

NASA chief: Giffords welcome at husband's launch

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Administrator Charles Bolden, speaks about NASA's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget during a news conference at the NASA headquarters in Washington, Monday, Feb. 14, 2011. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

(AP) -- NASA's chief says it would be tremendous for the space shuttle crew and the nation if Rep. Gabrielle Giffords can watch her astronaut husband launch from Cape Canaveral in April.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden says the wounded Giffords would be treated "like a normal spouse" if she could attend. She also happens to be the ranking Democrat on the committee that oversees the space agency.

Giffords' husband, Mark Kelly, resumed training last week for space

shuttle Endeavour's final flight. Bolden says [NASA](#) always has [astronauts](#) helping the crew's families and even has hosted spouses with medical needs before.

Bolden said Monday that he's talked with Kelly a number of times since the Arizona shooting and supports Kelly's decision to fly.

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