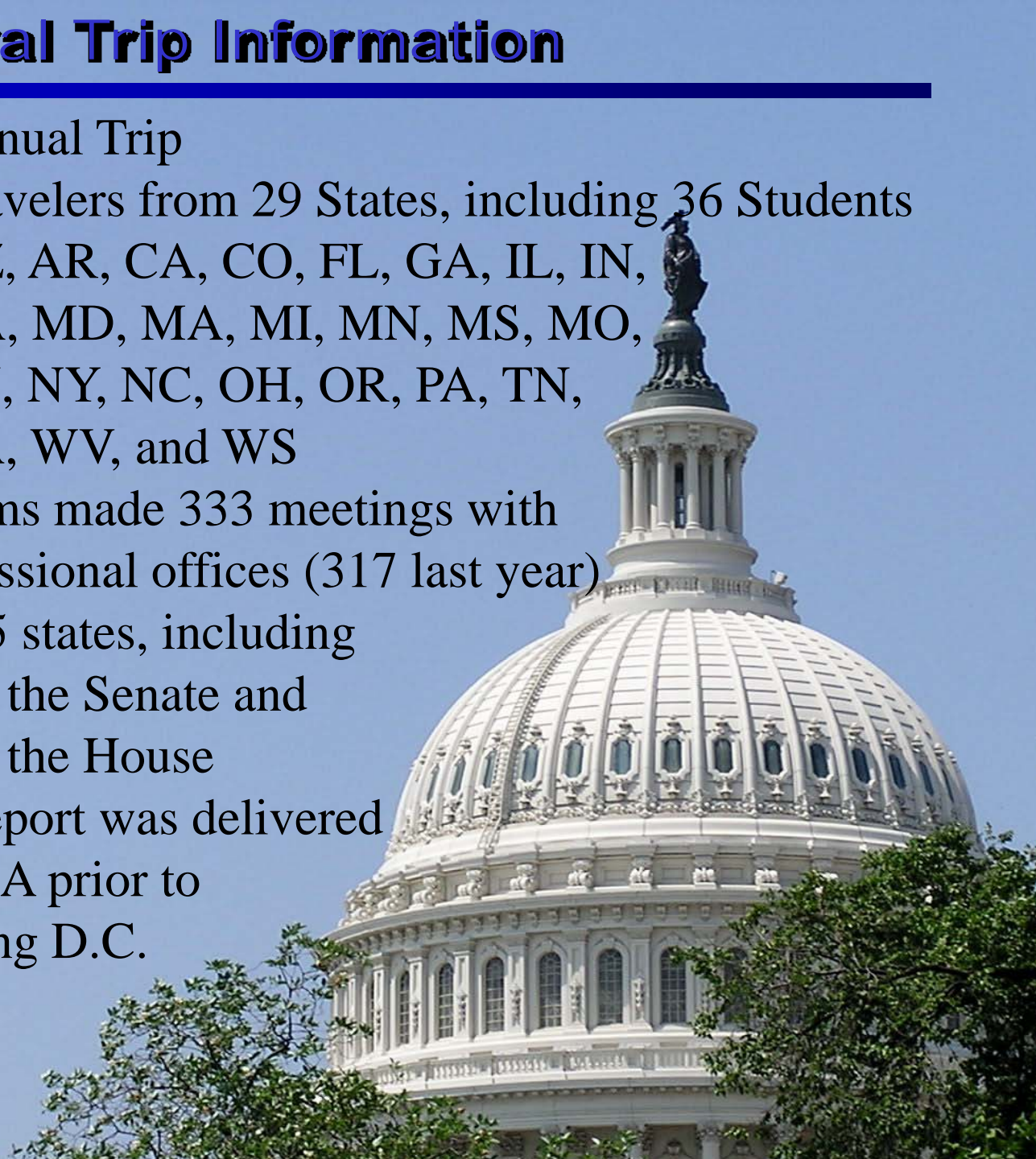
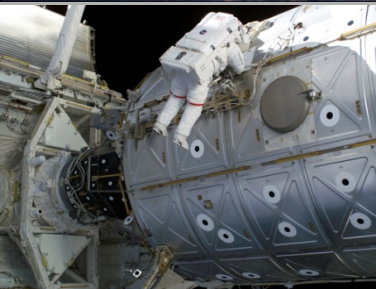
2008 DC Trip Report

