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40th Space Congress to Mark Anniversary with Commemorative Art by Ron Woods *Artist and Shuttle Program Employee creates original art that celebrates human space flight*

CAPE CANAVERAL, -- The 40th Space Congress will mark its anniversary, and the 40th anniversary of Kennedy Space Center, with a commemorative poster created from an original acrylic by artist and shuttle program technician Ron Woods. Entitled “*Every 90 Minutes*,” the 18”x36” poster print reflects that for space travelers, every ninety minutes is a new day of exploration. The print will sell for \$10 and be available at the 40th Space Congress, April 28 – May 2, at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral. Proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies education scholarship program. Prints can be autographed by the artist during the week by the booth of the artist in the Exhibitor Tent.

With this year’s theme, “Linking the Past to the Future – a Celebration of Space,” artist Ron Woods felt that the art should pay homage to all the pioneers of flight, from the Wright Brothers achievements (this year celebrating 100 years) to the Apollo crew members, Skylab, the shuttle crew members, and everyone in between. “To me, linking the past to the future is about keeping the dream alive,” says Woods. “Over the last twenty years, sunsets and sunrises over the earth as pictured from spacecraft have been a consistent subject of my art because I’m inspired by the dream of the space program.” Woods adds that he was honored to contribute to the 40th Space Congress with his artwork. “It’s a milestone year for the space program in a variety of ways. I’m excited about participating.”

The artwork showcases a large sun in the center with a launch image above, representing the continued exploration of the universe and a commitment to the vast number of earth bound explorers to provide access to stars. The stars located at 12, 4 and 8 o’clock positions around the distant Moon are a tribute to the crew members of Apollo 1, Challenger (51L), and Columbia (STS-107). The launch to the lower right and heading towards the Moon illustrates our return to flight, and our commitment to keeping the dream alive.

The 40th Annual Space Congress will host four days of technical paper and panel sessions, exhibits, Youth Science Fair, Evening with the Astronauts and Gala. 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 stimulate interest and promote professionalism in the space program. Space Congress is organized in cooperation with NASA, the Department of Defense, industry and academia. The annual event provides a forum for space professionals to meet and share their knowledge of technical areas and issues facing the space program. 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 information, visit www.spacecongress.org or call 321-452-3068.