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U.S. Rep. Kind to Attend Early Morning Launch of the Space Shuttle Endeavour

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) will travel with a Congressional Delegation (CODEL) to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida this evening to witness the launch of the Space Shuttle Endeavour, scheduled to occur at 2:28 a.m. EDT Tuesday morning. The shuttle is scheduled to be in orbit for 16 days while it delivers part of Japan's contribution to a multi-national space laboratory being built at the International Space Station.

"We have certainly come a long way since the first shuttle launch, and to many Americans, it may now seem routine," Rep. Kind said. "However, each launch truly is a brand new testament to the scientific and technological advancement of our country, and still poses great risk to the astronauts who lead the missions. I look forward to learning more about the space shuttle program and viewing this spectacular sight in person."

The Members of Congress attending the launch will receive a briefing from NASA on the STS-123 Mission, as well as the space shuttle program. The STS-123 Mission is the 122nd space shuttle flight overall, and the 21st flight for Endeavour. It is the second of six flights planned for 2008.

More information on the STS-123 mission can be found at
http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/main/index.html