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Nineteen years ago I watched on a TV monitor in Downey the loss of seven courageous men and women on the Space Shuttle Challenger. As the world watched in anticipated hope for the 51L mission to take education into space it turned into horror and a lesson in "Failure". Seven brave souls gave their lives for what they believed in. Today is a day to remember their sacrifice and honor the memory of STS 51L.

Failure did happen again because we forget our "Lessons Learned". The price is paid by the crew of STS 107. Space Exploration is a dangerous profession but also very rewarding.

