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00:00:02,490 --> 00:00:04,870

NARRATOR: Technicians bid good night to space shuttle Endeavour as it was turned

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00:00:04,870 --> 00:00:10,230

off for the last time May 11 inside one of the hangars that had prepped the spacecraft

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00:00:10,230 --> 00:00:12,220

for missions into orbit.

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00:00:12,220 --> 00:00:14,420

Walter "Buddy" Mckenzie, United Space Alliance: I'd like to dedicate this power down to

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00:00:14,420 --> 00:00:20,570

those who are not so fortunate to be here today,

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00:00:20,570 --> 00:00:23,670

to those who gave their blood,

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00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:25,830

sweat and heart to the program.

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00:00:25,830 --> 00:00:28,580

NARRATOR: Endeavour launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center,

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00:00:28,580 --> 00:00:31,930

where the power down took place, 25 times.

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00:00:31,930 --> 00:00:36,640

The first came 20 years ago nearly to the day when Endeavour took off on its maiden

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00:00:36,640 --> 00:00:40,010

flight to capture a stranded satellite.

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00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:44,010

Sitting inside the flight deck and at control consoles outside the spacecraft,

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00:00:44,010 --> 00:00:48,630

workers ran through a power-down checklist with the same precision they applied to

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00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:50,890

launch preparations.

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00:00:50,890 --> 00:00:53,960

A simple command and switch flip darkened the displays on

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00:00:53,960 --> 00:00:58,720

Endeavour's "glass cockpit," though the emotions of the moment were acknowledged.

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00:00:58,720 --> 00:01:03,790

Endeavour, the youngest of the five shuttles built for NASA, was also the last to be

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00:01:03,790 --> 00:01:09,290

closed out for a new career on public display. Discovery and Atlantis were powered

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00:01:09,290 --> 00:01:11,340

down already.

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00:01:11,340 --> 00:01:14,110

The work on Endeavour is far from complete.

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00:01:14,110 --> 00:01:18,980

NASA plans to ship Endeavour to Los Angeles at the end of the summer so it can go on

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00:01:18,980 --> 00:01:22,340

public display at the California Science Center.

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00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:26,520

Technicians still have a number of cables and other wiring to disconnect before

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outfitting Endeavour with an aerodynamic tail cone for its flight to the West Coast