



*"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."*

With these words, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set down onto the surface of the moon. Six-and-one-half hours later, as an estimated 600 million people watched on television, the hatch opened and slowly, very carefully, Armstrong climbed out.

It was July 20, 1969. After eight years, \$25 billion and the greatest technological mobilization the world had ever known, President John Kennedy's goal of landing a man on the moon before the decade was out had been fulfilled.

We are gathered this evening at the National Air and Space Museum to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first lunar landing and to pay tribute to the Apollo 11 team: Commander Neil Armstrong, Lunar Module Pilot Buzz Aldrin and Command Module Pilot Michael Collins.

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