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Spaceport Discussion at Camden Roundtable

Woodbine, Ga. (October 7, 2014) – An overflow crowd was on hand this morning at the Camden Roundtable meeting (held at the Laurel Island Links Clubhouse) to hear Dr. Robert Braun, the David and Andrew Lewis Professor of Space Technology at Georgia Tech, speak about the ongoing planning and potential for bringing a spaceport to Camden County.

Dr. Braun, who has worked closely with County Administrator Steve Howard on the spaceport project, spoke about the importance of space technologies in our everyday lives including advanced weather forecasting and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). He said the space industry, which is becoming increasingly conducted by business instead of government, is a several hundred billion dollar business.

Georgia, said Dr. Braun, has many industries with great expertise in aeronautics that could easily use that expertise in expanding into the aerospace business. The local spaceport, which would be located at the end of Harriett's Bluff Road, would help be the turning point in developing the aerospace industry in the state. Dr. Braun also said that the strategic location of the potential spaceport site, the quality of life in Camden County, the limited number of federal space launch ranges, and the fact that the commercial space industry is more diffuse and diverse than government programs bodes well for the success of developing a spaceport locally.



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Mr. Howard, who also addressed the audience and answered questions, said the future of the space industry is bright and Camden County is well poised to fill the need for reliable and sustainable places to launch. He said his role as project lead on developing the project began about fourteen months ago with one of the next major hurdles to cross being the required Environmental Impact Statement process resulting in a favorable decision.



Dr. Robert Braun speaks about the planning and potential for bringing Spaceport to Camden County

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