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(Montgomery County, MD): Chris Hearsey, Democratic Congressional Candidate for Maryland’s 6th District, congratulates the team at Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) on the successful debut of their Falcon Heavy rocket.

“We are on the verge of a golden age of spaceflight once again,” said Hearsey. **“Today’s successful Falcon Heavy flight is not just an incredible technical milestone, it is concrete evidence that humanity is on the path to become a multi-planetary species. There are hundreds of thousands of new jobs and trillions of dollars worth of precious metals and other resources in the asteroid belt and nearby planets that could grow the economy and lead to new research and innovation to keep America competitive in the global economy.”**

“Civil and commercial space activity continue to produce more benefits for those who live on the ground than those who work in the sky. Maryland is already home to a thriving hub for space technology investment, including NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, Johns Hopkins University’s Advanced Physics Lab (APL), and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) located at Wallops, all funded with Maryland taxpayer dollars. The key to generating hundreds of billions of dollars in new economic activity through space-derived products and services is to send forward thinking leaders to Washington who understand these revolutionary technologies. Our leaders need to ensure America is in a position to capitalize on those benefits for our constituents. Looking up, there is plenty of space in which to grow.”

Hearsey is the first ‘new space’ business executive in the United States to run for Federal office. He holds an M.S. in Space Studies from the University of North

Dakota, and earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi, graduating with honors in air and space law.

Falcon Heavy is the largest rocket since the Saturn V moon rocket and is an important milestone towards the goal of extending human civilization to other worlds.