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TARPON SPRINGS NATIVE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NASA AWARD

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. (April 2006) – A Tarpon Springs, Fla., native was recently recognized with NASA's prestigious Astronauts Personal Achievement Award, better known as the Silver Snoopy. The son of Shirley Nolan of Tarpon Springs, Robert Nolan was honored for his contributions as a United Space Alliance aerospace technician in the Orbiter Operations Department at the Kennedy Space Center.

Astronaut Scott Altman presented the award during a recent visit to the Florida spaceport. Known by its identifying character from the Charles Schulz comic strip, the Silver Snoopy Award is presented to those NASA and contractor employees who are nominated by an astronaut or manager for their "professionalism, dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhances flight safety and mission success during the Space Shuttle program."

Nolan is responsible for providing maintenance on all the fluid and pneumatic lines for all Shuttle Orbiter systems. He was honored for his efforts in completing the re-assembly of the Orbiter water coolant loops, a critical part of the Shuttle Endeavour's Orbiter Maintenance and Modification.

United Space Alliance, established in 1995, is a leader in space operations offering extensive experience in space launch and recovery operations; mission planning and control; flight hardware processing; space flight training; on-orbit assembly, payload deployment and servicing; rendezvous/proximity operations and docking; large-scale integration and sustaining engineering. United Space Alliance serves as NASA's prime contractor for the Space Shuttle and provides operations services for the International Space Station. United Space Alliance employs more than 10,000 people in Texas, Florida, and Alabama.

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Caption: The contributions of United Space Alliance Aerospace Technician Robert Nolan (holding certificate) were recently recognized with the Astronauts Personal Achievement Award, the Silver Snoopy. The Tarpon Springs, Fla., native was presented the honor by NASA Astronaut Scott Altman, far left. Also participating were Orbiter Modification Manager Rick Benziger, second from left, and USA's Director of Orbiter Maintenance and Modification, Jeff Moist.

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