

A portrait of Milt Heflin, an older man with white hair, wearing a light-colored polo shirt. He is standing in a large, brightly lit exhibition hall with various displays and people in the background. A stylized American flag graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Milt Heflin
Associate Director (Technical), JSC

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00:00:01,976 --> 00:00:06,876
>>Hello to everybody who in Houston
has supported the space shuttle program

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for 30 years.

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This has been an incredible accomplishment
and there will be more spacecraft to come.

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I hope you'll be there to work on them.

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00:00:16,496 --> 00:00:18,226
>>Hey guys, thanks for doing a great job.

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It's been 30 years of shuttle.

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Let's keep it up for whatever the
future brings for us and do the job

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that we all know you're capable of doing.

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00:00:25,006 --> 00:00:26,056
Good luck and thanks for coming.

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>>[background noise] I'd like to offer
my personal congratulations and thanks

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00:00:29,476 --> 00:00:36,116
to the space shuttle team, in particular my
friends at United Space Alliance and at NASA

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for wonderful things that you have done
to make this the most remarkable system

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that has ever flown in space
and to do it as well as you did.

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Thank you.

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00:00:45,276 --> 00:00:46,516
>>Just want to say hi to everyone.

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00:00:46,516 --> 00:00:50,916
I hope everyone is having a great time and hope
you had a chance to come through building 9

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00:00:50,916 --> 00:00:52,546
and see our wonderful shuttle mock ups.

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00:00:52,946 --> 00:00:58,376
I'm so privileged to have been a part of the
space shuttle program for 20 years now both

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00:00:58,746 --> 00:01:02,866
through space station and moments
in space shuttle like STS49

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and watching the space shuttle
launches and now working here

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with these fabulous mock ups in building 9.

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So have fun and celebrate all of these
wonderful successes from the last 30 years.

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>>Hello Houston, Dave King here.

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I just wanted to tell you guy's congratulations on a number of years of great work.

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It was an honor and a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to some great days ahead

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and I'm hopeful that we can turn what was a great program, we can stand on the shoulders

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of a great program, and do some wonderful things in the future.

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Thanks.

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>>So I think the country knows and sees what a great program shuttle was but I think all

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of us know the work that this workforce has done on a day to day basis to make that happen.

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We understand and appreciate more than anyone.

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And I want to thank everybody for all the great work that they've done.

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>>Let's remember the past and our beautiful

vehicle, the space shuttle, but embrace

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and run towards the future outside lowers orbit.

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>>To my NASA family, I really thank all
of you for your time, energy and effort,

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00:02:08,736 --> 00:02:14,496
the long hours you've put in to help us be
a successful program for STS and any mission

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that you've worked that has some relation to
the goal of furthering our knowledge of space

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00:02:20,206 --> 00:02:22,926
and science, thank you, thank you, thank you.

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00:02:23,336 --> 00:02:29,906
>>To all of the NASA folks who have made the
shuttle possible and are gonna continue our work

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00:02:29,906 --> 00:02:34,616
in space and to all of the public who
are enthusiasts and have come here

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to share this moment, we can
look back on the past with pride

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00:02:39,356 --> 00:02:41,366
but let's look ahead to the future with hope.

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00:02:41,956 --> 00:02:42,706
Thank you all.

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Good luck and God bless.

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>>Hi, it's Arie [phonetic]
from Johnson Space Center.

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Good to see everybody.

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I hope you're having a great time and you know
don't be too melancholy just cause the shuttle

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is going away.

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We've got a lot of stuff going on in the
future that's gonna really be important work

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for everybody so enjoy, glad y'all are here.

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>>It's been a privilege to be the neighbor
of so many fine people in Houston who sent me

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into space and trained me to go there and
then sent me back to earth with my family.

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I can't say enough about the teamwork, the
pride in being Americans, achieving something

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that no one has ever done before.

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So it's been a great adventure and let's go on together to do even greater things.

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>>To all of you, I know you have been very proud of what this country has done in space

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and I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for the support

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because I know the support is there.

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The men and women that I've worked with all these years can feel that support

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and we want you to continue to support us as we try to go forward.

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Thank you very much.

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00:03:45,906 --> 00:03:53,036
>>Thank you to all the, from everybody that I worked with from engineering to SMA, to MOD,

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00:03:53,036 --> 00:03:56,896
to all the contractors, USA Boeing, it was just great working with you.

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00:03:56,896 --> 00:03:58,536
It was always a pleasure to work with you every day.

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>>Well first of all I'd like to say thank you to all the people of the United States

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for supporting the space shuttle program.

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We couldn't have done it without you but in particular I'd like to extend my thanks for all

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of the support for making it absolutely possible for myself and my colleagues

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to have the privilege of representing you and flying in space

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and doing the work that we've done.

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>>I think I've taken several opportunities to say thank you to the NASA workforce.

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It's the best team I ever worked with by far and I miss y'all a lot.

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Take care.

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>>All of you that have supported the space shuttle program and NASA over these decades

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of the space shuttles history, I sincerely thank you.

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The four opportunities I had to fly the vehicle changed my life so I am forever indebted

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for those of you that supported that.

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>>Hey to all those people out at JSC.

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Big shout out to you guys for being part of the shuttle program.

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And now for the new endeavors, God speed.

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>>Congratulations to everyone who has worked on the shuttle program.

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It's been a great program.

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It's had its ups and downs over the years but it's just been tremendous in its achievements.

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It's sad to see it end.

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It's kind of a bittersweet moment, I know, for all of us but I have high hopes

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that we'll be doing even better things in the future.

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>>I want to compliment and thank everybody who is part of this shuttle program

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and all the successes that we enjoyed.

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Those of us that were a participant in it, do and should look back with great pride

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as to what was accomplished and that should be the legacy of the program.

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The hardware is impressive and all the numbers that go in history books are impressive

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but we need to remember that what made all this possible is the work from a dedicated team

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of professionals who faced all the challenges, got through them

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and made possible what we're all proud of.

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>>I am so glad to have worked with you all in the space shuttle program

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and I'm looking forward to working with some of you in the future of NASA.

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>>I thank every one of you that has made this part of the dream possible

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and that is inspiring the people that
are just starting into our workforce