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## **Commercial Spaceflight Federation Congratulates Incoming NASA Leaders Charles Bolden and Lori Garver**

**Washington, DC – Wednesday, July 15, 2009** – The Commercial Spaceflight Federation, the industry association of leading businesses and organizations working to make commercial human spaceflight a reality, extends a warm welcome to Charles Bolden, the incoming NASA Administrator, and Lori Garver, the incoming NASA Deputy Administrator, who have been unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate.

“Charles Bolden and Lori Garver are held in high regard by the aerospace community, and we congratulate both of them on their unanimous confirmation by the Senate,” said Bretton Alexander, President of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. “The coming months will be critical for the future of America’s space program, and we look forward to working with the new Administrator and Deputy Administrator as they help NASA to reach new heights.”

“Today is an exciting day for the commercial spaceflight industry,” said Mark Sirangelo, Chairman of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. “During their confirmation hearings earlier this month, Charles Bolden and Lori Garver both spoke very positively about the integral role of commercial spaceflight to our nation’s future in space. As we mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Apollo moon landings, the commercial spaceflight industry stands ready to work hand-in-hand with NASA’s new leadership.”

### **About the Commercial Spaceflight Federation**

The mission of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF) is to promote the development of commercial human spaceflight, pursue ever higher levels of safety, and share best practices and expertise throughout the industry. Commercial Spaceflight Federation member organizations include commercial spaceflight developers, operators, and spaceports. The Commercial Spaceflight Federation is governed by a board of directors, composed of the member companies’ CEO-level officers and entrepreneurs. For more information please contact Executive Director John Gedmark at 202.349.1121 or visit [www.commercialspaceflight.org](http://www.commercialspaceflight.org).