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00:00:12,359 --> 00:00:09,990
ten years after beginning her astronaut

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00:00:15,240 --> 00:00:12,369
training Stephanie Wilson made her first

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00:00:18,840 --> 00:00:15,250
trip into space in 2006 on space shuttle

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00:00:21,000 --> 00:00:18,850
discovery during sts-121 Wilson

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00:00:23,040 --> 00:00:21,010
supported robotic arm operations for

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00:00:24,810 --> 00:00:23,050
vehicle inspection multi-purpose

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00:00:27,240 --> 00:00:24,820
Logistics Module installation and

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00:00:29,730 --> 00:00:27,250
spacewalks and was responsible for the

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00:00:31,260 --> 00:00:29,740
transfer of more than 15,000 pounds of

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00:00:33,900 --> 00:00:31,270
supplies and equipment to the

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00:00:35,279 --> 00:00:33,910
International Space Station her next

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00:00:38,430 --> 00:00:35,289
shuttle flight was also a board

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00:00:41,910 --> 00:00:38,440

discovery on sts-120 carrying the node

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00:00:43,439 --> 00:00:41,920
to Harmony to the ISS this element made

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00:00:45,419 --> 00:00:43,449
it possible for international

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00:00:48,270 --> 00:00:45,429
laboratories to later be added to the

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00:00:49,759 --> 00:00:48,280
orbiting complex born in Boston and

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00:00:52,319 --> 00:00:49,769
raised in Pittsfield Massachusetts

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00:00:54,450 --> 00:00:52,329
Wilson believes her successful twenty

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00:00:56,219 --> 00:00:54,460
plus year career in aerospace could not

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00:00:58,919 --> 00:00:56,229
have been possible without the help of

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00:01:00,449 --> 00:00:58,929
family friends and educators back home

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00:01:03,239 --> 00:01:00,459
my parents were always very supportive

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00:01:06,270 --> 00:01:03,249
my teachers were also supportive and so

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00:01:08,789 --> 00:01:06,280
I was always encouraged to pursue my

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00:01:10,590 --> 00:01:08,799

dreams I was not limited or in any way

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00:01:13,080 --> 00:01:10,600

told that there was something that I

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00:01:15,500 --> 00:01:13,090

couldn't achieve and so that was a very

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00:01:19,740 --> 00:01:15,510

fundamental part of my development

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00:01:21,720 --> 00:01:19,750

Wilson is now gearing up for sts-131 her

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00:01:24,300 --> 00:01:21,730

third flight to the station on discovery

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00:01:26,760 --> 00:01:24,310

the Harvard grad says the inherent risk

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00:01:29,370 --> 00:01:26,770

of spaceflight is worth the return for

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00:01:31,650 --> 00:01:29,380

those of us here on earth I believe that

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:31,660

humans have always had a thirst for

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00:01:37,890 --> 00:01:33,280

knowledge and a quest for the unknown

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:37,900

and our space exploration brings great

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00:01:42,720 --> 00:01:40,000

improvements to our life here on earth

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00:01:44,580 --> 00:01:42,730

and so we have great improvements in our

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00:01:46,380 --> 00:01:44,590

technology or everyday lives are very

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00:01:48,899 --> 00:01:46,390

different because of the work that's

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00:01:50,970 --> 00:01:48,909

done by the space program and because of

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00:01:53,130 --> 00:01:50,980

the technologies and the developments

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00:01:54,630 --> 00:01:53,140

that we learn and so I believe that it's