

**REMARKS OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR GARVER
ARRIVAL OF SPACE SHUTTLE ENTERPRISE IN NEW YORK CITY
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Hello, New York. It's absolutely wonderful to be here as we give you the Space Shuttle Enterprise.

It's a privilege to be here with all of you from Intrepid who made this happen. Those of you in elected leadership positions from New York City. The amazing pilots from the shuttle carrier aircraft, and of course the pilot from the Enterprise, Joe Engle.

While New York is getting a space shuttle today, I must admit this is bittersweet for NASA. We're saying goodbye a bit. The shuttle has given us such an amazing program over her 30 year history. Launching satellites and spacecraft that peer out into the universe like the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as launching spacecraft that look right back here at planet Earth and help us understand our own planet. We have built the International Space Station with the last 30 flights of the shuttle. It is orbiting in low Earth orbit right now with three astronauts and cosmonauts aboard. And all of this history could not have been possible without the space shuttle Enterprise.

As we stand on the shoulders of this 30 year history, you need only look at this vehicle to recognize the men and women who brought you the space shuttle are not going to rest. We are, across this country as I speak, building space vehicles with names like Orion and Dragon and Dream Chaser, to take us not only to and from the space station, but beyond low Earth orbit to an asteroid and Mars. The space program is alive and well because of the space shuttle Enterprise and what she has brought to this nation.

We are so pleased that you will, at the Intrepid, continue to tell not only the story of the past but this rich and full story of the future. We bring her to you so you may live long and prosper with the Enterprise, and we at NASA can look to the future and boldly go where no one has gone before. Thank you, New York, and all the best to you with the space shuttle Enterprise.