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**Frontiers of Flight Museum Welcomes
Local Space Explorer Back to Earth**
*Anousheh Ansari to Enlighten the Public on Her Adventure into Space
at Event this Evening*

DALLAS – Nov. 2, 2006 — The world’s first female space explorer, Anousheh Ansari will give North Texans a private tour of her personal space odyssey at the Frontiers of Flight Museum tonight.

“My trip into space was thrilling. And sharing the journey with the public is even more gratifying,” Ansari said. “My goal wasn’t just to see the stars up close. I wanted to show people all over the world that it is possible to achieve your dreams – no matter how out-of-this-world they may seem. I hope that tonight’s event will inspire Texans – adults and children alike – to dream big.”

The welcome home event, which begins at 7 p.m., will include a multimedia presentation by Ansari, including details about her trip to the International Space Station. After the presentation, guests will have the opportunity to ask questions. The evening will conclude with a cake and coffee reception, including an opportunity for the public to personally meet Ansari.

Tickets to the event cost \$15 per person, and children 17 and under admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased by calling the museum at 214-350-1651. For more information, visit www.flightmuseum.com or www.anoushehansari.com.

“Anousheh has quickly become one of the most talked-about people in the world, and we are honored to welcome her back to North Texas,” said Bruce Bleakley, director of the Frontiers of Flight Museum. “She is a new breed of pioneer, as well as a living and breathing example of the can-do spirit on display in our museum every day.”

On Sept. 18, Ansari blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan with NASA astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin. That day,

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Ansari became the world's first female private space explorer. She was just the fourth private explorer to visit space, and the first astronaut of Iranian descent.

After two days orbiting the Earth, Ansari and her fellow crew members docked with the International Space Station. She spent the next eight days on board as an active member of the crew, participating in experiments and enjoying the weightlessness of space. Ansari wrote a blog at www.spaceblog.xprize.org that invited readers to share her experience. The blog and her personal web site (www.anoushehansari.com) captured international attention, garnering more than 25 million hits and featuring about 500,000 comments from readers around the world.

An active proponent of world-changing technologies, Anousheh Ansari has been immersed in the space industry for years. She teamed up with her brother-in-law Amir Ansari, who also serves as co-founder and chief technical officer of her newest technology venture, Prodea Systems, to provide the title sponsorship for the Ansari X Prize. This \$10 million cash prize was awarded to Burt Rutan in 2004 for the first non-governmental launch of a reusable manned spacecraft into space twice within two weeks.

A living example of the American dream, Anousheh Ansari immigrated to the United States as a teenager who did not speak English. She immersed herself in education, earning a bachelor's degree in electronics and computer engineering from George Mason University, followed by a master's degree in electrical engineering from George Washington University.

Anousheh Ansari parlayed that education into a successful telecommunications company, *telecom technologies, inc.*, where she served as co-founder, chief executive officer and chairman of the board. She grew the company to 250 employees with 100 percent sequential revenue growth year-over-year, while maintaining profitability since inception. Along the way, she earned two key U.S. patents and was awarded both *Working Woman* magazine's Entrepreneurial Excellence Award and the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Southwest Region. In January 2000, the company successfully merged with Sonus Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: SONS).

The Frontiers of Flight Museum is located on the east side of Dallas Love Field Airport and displays a historic collection of more than 25 aircraft and space vehicles, including the actual

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Apollo 7 Command Module, a Vietnam-era Bell UH-1 “Huey” helicopter, the world’s only SR-71 “Blackbird” spy plane simulator, the only moon rock on display in North Texas and thousands of rare aviation artifacts, period photos and memorabilia. The Museum is located at 6911 Lemmon Avenue (at University) in Dallas.

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