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Baltimore County Council Announces Celebration of NASA Astronaut G. Reid Wiseman at the June 1st Legislative Session

Towson, MD – The Baltimore County Council announced today that it will celebrate and honor the accomplishments of NASA Astronaut G. Reid Wiseman on the success of the Artemis II mission at the **Legislative Session on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chamber.**

A Baltimore native, Reid Wiseman was raised in Cockeysville and graduated from Dulaney High School in 1993. He earned his undergraduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and began his military service in 1999, serving as a Naval Aviator through five deployments, and in 2004 as a Test Pilot while stationed at Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

Lieutenant Commander Wiseman was selected for NASA’s astronaut program in 2009. He served as a flight engineer on Expedition 40/41 to the International Space Station in 2014, and was Chief of the Astronaut Office from 2020 to 2022. In 2023, Reid was selected as the Commander of the Artemis II mission that completed a 10-day lunar mission in April, and also set the current record for human distance from Earth during the fly-by around the moon.

At its June 1st Legislative Session, the Baltimore County Council will honor our native son, Reid Wiseman, for his incredible success in leading the Artemis II mission with a special resolution and proclamation. To accept this honor, Reid will be joining the Council meeting virtually and his father, Bill Wiseman, will be attending in person.

“The Artemis II mission was an inspiration for everyone around the world,” said Council Chair Mike Ertel. “During his tenure as an astronaut with NASA, including his journey to the International Space Station and as Commander of the Artemis II mission, Reid has never forgotten his local Baltimore County roots, staying in touch with Dulaney High students and faculty, and being a wonderful ambassador for Baltimore County.” Councilman David Marks also commented, “Reid Wiseman is an American hero who has set an amazing example for generations to come. We honored him when he served on the International Space Station, and we now celebrate this Baltimore County native’s historic role in the Artemis II mission, and the accomplishments of the entire crew.”

The Baltimore County Council encourages County residents to join with the Council in person for this wonderful celebration in the Council Chamber. For more information on the Legislative Session, including how to connect virtually, please visit the County Council Sessions and Meetings link located on the scrolling blue ribbon “ticker” at the top of the Council’s Homepage or at <https://countycouncil.baltimorecountymd.gov/virtual-meetings/>. You may also contact the County Council at 410-887-3196.

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