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Music

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Narrator: Like a special gift being unwrapped, construction crews began removing 16,000 square feet of plastic

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shrink-wrap from the space shuttle Atlantis.

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Work continues for the famed spacecraft's new \$100 million home at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Comple

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Atlantis has been enclosed in the plastic since November of last year to protect the priceless

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artifact from dust and debris during construction of the facility where it will be displayed.

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Over the course of its 26-year career, Atlantis traveled 125 million miles, and spent 307 days in space

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over 33 missions. Its last flight, STS-135, to the International Space Station,

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took place from July 8th to July 21st, 2011.

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All 3 engines up and burning, 2, 1, 0 and liftoff, the final liftoff of Atlantis, on the shoulders of the space shuttle,

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Following months of preparation, Atlantis made the journey to its new home on Nov. 2, 2012,

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traveling 10 miles from Kennedy's Vehicle Assembly Building to the exhibit facility that will showcase the shuttle

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In mid-November, Atlantis was raised 30 feet off the ground and rotated 43 degrees to be displayed

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as if it were in space. Additional displays in the facility will tell the 30-year story of the

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entire Space Shuttle Program, including a focus on the contributions of thousands of people working behind the

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Exhibits will showcase the shuttle's key role in the launch and servicing of the

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Hubble Space Telescope, as well as construction of the International Space Station.