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**For Immediate Release**

You are invited to a very special event...

## ***Charles M. Duke, Jr., Astronaut***

Apollo 16 Lunar Module Pilot

### ***“To the Moon and Back”***

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

National Science Center's Fort Discovery – Paul S. Simon Discovery Theater  
One 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Augusta, GA

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronaut, Charlie Duke, became the tenth man to walk on the moon. Duke, along with astronaut John Young, performed the Apollo mission with an enthusiasm and humor that captivated their vast television audience.

Led by a desire to serve his country, Duke attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Following graduation, he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, and thus began a life-long love of flying. Over the years as fighter pilot, test pilot, and then encouraged by his commandant Chuck Yeager to become an Apollo astronaut, this love of adventure grew to the pinnacle of achievement when on April 20, 1972, he, along with John Young, landed on the surface of the moon. Their stay on the moon was a record-setting 71 hours and 14 minutes.

Mr. Duke is a gifted storyteller and a great American. Merrill Lynch is excited to offer you the opportunity to attend this complimentary, exclusive event. Due to limited seating, it is important that you RSVP to Terry Watkins at 706.823.4152

Below are a few video links regarding Mr. Duke that may be of interest:

Charlie Duke, Buzz Aldrin, Alan Bean Fox News Interview- 40 Years Later (7/20/09) (4 min 26 sec)  
[http://www.foxnews.com/video/?playerId=videolandingpage&maven\\_playlistId=949437d0db05ed5f5b9954dc049d70b0c12f2749&maven\\_referrer=mrss&maven\\_referralPlaylistId=949437d0db05ed5f5b9954dc049d70b0c12f2749&maven\\_referralObject=7109731](http://www.foxnews.com/video/?playerId=videolandingpage&maven_playlistId=949437d0db05ed5f5b9954dc049d70b0c12f2749&maven_referrer=mrss&maven_referralPlaylistId=949437d0db05ed5f5b9954dc049d70b0c12f2749&maven_referralObject=7109731)

Charlie Duke – Keys to inspiring kid's with space program (48 sec)  
[http://www.newseum.org/events\\_edu/event\\_archive/reporting.aspx?item=vid2\\_APOXI090720&archive\\_page=APOXI090720&style=d](http://www.newseum.org/events_edu/event_archive/reporting.aspx?item=vid2_APOXI090720&archive_page=APOXI090720&style=d)

Charlie Duke – “Waking up on the Moon” (1 min 43 sec) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/space/5851433/Video-Interviews-with-the-men-on-the-moon-Charlie-Duke.html>

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