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Lawmakers Tour Stafford Air and Space Museum

WEATHERFORD – State Rep. Harold Wright took lawmakers last week on a tour of the Stafford Air and Space Museum led by retired Air Force Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford.

“We were honored with a personal tour by Lieutenant General Thomas Stafford, one of only 24 men ever to visit the moon,” Wright, R-Weatherford, said. “I wanted some of my fellow lawmakers to get an idea of the importance of this museum to Western Oklahoma.”

Wright noted that the museum and the regional Thomas P. Stafford Airport are part of Oklahoma’s growing aviation and aerospace industry.

“Lawmakers are looking to aviation and aerospace revenue in the state to contribute to stabilizing our budget down the road,” Wright said. “This important museum helps to encourage an interest in that industry in this part of the state.”

The museum originally held only small memorabilia items and artifacts when it was founded in 1981. Today it includes larger aeronautical and space artifacts purchased from a private collection. In 2009, the museum expanded to 40,000 square feet. It is the premier museum of its type in the American Southwest. Its mission is to promote the spirit of flight and space travel, while encouraging science and math education. The museum is owned by the City of Weatherford.