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TABER® INDUSTRIES TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

PRESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 1:00 PM

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SPEAKING

Loren Shriver, three-time Shuttle Astronaut and VP Engineering/Chief Technology Officer of United Space Alliance (USA), along with other representatives of USA.

North Tonawanda, NY – On Wednesday, July 1, 2009, Taber® Industries will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the United Space Alliance (USA). A press conference will be held at 1:00 pm to mark this occasion. Other representatives from USA will also speak and make presentations.

Taber Industries is being recognized for its outstanding performance in support of NASA's Space Shuttle Program. Taber supplies high-accuracy pressure transducers to USA for monitoring critical functions prior to and during the shuttle launch. A pressure transducer is an electromechanical device that uses precision mechanics and electronics to measure and transmit pressure readings via an electrical signal. Taber transducers are mission critical to the success of the Space Shuttle program.

Established in 1996, the United Space Alliance is a limited liability company equally owned by the Boeing Company and Lockheed Martin Corporation, and is the primary contractor for NASA's Space Shuttle Program, responsible for the daily operation and management of the Space Shuttle fleet.

Since 1955, Taber® Industries has been manufacturing pressure transducers, using the robust and time-tested bonded foil strain gauge technology. With a focus on critical pressure measurement applications, Taber was involved with the original Apollo spacecraft launch in 1965. Since then, the company has been involved with numerous life support applications, and supplies hardware for use on many launch, space, aviation, and military vehicles. More recently, Taber supplied transducers used on both Mars





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Rover spacecraft, and on NASA's X-43A Hypersonic Jet that flew at a record speed of Mach 10 (in excess of 7,400 mph).

Loren J. Shriver (Colonel USAF, Ret.) has logged more than 386 hours in space, and was on the following Space Shuttle missions:

- Shuttle Pilot for STS-51-C (Discovery), January 24, 1985, 49 orbits. This mission sustained Viton o-ring blow-by damage similar to that which destroyed STS-51-L (Challenger) one year later.
- Commander of STS-31 (Discovery), April 24, 1990, 80 orbits. This mission launched the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit (with Taber pressure transducers on board).
- Commander of STS-46 (Atlantis), August 8, 1992, 127 orbits. Overcame many difficulties, to launch one satellite (EURECA, NASA/Italy), but had to return with another (TSS) that did not launch properly. Successfully executed several secondary payload experiments.

For more information on Loren Shriver, visit:

<http://www11.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/shriver.html>

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