

# The Institute of Space Commerce Commends Suborbital Flights - Endorses Petition for Astronaut Status For Wally Funk

AUSTIN , TEXAS, USA, July 26, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In line with its mission to inspire a million new minds to join the space conversation, the Institute applauds the success of both the Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin suborbital flights this month. These companies and their teams have energized the space community and have demonstrated the power of commercial values and technological achievements around the world. The Institute especially wishes to recognise the contribution of [Wally Funk](#) who's flight with Blue Origin which was inspiring and empowering for people everywhere, and most especially women.



"Wally" Funk is a pioneering American aviator, as well as one of The Mercury 13 women who successfully passed the same physiological screening tests as the astronauts selected by NASA on April 9, 1959, for Project Mercury. Funk just became the oldest person to go to space on Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft during its suborbital flight on July 20, 2021. Her passion for space flight, education, aviation, and women's empowerment is an inspiration to us all.



The Institute is endorsing the following petition with [change.org](#) to recognize Wally Funk's achievements"

*Michael Potter*

As such, the Institute of Space Commerce is endorsing the following [petition](#) with [change.org](#) to recognize Funk's

achievements:

<http://chnng.it/yZSxdWykqS>

The Institute of Space Commerce also supports the nomination of Wally as a candidate for a Presidential Medal of Freedom. We believe Wally embodies the "Right Stuff".

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