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NASA in the News

U.S. News & World Report, in conjunction with the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, named Charles Elachi of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) as one of "America's Best Leaders" for 2006. Other honorees include Warren Buffet, Sandra Day O'Connor, Wynton Marsalis, and Michael Bloomberg. Elachi was chosen for his bold leadership in turning around NASA's Mars projects after the mission failures of the Mars Climate Orbiter and the Mars Polar Lander in the 1990s. His efforts led to the successful Mars Exploration Rover (MER) program, which included the Spirit and Opportunity rovers. The honorees were selected by a committee of government, community, and private-sector leaders convened by the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Read the *U.S. News & World Report* article online at http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/leaders.

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