space shuttle Atlantis took a final bow for the space shuttle program at NASA's Kennedy Space Center on Friday November 2nd.

Second crowds of workers, NASA officials, astronauts, and enthusiasts cheered the spacecraft through a ten-mile move to its new home Atlantis, which flew the final mission of the space shuttle era and July 2011 was also the last orbiter to leave Kennedy Space Center launch facilities. Discovery flew to Washington DC in April, and Endeavour left in September for Los Angeles as with the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecraft.
before them all three shuttles will be prominently displayed as machines of inspiration in their retirements.

Godspeed atlantis on your next mission of inspiration and motivation. Atlantis's final mission may have closed out the space shuttle program but the spirit that created that program and built her is very much alive. The space shuttle program has been a proud achievement for our nation. Atlantis began the morning and they familiar surroundings of the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy. Space Center the landmark structure that
oversaw the assembly of shuttles into their launch configuration riding atop the 76 wheels of the orbiter transporter. Then Atlantis was taken past the processing hangers the service NASA's fleet a winged spacecraft between flights. Kennedy parkway to a waiting assembly near the center's headquarters high school band provider a festive flourish as the spacecraft pulled into view. Atlantis now takes on a mission of inspiration to future generations. Atlantis was formally signed into
retirement by NASA's senior managers

before continuing its day long trek the

shuttle maneuver down the roads of

Kennedy until it moved past the space

life sciences laboratory and onto a

developing property known as exploration

park here on a vacant stretch of land

planned to house research work in the

future Atlantis was celebrated by

thousands of visitors former shuttle

workers and well-wishers rolling out of

exploration park Atlantis covered the

last leg during the late afternoon and

by an esteemed gathering of veteran

astronauts the shuttle pulled in front
of its new home near sunset setting the stage for a celebratory fireworks show marking Atlantis new mission of inspiration