

Dr. Griffin Sworn in as Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering

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Members of the Greater Huntsville Section attended the inauguration of Dr. Mike Griffin as the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(RE)) on June 23 at the US Space and Rocket Center's Davidson Center.

The Greater Huntsville Section was invited to participate as a member of the Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Young Professionals Director Nishanth Goli coordinated the section's registration for the event.



Dr. Griffin is a former Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, past president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and an AIAA Honorary Fellow, the institute's highest membership grade. He is the first person to hold the newly-created position of USD(RE). As a long-time Huntsville resident, Dr. Griffin was excited to hold his ceremonial inauguration in Huntsville surrounded by family, friends, colleagues and AIAA members and thanked everyone for sharing the evening with him.



Dr. Griffin recites the oath of office assisted by his wife Becky.

The Greater Huntsville Section was well-represented at the ceremony. Members who attended included Sheree Gay, Mark Becnel, Ken and Lisa Philippart, Paul and Pam Collopy, Robert LaBranche, Bob Frederick, Chris Crumbly, and Todd May

The night was an enjoyable way to wish Mike and his family well as he continued serving our country in a new and critical role.