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Akin Statement on Presidential Space Policy Announcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. - House Science Committee Member, Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) today released the following statement on President Bush's on space policy.

"The Gemini and Apollo missions of the sixties and seventies were of incalculable value to our nation, both in terms of tremendous technological advancement and great national pride.

"The nation needs a vision to maintain America's leading role in the inevitable advancement of the manned exploration of space. The spirit of exploration is an inexorable aspect of who we are and I applaud the President's call to revitalize our nation's vision for NASA and the future of human space flight.

"St. Louis is home to some of the nation's premier research and manufacturing concerns, and I look forward to working with them and the Science Committee as this important new initiative is advanced."