



**HONORING
JOHN GLENN**

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You have firing signal. Friendship 7 awaits its\h
pilot Minus 30 seconds and counting And the pilot\h\h

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has waited three years for this day. Three long\h
arduous years of study, of training, of waiting,\h\h

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and now he's ready. His name is\h
John Glenn, major John Glenn.\h\h

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Space pioneer John Glenn. Godspeed, John Glenn.

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Five four three two one zero. Roger. The clock is\h
operating. We're underway, hear loud and clear.

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Well, first orbit around, you're just sort of\h
oohing and aahing at everything that you're\h\h

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up there, and you're going\h
about five miles a second.\h\h

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So it doesn't take very long to get across\h
the Atlantic and across Africa, and then\h\h

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it was when they started to get into the\h
terminator of the light, and going on the\h\h

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night side. And you see the Moon at night and\h
it was just a great experience all the way.\h\h

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It was good from another way\h
too, not only that we had\h\h

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made some advances and we were proud of\h
that, but people really got a - it was\h\h

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the patriotic feeling and the flags, and the\h
kids and and things like that. It was a very\h\h

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moving - it was a very, very moving experience.\h
And seeing just thousands hundreds of thousands\h\h

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of flags and kids and everybody excited\h
about the country, and that was very moving.

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i don't have anything that\h
matches being part of a team\h\h

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that's devoted to its purpose, and you're\h
there with a group of people all trained\h\h

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and all working toward that same end.\h
There's nothing beats that kind of a feeling.\h\h

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You have, a certain mission, it's important for\h
the country and you're working with a team that's\h\h

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devoted to one end. And everybody in that, from\h
the secretaries to the guys driving the delivery\h\h

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trucks, are devoted to one end and that's what
you're working toward every day. That's a feeling,

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it's that you just can't duplicate any other
way than being part of that team. You don't

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have to necessarily be the one that's out on the
pointy end of that booster going up there either.

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John Glenn was an extraordinary man. He
was a distinguished test and fighter pilot,

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an astronaut, a senator, and a husband and
father. And he never gave up, even showing

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the younger guys how to fly when he was 77 years
old. As the first American to orbit the Earth,

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Glenn exemplified the American character
that we are explorers, we are adventurers.

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That's part of our character. As Americans,
used to be in our history we had a westward

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frontier. Glenn helped define the
new frontier upward, and he inspired

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an entire generation of dreamers to dare to land
among the stars. So as we think about the immense

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challenges ahead - climate change, U.S leadership\h
in aerospace, getting along with each other, and\h\h

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inspiring an Artemis generation of engineers, and\h
scientists, and mathematicians, and technicians,\h\h

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let's find strength and inspiration in the words\h
of the late senator John Glenn, and I quote,\h\h