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## **Sputnik in the YouTube Age**

### **First African-American woman in space and first American woman to perform a space walk highlight Congressional R&D Caucus Competitiveness Briefing**

**WHO:** \*Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American woman in space  
\* Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D., first American woman to perform a space walk  
\*Adan Vielma, winner, 2007 National Innovation Task Force Video Contest

**WHAT:** Dr. Jemison and Dr. Sullivan will give their unique perspectives on the importance of math and science education and research in the physical sciences and engineering during the “Sputnik in the YouTube Age” Competitiveness Briefing sponsored by the Task Force on the Future of American Innovation ([www.futureofinnovation.org](http://www.futureofinnovation.org)) in conjunction with the Congressional Research & Development Caucus ( [www.researchcaucus.org/](http://www.researchcaucus.org/)).

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 8, 2007, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Room B-339, Rayburn House Building, Capitol Hill

**WHY:** The Soviet launch of Sputnik in 1957 shocked the United States, but it greatly accelerated America’s investment in science and math, leading to the greatest explosion in scientific and technological advancement the world has ever seen. In an era of increased global competition, America faces a new Sputnik moment. We must reignite the spark of Sputnik by reinvesting in science, math and engineering research and education.

**Reporters: If you would like to interview Dr. Jemison and Dr. Sullivan following the event, contact Tawanda W. Johnson, APS physics press secretary, at 202-662-8702.**

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