*May 19-21, 2008
Washington, DC*

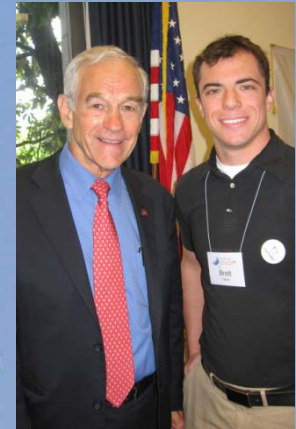
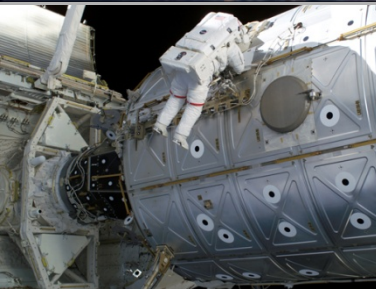


General Trip Information

- 17th Annual Trip
- 147 Travelers from 29 States, including 36 Students
- AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, WV, and WS
- 30 Teams made 333 meetings with Congressional offices (317 last year) from 45 states, including 74% of the Senate and 60% of the House
- Final report was delivered to NASA prior to departing D.C.



Student / Educator Participation

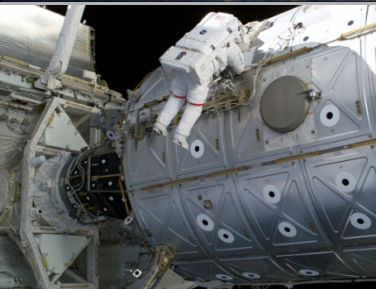


- 36 Students / Educators
- Message: NASA inspires youth to be involved with sciences, technology, engineering and math (STEM)
- Students / Educators recognized at the Congressional Reception



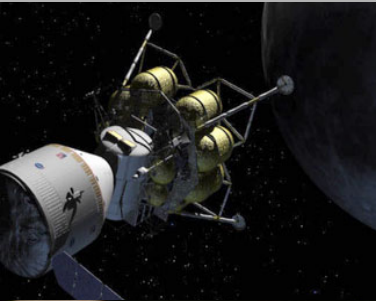
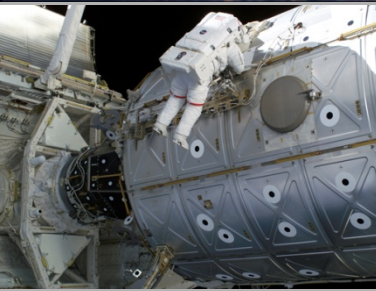
Key Messages

- An investment of 1% of our Federal Budget for Space Exploration is a good investment in our Country's future
- The benefits of a robust human and robotic space exploration program are many
- Space exploration promotes America's competitiveness
- Public supports space exploration
- Spinoffs



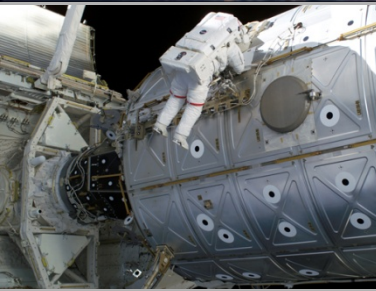
Congressional Response

- Generally positive support for Space Exploration and NASA's budget
- Mixed response to our goal of 1% for Space Exploration
- Most common concern expressed:
 - Overall competition for limited budget resources
- Hottest topics of interest concerning NASA were:
 - Spin-off technologies
 - Foreign competition
 - Education (STEM)
 - Security
 - Jobs



