RECOGNIZING THE ADKISON FAMILY AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Adkison family for being selected as the 2012 Washington County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family.

Jarrod Adkison, a proud third generation farmer, takes to heart the value of hard work, dedication, and the love and support of family. Today, the Adkison family incorporates the lessons learned from generations worth of farming experience to grow peanuts, corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and oat crops. They also raise brood cows and purebred Charolais, and this year they also expanded their growing operation to include cotton. Jarrod, his wife Tara, their children Chelsea, Nathan, MaryBeth, and Harrison, along with his cousin Philip and two full time employees, are the brains and brawn behind the impressive 1,180 acres that make up the family farm.

Jarrod is set on ensuring the farm is in a position to allow future generations of his family the opportunity to carry on the family farming legacy. He understands this goal is possible only with the invaluable support of his family, and he receives tremendous support from the entire Adkinson family. Tara, in addition to her duties as a wife and mother to their four children, is also a Registered Nurse at Jackson County Hospital. Jarrod's cousin Philip is a tremendous asset and lives and works on the farm as well. Jarrod and Tara's love of education, farming and community has transferred to their children's hearts. They are more than willing to help out on the family farm, eager to get a feel for the land that may one day be theirs to live and work.

The Adkison Family belongs to the Washington County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the Washington County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors and serves as FSA County Committee members. Recently, MaryBeth and Harrison, eager to make their mark on helping the community, joined the local 4–H Club. Jarrod Adkison is a blessed man. He thanks the good Lord for the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather Floyd, father Ken, and Uncle Tim Adkison. His gratitude also goes out to the Washington County farming community, of which he is thankful to be a part.

Mr. Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Washington County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Adkisons' tireless work and their dedication to family, faith and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Adkison family. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE CENTRALIA LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Centralia Lady Panthers softball team of Centralia High School for winning the Class 3 Missouri State Softball Championship.

The Centralia Lady Panthers and their coaches should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state title in Class 3 to their school and their community. This is their second straight state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Centralia Lady Panthers softball team for a job well done!

IN APPRECIATION OF DAVE HILL'S SERVICE TO THE IDAHO NATIONAL LAB

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thank you to Dave Hill for his exceptional service at the Idaho National Laboratory and to wish Dave and his wife Georgia all the best as they begin the next chapter of their life in Boise, Idaho.

Dave Hill came to the United States by way of the United Kingdom where he received his doctorate degree in mathematical physics from Imperial College, London University. As an expert in nuclear reactor and fuel cycle issues, Dave assumed leadership positions at Argonne National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 2005, Dave joined the Idaho National Laboratory as deputy lab director for science and technology.

Dave brought a wonderful vision and talent to INL and his imprint is visible in the new and improved facilities that INL scientists and engineers now use. Dave saw the unique role INL can play as our National Nuclear Laboratory and he helped demonstrate how INL's capabilities could support important nuclear energy, nonproliferation and national security programs. Dave also helped bring an unmatched collection of world-renowned technical experts to Idaho to lead the Nation's nuclear energy programs. While serious budget challenges are staring every federal program in the face, Dave will leave the Idaho National Laboratory with a firm foundation. I also understand we will continue to benefit from some of Dave's time and talents in the future.

While Dave Hill's leadership skills and vision have made INL a stronger lab, Dave's good humor and his laugh have made INL a better place to work. On his many trips to Washington, DC, Dave would often come by my office, at my request, to update me on nuclear energy programs and issues. Dave would always paint me the picture I needed to see along with a laugh and a smile at the challenges we were tackling together. I always enjoyed working with Dave Hill and I will miss those meetings.