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JSC OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND KICKS OFF WITH PARADE AND RALLY

A "JSC Homecoming Parade and Rally" will be held on site July 22, starting at 9:30 a.m. This event is part of the National Spaceweek Celebrations and is sponsored by JSC, KHOU-TV (Channel 11), and the local AIAA chapter, as well as significant support from local contractors and businesses. The main gate will open at 8 a.m. and will be the only access gate to the public and those interested in watching the parade and rally. For further parade and rally information, call Celeste Sychterz-Wilson, NASA/JSC/IC, at 282-1820, who is the event coordinator.

The parade will start at the corner of Avenue B and 2nd Street, wind around site, and disperse at the parking lot near building 47. The highlights will include appearances by 14 former Apollo astronauts (Buzz Aldrin will be Grand Marshall) as well as several area mayors and Congressman Mike Andrews. Several local contractors, community businesses, and JSC organizations will have floats in the event.

The rally will occur in Rocket Park one-half hour after the parade ends. The rally is sponsored by JSC, the AIAA and Channel 11, and will feature a flyby, a soloist, and award presentations for winning parade floats and vehicles. Master of Ceremonies will be Steve Smith of Channel 11, with TV coverage by Channel 11 and radio coverage by four local stations. The rally is expected to last 45 minutes, after which everyone is encouraged to tour the center.

The "Open House Weekend" is highlighted by facilities normally not open to the public, as well as a display of a T-38, and a Lunar Landing Training Vehicle used to train astronauts in the final phase of landing on the moon.