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>> Hi, everybody.

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I'm Steven Curtis Chapman.

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I love Houston, and this is my first time
actually to get to visit Johnson Space Center.

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Amazing place here, amazing work that you have
done for 30 years and beyond, I'm sure, and yet,

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new beginnings, you know, new journeys
that you have ahead of you for all of you.

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And so I want to celebrate that with you.

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Thanks for giving me this
opportunity to say, job well done,

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and the best is yet to come, God bless you.

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>> We give the Space Shuttle this
vehicle, this anthropomorphic appearance.

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It's almost like human-like characteristics.

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But we have often forgotten over the years
that that vehicle out there would not fly,

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could not fly if it wasn't for all of the
spectacular people all over the United States

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00:00:52,796 --> 00:00:57,276
that have contributed and made the Space
Shuttle and the Shuttle Program what it is, so,

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believe me, my hat is off to all of you for the
incredible job that you've done all these years.

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00:01:04,826 --> 00:01:11,306
>> To everyone who works at NASA now, who's
ever worked at NASA, and has made this possible,

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00:01:11,486 --> 00:01:16,106
just know that you're an inspiration
to not only Americans, not only kids,

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but people of all ages all over the
Earth, and off of the Earth, as well.

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Thank you for everything
you've done, all your hard work

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and all the years you've
spent learning how to do it.

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It's a real thrill to be a part of NASA
in any way, and I'm truly grateful.

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>> I'm Jordan Lyles.

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>> I'm Clint Barmes, and from everyone
at the Houston Astros, thank you,

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NASA for all the years of service.

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>> And best of luck with future endeavors.

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>> I'm David Burke, president
of Houston Aeros Hockey team.

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The Space Shuttle Program's role in achieving
great things in space has given Americans

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and all human beings immeasurable
rewards on earth.

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Many of the advances we now take for granted
have their roots in the Shuttle Program.

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The name, Houston Aeros,
pays tribute to the courage

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and adventure that is so much a part of NASA.

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On behalf of the entire organization,
we'd like to thank you for your service

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in helping America achieve
dominance in space exploration.

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>> Hello to all our friends at
NASA's Johnson's Space Center.

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This is Daryl Morey, general
manager of the Houston Rockets.

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On behalf of everyone here at the
Rockets and around the city of Houston,

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I'd like to thank you all for the perseverance
and dedication you have displayed over the years

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to advance human space flight and the
overall understanding of our planet.

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Your perseverance and hard work have made
a real difference in all of our lives.

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NASA has been an integral part of
our community, and we look forward

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to the next great chapter in your history.

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Enjoy the night.

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>> I'm Eric Winston from the Houston Texans,
and we just want to say a big thank you

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from the Texan family for all you've done.

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Making space a reality for everyone here has
been such an accomplishment, and we look forward

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to still the continued work
you're going to do for all of us,

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00:02:57,556 --> 00:02:59,266
and everyone in the Houston community.

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>> And to all the employees of NASA, I am
privileged to be amongst you and humbled

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by the work that you do, thank you,
thank you, for your tireless effort.

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00:03:07,146 --> 00:03:07,716
We appreciate it.

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00:03:07,826 --> 00:03:12,856
>> Thanks to the great people of
NASA who make space flight possible.

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Elmo can't wait for the future.

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>> Hello, NASA folks.

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I know there are a lot of
parrotheads amongst you.

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I appreciate you being my fans
and I just want you to know

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that I've been a big fan
of yours for a long time.

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Congratulations, and let's keep going that way.

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>> Greetings to the Johnson Space Center
from the International Space Station.

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I'm Expedition 28 crew member Ron
Garan with my crew mate, Mike Fossum,

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and we'd just like to say hi, and we'd like
to thank you all for your incredible efforts

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to build this amazing orbital research facility.

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Quite frankly, this amazing facility would
not have been constructed if it were not

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for the Space Shuttle, and if it were not for
the hard work and dedication of all of you

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on the ground and all of us in orbit
working together as an amazing team.

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So thank you very much for that.

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And I think that the fruits of our labor are very soon going to be seen.

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The International Space Station is not only a stepping stone for the continued exploration

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of the rest of our solar system, it's not only a shining example of international cooperation,

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but I think that very soon the whole world will know, and history books will prove,

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that this incredible orbiting research facility has made a huge, positive impact on our world.

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>> It's been said that tens of thousands of people worked in

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or supported the Space Shuttle Program in some way.

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I'm quite confident that's an underestimate.

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Hundreds of thousands of people have certainly worked and contributed

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to the Space Shuttle Program over the last 30, but really 35, 40 years when you go back

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through the development time, too.

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It has been a huge, monumental undertaking,
the likes of which the world has never seen.

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The Space Shuttle Program itself has influenced
though, millions and millions of people

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around the globe, challenged and
inspired and given cause for hope,

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given a cause for the young child
to walk out in the backyard and look

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up at the stars at night and dream, what if.

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Is that possible?

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The answer is yes, it is.

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But it takes a huge team working
together, putting everything they've got

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into making it happen, which you have
done, which we have done for decades.

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What an amazing accomplishment, and
what a great, great time this is

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and great celebration of
a program well executed.

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>> Again we want to thank you all
for your efforts and your hard work.

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We have really made an one-of-a-kind
team, an incredible team,

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and we should all feel very proud of
our accomplishments and our efforts,