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American Security Council Foundation and Space Florida meet with Florida Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll

Space Program Task Force works to re-establish America's prominence as the world leader in
Space Exploration and Human Space Flight

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Members of the American Security Council Foundation and Space Florida met with Florida Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll in Tallahassee this week to discuss the newly formed Space Program Task Force. The Task Force includes the American Security Council Foundation, Space Florida, prominent business leaders and current and former Members of the Florida State Legislature. The Task Force seeks to promote re-establishing and expanding the United States Human Space Flight Program, and restoring the U.S. position as the premier power in Space Exploration and Technology.

The detailed mission of the Task Force is three-fold:

- To advance the American Security Council Foundation's motto of "*Peace through Strength*®" in the area of Space Exploration
- To ensure that the United States of America re-establishes itself as the world leader in Space Exploration and Human Space Flight
- To sustain the extensive research facilities, resources and intellectual leadership throughout the United States with special emphasis on Florida's Kenny Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and also facilities located in Alabama, Texas, California and Virginia to ensure the United States of America remains the Premier World Power in Space Exploration and Space Based Defense.

These efforts are imperative to maintain U.S. economic leadership and to promote American national defense.



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American Security Council Foundation Chairman Brig. General Donald B. Smith (USA Ret.) stated that he was very pleased with the synergy and strong support the Task Force received from Lt. Gov. Carroll. “I am deeply concerned that the greatest nation in history has retired its Space Shuttle Program and currently is depending on other countries to transport American Astronauts to the International Space Station. Unfortunately people like former Congressman Anthony Weiner have framed this issue as a sightseeing venture to Mars that competes with resources that affect the safety and security of our citizens here at home. The truth of the matter is that allowing other world powers to take control of space could result in a serious threat to the Armed Forces Communications, Command and Control and High-Tech Weapons Systems. Our National Defense and Economic Security depend on our dominance in space based technology that directly affects Cyber Security which protects our American way of life.”

President and CEO of the American Security Council Foundation Dr. Henry A. Fischer stated that “the current state of the Space Program is absolutely unacceptable for a great nation like the United States of America. A great deal of our advanced technology in industry, medicine and engineering are a direct result from space related research. Throughout our history the American Security Council Foundation has been a National leader promoting our motto ‘Peace through Strength®’ that has resulted in such successes as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the End of the Cold War. We will continue to promote the concept of ‘Peace through Strength®’ to promote Economic, Diplomatic, Military Strength as well as Moral Leadership throughout the world.”

Mr. Frank DiBello President and CEO of Space Florida also stated that he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting with the Lt. Governor. Mr. DiBello added “It is critical that we garner as many forces as possible to ensure the U.S. maintains a leadership role in the international space marketplace. I truly appreciate the support and partnership of the American Security Council Foundation and their support at the national level on this matter of Economic and National Security.”



Florida Lieutenant Gov. Jennifer Carroll in discussion with ASCF Space Program Task Force Members



Brig. Gen. Donald B. Smith, (USA R.) ASCF Chairman, Lieutenant Gov. Carroll and Dr. Henry A. Fischer, ASCF President & CEO