

**Washington D.C.** – Congressman Kevin McCarthy today applauded the successful launch of the SpaceX rocket, Falcon 9, a launch that marked the first time in history that a private company has launched a spacecraft to the International Space Station.

“Today is a pivotal moment for the future of spaceflight with the successful launch of Falcon 9,” said Congressman McCarthy. “From SpaceShipOne to Falcon 9 today, American entrepreneurs like SpaceX are leading the way in commercial spaceflight. This burgeoning industry supports American investment and creates American jobs, including right here in our community at Mojave Air & Space Port, which is on the leading edge of commercial spaceflight development. Today’s historic launch is a milestone in the space industry that marks another first for the American pioneer spirit, helping to keep the United States at the forefront of innovation, technological advancement, and job creation.”