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THE CREMATED REMAINS OF JAMES DOOHAN ("SCOTTY" FROM STAR TREK), MERCURY 7 ASTRONAUT L. GORDON COOPER AND 200 OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO AN UP AEROSPACE SPACELOFT XL LAUNCH VEHICLE

Celestis Inc., a subsidiary of Space Services Inc. (Houston, Texas), announced today that the countdown has begun for the next Celestis Memorial Spaceflight –*The Legacy Flight*-- currently scheduled for launch aboard the new *Spaceloft XL* launch vehicle developed by UP Aerospace of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. *The Legacy Flight* will bring those dreams of spaceflight into reality as the capsules containing the cremated remains of the participants from more than 200 participants from more than 10 countries around the world are launched into space, in this inaugural *Earth Rise Service*.

In preparing for this history making launch scheduled for April 28th, from Spaceport America, in New Mexico, an **integration ceremony for the placement of Celestis spacecraft (containing a portion of the cremated remains of over 200 people) onto the launch vehicle will take place on March 30, 2007 at 1 PM MST at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor, Las Cruces, NM 88011, (505) 522-4300.**

"Space remains the domain of the few, the dream of many," said Charles Chafer, CEO of Celestis. **"With Celestis, the dream of spaceflight, and the desire to take part in the opening of the space frontier, can be realized – and is available to everyone. Further, the dramatic breakthrough in the cost to reach space presented by the *Spaceloft XL* launch vehicle has allowed Celestis to offer the lowest-priced memorial spaceflight ever-- *Earth Rise Service*."**

This new launch vehicle is a single stage sub-orbital rocket, capable of carrying 110 pounds into space, 70 miles above the surface of the earth.

"While "Scotty" lived this; Jimmy lived for this. I will be there, to see the launch, knowing that Jimmy is participating in an industry which he loved so very much" said Ms. Wende C. Doohan, wife of the beloved actor who is on board the Celestis Legacy Flight.

"UP Aerospace is honored to have been chosen by Celestis to provide the launch of their new *Earth Rise Service*," said Jerry Larson, President of UP Aerospace, Inc. **"Our long term commitments with Spaceport America and Celestis are essential elements that are enabling huge growth of this new emerging commercialization of space industry."** Larson continued **"The launch of the Celestis spacecraft into space will set another milestone in space travel for New Mexico and establish this mission as perhaps one of the most memorable events ever flown from the Spaceport."**

About Space Services Inc. and Celestis Inc.

The Space Services Inc. (SSI) team made history over 20 years ago with the launch of *Conestoga 1*, the first private rocket to reach outer space, opening the space arena to private enterprise. The founders of SSI and Celestis also pioneered post cremation memorial spaceflights in 1997—*Celestis Memorial Spaceflight Service*-- with the launch into space of a symbolic portion of the cremated remains of Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry and 60's pop icon Timothy Leary and 24 others. Working with NASA, they also placed Dr. Eugene Shoemaker's cremated remains on the lunar surface, symbolically making Dr. Shoemaker the first person to be buried on the Moon. Celestis is offering its space funeral service to people in the US, Japan, Germany, Canada, France, Russia, The Netherlands, Australia, etc. Funeral homes locally and internationally are offering these services to the general public.
