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MORAVIA NATIVE HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPACE PROGRAM

HOUSTON, TX (June 30, 2008) – Moravia native and United Space Alliance employee Nathan Shields was recently recognized as a Space Flight Awareness (SFA) honoree for his work in support of NASA's Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs at Johnson Space Center.

An Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University graduate, Shields serves as a software engineer. He was recognized for his outstanding performance and dedication to software maintenance and enhancements in the Shuttle Mission Simulator (SMS) and the Space Station Training Facility (SSTF) both of which are used to train astronauts for missions. He also was the development lead on various critical projects that directly supported crew and flight training. Shields' support of the SMS and SSTF significantly contributes to flight safety and mission success.

As an SFA honoree, Shields traveled to Kennedy Space Center where he received a tour of the complex and viewed the launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on May 31. He was accompanied by his wife, Norma.

"The trip to see the launch was incredible and emotional, and I will never forget it," said Shields. "It was a perfect blue sky to see the greatest show on Earth."

Shields currently resides in League City, Texas.

The SFA Program is a NASA managed motivational program geared at ensuring that every employee involved in human space flight is aware of the importance of their role in promoting astronaut safety and mission success in the critical, challenging task of flying humans in the hostile environment of space by communicating and educating the government and industry workforce about human space flight.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston, USA has 10,000 employees working in Texas, Florida and Alabama. Currently, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA's Space Shuttle, International Space Station and Constellation programs as well as to space operations customers in the commercial and international space industry sectors.

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