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Mark, you mentioned earlier,
of course, all, including 134,

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all four of your flights will have
been to the International Space Station

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so your career essentially has mirrored the
expansion and development of this complex.

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What do you think it's going to be like at
the time of hatch closure knowing that you're

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about to pull away and, and Endeavour will
be leaving the station for the final time?

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Mark - It's going to be tough, you know.

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It's, I've seen the space station over, what'll
be over a ten year period and I'm not sure

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if I'll be going back again so, from a personal
standpoint, you know, it'll be difficult

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to leave a place that's so amazing
and incredible to, you know,

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it's incredible to live there and to
work there and I'm certainly going to,

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if it does turn out to be my last
flight I'm certainly going to miss it.

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To see Endeavour leave ISS and come back to
earth, you know, when we come to full stop on,

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on the runway hopefully at the Kennedy
Space Center, it'll be a little bit sad

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to see Endeavour rolled off into a
museum, but, you know like I said, it's,

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I think it's what we need to
do in order to eventually get

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out of low earth orbit and explore.

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You guys have plans once
your flying careers are over?

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Scott - My, I hope my flying career isn't over.

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I'd like to fly again if I, if the
opportunity presents itself so I don't look

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at this as my last flight, you know.

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Assuming everything goes well, I don't
mind being in space for six almost months.

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I think I'd, I'd like to have another
opportunity to fly another long duration flight.

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Mark - This is a thing that's
very difficult to give up.

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You know, it's very hard for people to put, you
know, flying space missions behind them and,

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you know, I'm focused on STS-134
now and I'm going to figure

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out what I'm going to do later after I land.

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But, you know, it's a, it's a hard thing to,

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to retire from so I think there's a real
possibility that I could be, you know,

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maybe making a fifth trip to the space station.

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It would be on a Russian Soyuz
or maybe or maybe it would be

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on a new U.S. spacecraft in five or six years.

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What advice do each of you have for

kids, twins, siblings growing up together

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about future aspirations in life?

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What, what path would you steer them down?

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Mark - I don't think we give specific advice but the kids, you know, I always tell 'em, you know,

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"You're doing yourself a really big favor to do as well as you can in school.

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I mean, it's like the best gift you can give yourself because then you put yourself

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at an oppor-, in, in the position where you can make choices and if you don't,

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don't do well in school, you don't have so many choices."

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I also encourage people to try to find something that they're really interested in, you know,

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'cuz it makes going to work, you know, great every day.

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It's, you know, it's something you want to do.

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If you're not interested in it, you know, you're probably going to be,

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you're probably not going to want to do it.

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You're probably not going to be very good at it either.

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Scott - Well, you know, a lot of times we'll do these public appearances and kids'll ask about,

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you know, "I'd like to become an astronaut some day.

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What, what advice do you have?"

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And, and what I tell 'em is, you know, "You need to put yourself in the best, you know,

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the best position to, to, you know, further your career

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and that means having a good education, doing well."

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But as far as being an astronaut, I think it's important that they choose something that they

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like and they're interested in because if, if

they like it and they're interested in, they're,

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they're generally going to do better
in it and, you know, NASA looks at,

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looks at people that have done well in their
career, but also because we spend, you know, as,

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as adults a lot of time at work and I think
it's more important that you do something

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that you like, rather than do, doing
something just for the sake of, you know,

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you think it might lead to
this other opportunity.

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It's not a whole lot of astronauts out there.

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There are a lot of people that are qualified
but, you know, the only way you would ever,

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you know, have a chance of, of, of, you
know, getting this job is if you, if you try

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and put yourself in the best
position that you can.

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And finally, when you look back as growing up
as twins, your education, your military service,

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your respective careers with NASA, and
your contributions to the space program,

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what's going to be the most significant
moment for you, if you can pick one out, the,

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that one nugget that you'll
cherish for the rest of your life?

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Mark - Well, I think for me,
I was the Commander of STS-124

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which installed the Japanese laboratory on the
space station which was a significant piece

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of the Japanese space program, to get the
opportunity to, to do that, work with Japan,

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have a Japanese crew member on board,
have a great crew, successfully accomplish

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that mission is certainly, is the highlight
now and I hope STS-134 goes as well

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and we successfully get AMS and our other
payloads installed and transferred, but,

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you know, having the opportunity to command the
space shuttle two times will, is certainly going

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to be the highlight of my career.

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Scott - My goals for Expedition 26 is that, you know, primarily we don't hurt any-, hurt anyone

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and we don't break anything and we complete all the mission, primary mission objectives,

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and if I can do those three things, you know, I'll be satisfied and, and that, you know,

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to me'll be the, you know, the highlight of my, my career as an astronaut to date.

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Scott Kelly, Mark Kelly, twin brothers, Commanders, thank you very much.