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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,000
Music.

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00:00:05,860 --> 00:00:06,643
Like a Broadway star ready for the final performance, space shuttle Discovery took center stage

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00:00:11,410 --> 00:00:11,693
as it emerged through the Vehicle Assembly Building's towering door.

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00:00:15,660 --> 00:00:22,726
The shuttle began its 3.4-mile journey to Launch Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center just after sunset,

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00:00:22,810 --> 00:00:29,076
departing the mammoth building shortly before 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight time on September 20.

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00:00:29,900 --> 00:00:30,646
As it moved down the crawlerway, Discovery was illuminated by

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00:00:33,220 --> 00:00:36,820
bright xenon lights during the first part of its trek.

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00:00:37,250 --> 00:00:38,426
The spacecraft -- NASA's longest-serving shuttle in the fleet --

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00:00:40,340 --> 00:00:46,006
will make its final flight on the STS-133 mission to the International Space Station.

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00:00:46,180 --> 00:00:47,260
Gathering to witness one of the final space shuttle rollouts and share the moment of

11
00:00:50,700 --> 00:00:50,946
space history were several astronauts, as well as Kennedy employees along with their families and friends.

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00:00:57,520 --> 00:00:58,686
Stacked with its solid rocket boosters and external fuel tank on the mobile launcher platform,

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00:01:02,620 --> 00:01:03,083

the shuttle's slow roll atop a crawler-transporter took about six and a half hours,

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00:01:07,690 --> 00:01:11,023

reaching the seaside launch pad just before 2 a.m.

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00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:12,173

On this final flight, Discovery will carry the Permanent Multipurpose Module,

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00:01:16,620 --> 00:01:21,220

Robonaut 2, and various supplies and equipment bound for the station.

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00:01:22,190 --> 00:01:22,870

A crew of six astronauts will conduct the
11-day mission, which is targeted for launch
in early November.