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00:02:30,140 --> 00:00:21,200
(ambient sound)

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00:02:30,280 --> 00:02:33,295
By the end of this year, it's our goal

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00:02:33,295 --> 00:02:34,865
to have crews flying

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00:02:34,865 --> 00:02:37,685
to the International Space Station, on

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00:02:37,685 --> 00:02:41,115
U.S. rockets, launched from U.S. soil

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00:02:45,635 --> 00:02:48,285
My wife of 49 years, Jeanne,

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00:02:48,895 --> 00:02:51,395
has supported and encouraged

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00:02:51,395 --> 00:02:54,345
me in everything we have done over the years

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00:02:55,005 --> 00:02:57,405
and kept the family on a steady course.

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00:02:58,075 --> 00:03:00,465
Through both smooth and hard times of

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00:03:00,465 --> 00:03:01,640
our family journey.

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00:03:06,480 --> 00:03:08,120
I quickly realized

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00:03:08,120 --> 00:03:11,580

how complex the process toward mission ready

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00:03:12,020 --> 00:03:15,520

was and how important each member of the NASA team

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00:03:15,960 --> 00:03:18,320

was to the goal of safe flight

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00:03:18,325 --> 00:03:20,060

and assured readiness.

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00:03:24,545 --> 00:03:26,775

I've been very fortunate and blessed

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00:03:27,245 --> 00:03:30,205

to have been given the opportunity to fly in space,

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00:03:30,345 --> 00:03:33,435

to have been given my wife and wonderful family,

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00:03:33,785 --> 00:03:36,335

and to live in this great country.

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00:03:38,025 --> 00:03:41,005

Our space programs are a large part

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00:03:41,125 --> 00:03:42,785

of the technical engine

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00:03:42,825 --> 00:03:44,675

that drives our nation.

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00:03:45,725 --> 00:03:48,905

We have built on the work and sacrifices

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00:03:49,215 --> 00:03:50,735

of those men and women

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00:03:50,735 --> 00:03:53,395

who executed the programs before us.

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00:03:54,885 --> 00:03:57,625

Those who come after we are gone

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00:03:57,625 --> 00:03:59,465

will build on what we have done.

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00:04:04,295 --> 00:04:07,085

And I just am thinking about when I was a kid,

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00:04:07,085 --> 00:04:09,535

a little kid in a little town of Missouri,

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00:04:09,535 --> 00:04:12,465

I think Jim and I both talked about being from real small towns. He was

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00:04:12,465 --> 00:04:14,775

from a 1,200-person town. Mine was

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00:04:14,775 --> 00:04:17,715

1,100 people in the Midwest.

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00:04:17,825 --> 00:04:20,425

So, how did we get here?

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00:04:27,295 --> 00:04:30,275

It's not easy to watch your spouse, or your

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00:04:30,275 --> 00:04:33,385

parent, or your sister, to blast off the Earth

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00:04:33,385 --> 00:04:36,415

on a rocket in a trail of smoke and fire.

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00:04:36,715 --> 00:04:39,375

We, the lucky few here,

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00:04:39,375 --> 00:04:41,315

got to be on the fun side of the things.

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00:04:41,615 --> 00:04:43,995

We got the shaking and the rolling, and

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00:04:43,995 --> 00:04:47,065

we were rewarded with a magnificent view of the

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00:04:47,065 --> 00:04:48,725

planet once we reached orbit.

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00:04:52,875 --> 00:04:55,945

We are all, all of us here today,

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00:04:55,945 --> 00:04:59,245

so lucky to be a part of this amazing endeavor.

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00:04:59,335 --> 00:05:02,435

This special society of space

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00:05:02,435 --> 00:05:04,535

travelers. This special group

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00:05:04,535 --> 00:05:06,095

of family and friends.

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00:05:06,595 --> 00:05:09,315

I treasure all of you, and I am

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00:05:09,315 --> 00:05:12,375

so very honored that you are here today, sharing