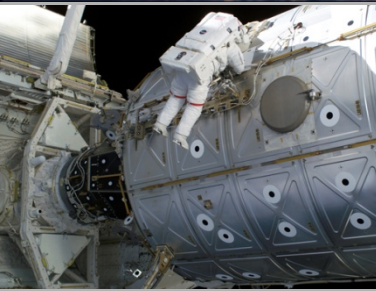
Traveler Briefing

- 30 teams, focused on specific State visits
- NASA briefing by Bill Bruner
- Motivational input by Astronauts Carl Walz and Frank Culbertson
- Time for teams to work together to plan their office visit strategy for the next two days



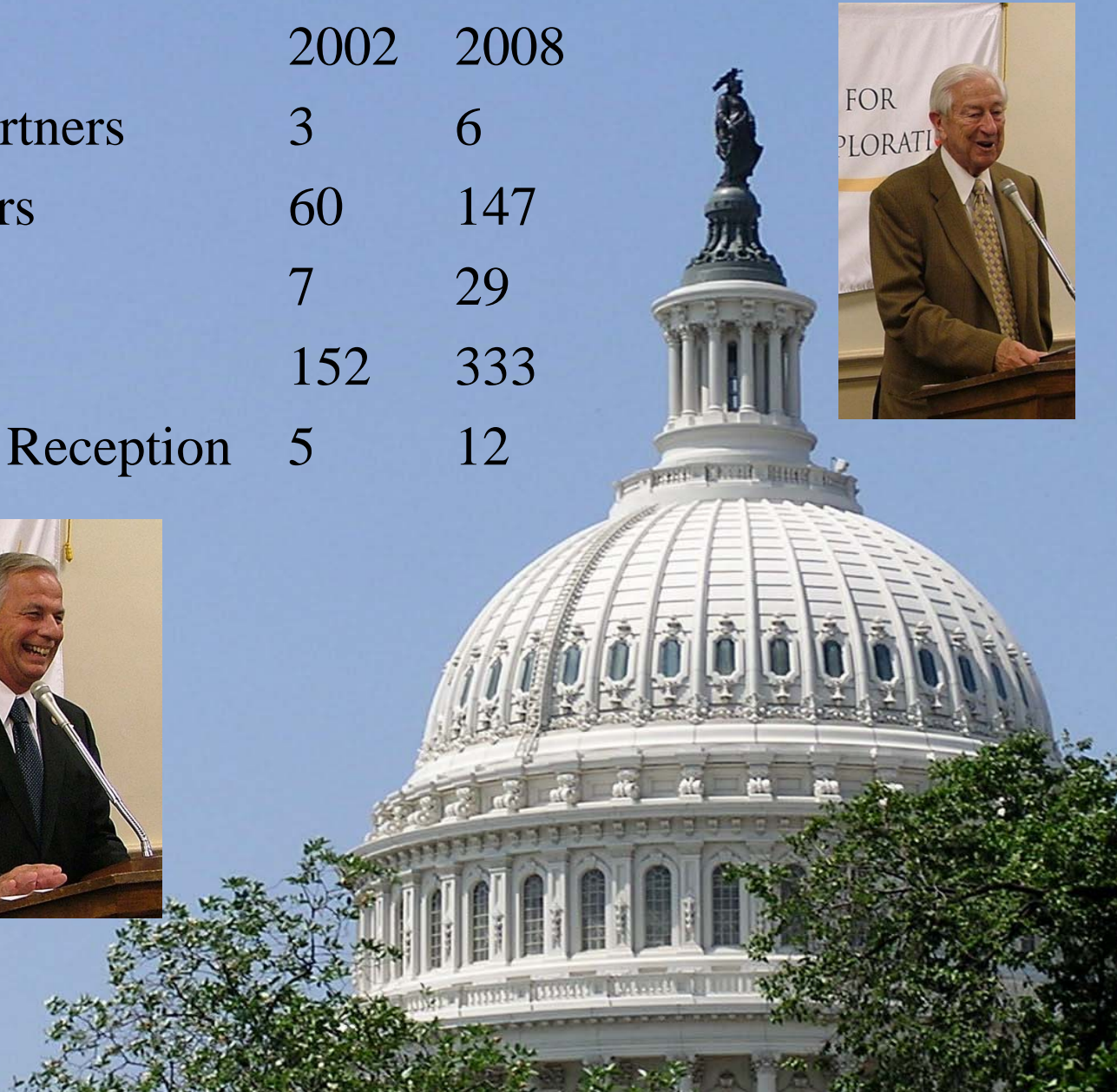
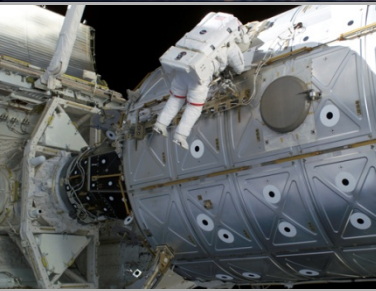
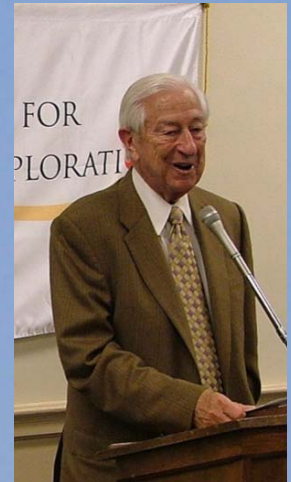
Congressional Reception

