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Mike Curie/NASA Commentator: An estimated 250 people participating in this parade of space shuttle

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Atlantis on its way to the viewing site for the official signing ceremony, where an estimated 8,000

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people are gathered to watch the official retirement of space shuttle Atlantis the sign-over of the space

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shuttle to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for permanent public display.

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Robert Cabana/Kennedy Space Center Director: Thanks to all of you for coming here today to be a part

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of this. I first saw the wings of the space shuttle Atlantis on the floor of Grumman's facility in Bethpage,

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New York on Long Island when I was a young test pilot in the early 80s.

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In 1985, when Bo and his crew were flying Atlantis, I watched closely as a new astronaut candidate,

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seeing what the future might hold for me. In July last year, I watched with great pride alongside our

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Administrator Charlie Bolden as Fergie and his crew brought Atlantis home for the very last time.

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It's something that we can all be extremely proud of.

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Today marks the end of a phenomenal 30-year program for the space shuttle.

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So from me to all of you, my heartfelt thanks for your dedication, your drive, your hard work

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and NASA the great place that it is to work as we charge off into the future.

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Thank you.

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Applause

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Charles Bolden/NASA Administrator: This magnificent ship behind me is a tangible representation of a

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great nation, our hopes and dreams. We couldn't be where we are, poised for tomorrow's progress,

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without the space shuttle. It's now NASA's honor to permanently house this magnificent spacecraft right

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here, where she rose to the skies 33 times, carrying 156 men and women.

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She's truly a testament to American ingenuity, to the dedication and passion of this workforce,

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and of our nation, to reach higher than ever and do what has not been done before.

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The Space Shuttle Program has been a proud achievement for our nation. Godspeed, Atlantis,

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on your next mission of inspiration and motivation.

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And now I'd like to ask Bob Cabana, Bo, Chris, Bill, and Cheryl to join me up here on the stage

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while we do what we came up here to do.