

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today announced that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Driven to Explore tour will be making a stop in Midland Borough for their annual Fourth of July Celebration on July 3-4, 2012 at Lincoln Park, located at Midland Avenue and Tenth Street, Midland, PA 15059.

Attendees will be able to touch a three billion year old rock from the moon -- one of only eight lunar rocks available to the public to touch. The rock is the exhibit's main attraction; it was brought back by Apollo 17 in 1972 during the last manned mission to the moon. There will also be models of rockets on display, along with the opportunity to learn about the accomplishments of the space shuttle and the International Space Station. A Mark III space suite will also be there and samples of Astronaut food will be available. This will be a fun, educational experience for both students and adults.

"It is imperative that we encourage young people to embrace science and technology in order to strengthen the future of our region," Congressman Altmire said. "NASA's Driven to Explore tour is a unique opportunity for the community to experience what NASA and their astronauts do every day while teaching them fundamentals of science, technology, engineering, and math."

WHO: Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) and Midland Borough, Beaver County

WHAT: NASA's Driven to Explore Tour

WHEN: Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday, July 4, 2012, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

WHERE: Lincoln Park, Midland Avenue and Tenth Street, Midland, PA 15059