- 12 Congressional Speakers including:
Senator Vitter
Representatives Brady, Feeney,
G. Green, Hall, Jackson Lee,
Kucinich, Lampson, Paul, Poe,
Rohrabacher and Weldon
- Student / Educator recognition



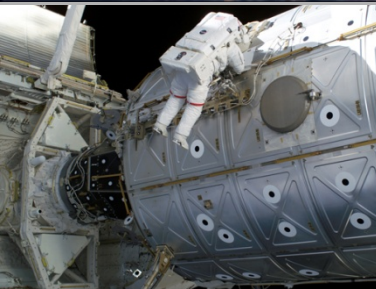
Look what we've done in just 6 years

	2002	2008
CSE Partners	3	6
Travelers	60	147
States	7	29
Visits	152	333
Reps at Reception	5	12



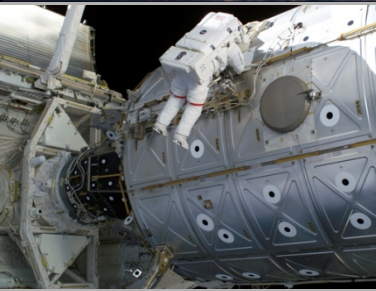
Key Improvements this Year

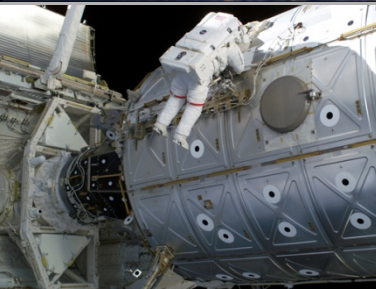
- New Host Hotel, The Westin City Center
- Press releases for sponsored students
- New Reception room in the Rayburn House Office Building



Special Thanks

- Trip Sponsorship / Support
 - Aerospace Advisory Committee
- Student Sponsorship / Support
 - Coalition for Space Exploration
 - Aerospace Advisory Committee
 - Jacobs Engineering
 - Barrios Technology
- In-kind Services / Support
 - United Space Alliance
 - Guidry News
- Special Sponsorships
 - Lockheed Martin
 - The Boeing Company





Save the Date:

Next year's trip is tentatively set for May 18 to 21, 2009



Thank You

