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**MICHAEL R. SPENCE OF AEROSPACE CORPORATION RECEIVES
HIGHEST SPACE CONGRESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Spence Honored at 39th Space Congress Banquet

PORT CANAVERAL, Fla., May 13, 2002 – Michael R. Spence, Aerospace Corporation's Eastern Range director, was named the Space Congress Achievement award winner during the 39th Space Congress banquet on April 30.

This award, the highest honor given by Space Congress, is presented annually to a senior-level manager or executive who has made the most significant contribution to the Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center defense or space efforts during the previous year. Nominations are evaluated by the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS), sponsors of Space Congress.

As principal director of the Aerospace Eastern Range directorate, Spence was nominated by his management for outstanding leadership and technical excellence in supporting the missions of the U. S. Air Force, the National Reconnaissance Office and NASA.

This year's 39th Space Congress ended its successful 3-1/2 day session on May 3 under the leadership of General Chair Walt Yager of Lockheed Martin and Elinor Thaxton, 2002 CCTS Chair.

For a photo of Michael R. Spence, log on to
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