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00:00:05,999 --> 00:00:03,300
as we celebrate the 45th anniversary of

2
00:00:08,279 --> 00:00:06,009
the Apollo 11 landing on the moon I want

3
00:00:10,709 --> 00:00:08,289
to recognize the inspiration that Neil

4
00:00:13,470 --> 00:00:10,719
Armstrong Buzz Aldrin and Michael

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00:00:15,449 --> 00:00:13,480
Collins all provided our country it

6
00:00:17,310 --> 00:00:15,459
continues to fuel a spark of innovation

7
00:00:19,560 --> 00:00:17,320
that's going to take us to new

8
00:00:24,510 --> 00:00:19,570
destinations and to new breakthroughs

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00:00:27,000 --> 00:00:24,520
and exploration on that historic night

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00:00:28,800 --> 00:00:27,010
my wife Jackie and I along with several

11
00:00:31,350 --> 00:00:28,810
of my Naval Air Training Command flight

12
00:00:33,509 --> 00:00:31,360
school classmates had rushed back from a

13
00:00:35,220 --> 00:00:33,519

weekend of revelry in New Orleans to

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,230

return to the Naval Air Station Meridian

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00:00:39,689 --> 00:00:36,960

Mississippi Bachelor officers quarters

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00:00:42,090 --> 00:00:39,699

so we could witness the historic first

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00:00:45,270 --> 00:00:42,100

steps on an old black-and-white TV I

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00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:45,280

know I've never forgotten that moment

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00:00:49,110 --> 00:00:47,440

and it was always in my mind as I

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00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:49,120

pursued my career as a Marine Corps

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00:00:53,729 --> 00:00:51,760

pilot never dreaming that one day I

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00:00:55,680 --> 00:00:53,739

would become an astronaut and have an

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00:00:58,619 --> 00:00:55,690

opportunity to literally follow in the

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00:01:01,110 --> 00:00:58,629

footsteps of Neil Buzz and Mike that

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00:01:03,509 --> 00:01:01,120

drive to reach higher is alive and well

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00:01:05,550 --> 00:01:03,519

in today's astronauts who will travel

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00:01:07,260 --> 00:01:05,560

aboard american-made commercial vehicles

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00:01:10,020 --> 00:01:07,270

to the International Space Station and

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00:01:13,140 --> 00:01:10,030

aboard Orion on our very challenging

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00:01:15,690 --> 00:01:13,150

path to Mars in this year after Neil's

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00:01:17,730 --> 00:01:15,700

passing knowing that he's looking down

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00:01:20,670 --> 00:01:17,740

on us as we strive to measure up to what

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00:01:23,400 --> 00:01:20,680

he would have expected of us as a nation

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00:01:27,000 --> 00:01:23,410

I feel very special obligation to say

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00:01:29,610 --> 00:01:27,010

thank you Neil Buzz and Mike we're

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00:01:31,920 --> 00:01:29,620

standing on your shoulders building on

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00:01:34,290 --> 00:01:31,930

your historic achievements and getting