



## A LEARNING TRIBUTE

NASA Space Camp is a place where kids come together for a journey they will never forget. Each child learns about astronauts and space travel, but they also experience something even more important: Developing bonds of friendship.

This is a microcosm of the life of a military child. They travel, they learn and they quickly bond into friendships that many times last for life.

It is fitting then that the Military Child Education Coalition has endowed a Space Camp scholarship in memory of one of its brightest and finest children, Bernard Curtis Brown II. Bernard, the 11-year-old son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bernard Curtis Brown, was killed on September 11, 2001, when the hijacked airliner on which he was a passenger, was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At the time, he was on his way to California to represent his school at a National Geographic event.

MCEC has received a pledge from an underwriter who will fully fund the tuition and travel for a student to attend the NASA Space Camp, beginning in the summer of 2002. The officers and directors felt, and Bernard's family agreed, that this would be a fitting way to honor Bernard's memory by giving other military-connected children the opportunity to have an extraordinary experience which brings together the worlds of service, science and learning.