[Applause]

or butter is much prettier than your pub

thousand feet and five beer dots so as

soon as he could he applied forward it

was accepted into flexible I first met

Jim when he became so I'd like to thank

Delaware North and the astronaut

scholarship foundation and all those who

are responsible for this event by making

this something that my family and I will

remember for the years to come

when a scientists at a space Walker one

is an engineer both are brilliant

scholars both that served as deputy
chief of the astronaut office what I

want to talk about though is like Jack

come on date

[Applause]

really has been an honor to be here with

you today on behalf of the Kennedy Space

Center Visitor Complex and the

astronauts scholarship fund

[Music]

by the end of this year it's our goal to

have crews flying to the International

Space Station on us rockets launched

from US soil
my wife of 49 years gene has supported

and encouraged and encouraged me and

everything we have done over the years

and kept the family on a steady course

they're both smooth and a hard-times of

our family journey

I quickly realized how complex the

process towards mission-ready

was and how important each member of the

NASA team was to the goal of safe flight

and assured readiness

I've been very fortunate and blessed to

have been given the opportunity to fly

in space to have been given my wife and
wonderful family and to live in this
great country our space our space
programs are a large part of the
technical engine that drives our nation
we have built on the work and sacrifices
of those men and women who executed the
programs before us those who come after
we are gone will build on what we have
done
and I just thinking about when I was a
kid a little kid in a little town in
Missouri I think Jim and I both talked
about being from real small towns he was
from a 1200 person town mine was eleven
hundred people in the Midwest so how did
we get here

it's not easy to watch your spouse or your parent or your sister to blast off

the earth on a rocket and a trail of smoke and fire we the lucky few here got to be on the fun side of the things we got the shaking and the rolling and we were we were rewarded with a magnificent view of the planet once we reached the orbit we are all all of us here today so lucky to be a part of this amazing endeavor this special society of space travelers the special group of family and friends
they treasure all of you and I am so
very honored that you're here today
sharing this very very special event
with Jim and me