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Congressman Roscoe Bartlett Praises President's Bush's NASA Speech

One of Three Scientists in Congress, A Senior Member of the House Science Committee, Its Subcommittee on Space, and former Researcher for Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Missions

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6) today praised President Bush's speech at NASA outlining his vision for the long term mission of America's space program.

"America's space program needs a visionary goal, such as the moon and Mars exploration missions outlined by President Bush to capture the imagination of the American people and to inspire new generations of scientists, engineers and mathematicians," said Congressman Bartlett, who has Ph.D. in human physiology and holds 20 patents. "We must increase the number of America's best and brightest studying and entering technical fields in order for the United States to maintain America's technological superiority, ensure our national security and military superiority and to promote economic prosperity in the 21st Century."

Congressman Bartlett is serving his sixth term and is an 11-year veteran of the House Science Committee and the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics. Dr. Bartlett earned both a Masters and Doctorate in human physiology from the University of Maryland. As Director of its Space Life Sciences Division at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (APL) between 1962 and 1967, he supervised a team of 30 scientists and engineers on projects for NASA's Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions to land a man on the moon.