



The Aerospace States Association

Contact: Ross Garelick Bell

Phone: (703) 402-6384

Email: GarelickBell@Aerostates.org

www.aerostates.org

August 3, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NASA's Todd May Receives Prestigious Aerospace Award

ALEXANDRIA, Va.--Aerospace States Association (ASA) Chair, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch of Wisconsin, presented Todd A. May, Director of NASA George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, with the association's 2018 Thomas R. Hobson Distinguished Aerospace Service Award.

"Mr. May was selected from a field of extremely worthy and impressive finalists based on his significant achievements in raising the aerospace profile in his state and region," Kleefisch said. "During his career, he has contributed to and recognized the fundamental economic role of states, and territories in strengthening America's aerospace prowess."

The Distinguished Aerospace Service Award honors a person that has a body of achievements over many years that reflect exemplary support of state-based aerospace. The award is named in memory of Thomas R. Hobson, who led government and public affairs at Iowa-based Rockwell Collins for more than two decades. Hobson was a tireless advocate for the role of aerospace to be as important at state and local levels as it is nationally and globally. ASA looks for an individual with similar traits for this award each year.

"Mr. May has consistently shown enormous capacity, innovation, and commitment in bringing government, industry, and education stakeholders together to make aerospace in Alabama, the Tennessee Valley, and the nation stronger, more competitive, and innovative," Kleefisch added. "We are proud to honor his legacy of work with this award today."

In his role as director of the Marshall Center, May has been instrumental in championing collaboration with the seven-state Tennessee Valley Corridor communities. His leadership in engaging multiple state and local government, business, academic and other vital partners in advancing their participation in NASA space flight programs has enhanced and expanded economic opportunities and workforce development and stimulated innovative business creation.

May is also an ardent supporter of STEM education, actively engaging middle and high school students in programs that allow students to receive real-world, hands-on STEM experiences. Under his leadership, the Marshall team has expanded STEM engagement opportunities to include annual activities in Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky – additional to the engineering design contests hosted at the center annually that draw students from across the country and around the globe.

Prior to serving as center director, May held numerous leadership positions at NASA, including project manager for the International Space Station, a deputy associate administrator at NASA headquarters, and program manager for the Space Launch System. He has received multiple awards from NASA, academia, and professional associations recognizing his leadership and commitment to the aerospace industry. May is a proud graduate of Auburn University. He is married with four children and resides in Huntsville, Ala.

About ASA: The Aerospace States Association (ASA) is a 501c3 organization of state legislators, state Lieutenant Governors, territorial, and tribal government representatives working to advance aviation and space flight in member states and throughout the nation. It is the only aerospace advocacy organization promoting state-based perspectives in federal aerospace policy development. Visit www.aerostates.org for more information on the Aerospace States Association.

###