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Keynote Speaker the Honorable Sean O’Keefe Will Share Perspectives on Future Space Initiatives at 40th Space Congress

Annual event set for April 28 – May 2 at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral

CAPE CANAVERAL, FL -- The Executive committee of the 40th Space Congress announced today that the honorable Sean O’Keefe, NASA Administrator, will headline the event as Keynote Speaker. Opening the first day of panel and paper sessions, Mr. O’Keefe will mark the 40th anniversary of the Kennedy Space Center and reflect on the accomplishments of the space program for the past 40 years. O’Keefe, appointed by the President as the 10th Administrator of NASA in 2001, leads the NASA team to continue its mission of advancing exploration and discovery in aeronautics and space technologies. The 40th Space Congress is being held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral, April 28 – May 2.

Sharing perspectives about future space initiatives and the importance of space science, O’Keefe will introduce a day filled with panelists comprised of the country’s most respected scientists. While this year’s Space Congress celebrates the rich history of the early space program, it will also look into the expectations for the future.

“We are very fortunate to have Mr. O’Keefe as our Keynote Speaker this year,” said Kevin Hoshstrasser, Chairman of the 40th Space Congress. “By bringing together the leaders of the space industry along with distinguished scientists, researchers and military personnel, all who work day in and day out on this mission of space exploration, we are able to join together and reflect on the benefits of the program for mankind.”

Panel and Paper sessions at the 40th Space Congress will emphasize this year’s theme “Linking the Past to the Future: A Celebration of Space” and will focus on the space program’s scientific achievements, space policy, and the International Space Station.

The event includes exhibits, a student science fair, black-tie Gala, and evening with the Astronauts. All events are open to the public. To register, visit www.spacecongress.org or call 321-452-3068.

About Space Congress

The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS) created Space Congress in 1962 to give space professionals a forum to meet and share their knowledge of technical areas and issues facing the space program. Space Congress is organized in cooperation with NASA, the Department of Defense, industry and academia. CCTS uses Space Congress proceeds to present annual achievement and technical awards, conduct an annual Career Night to expose local students to scientific, engineering and related careers, and to sponsor or support many local educational programs offered by schools and groups in the Space Coast area. For more information visit www.spacecongress.org or call 321-868-1623.