

his efforts to assist and lead our nation's veterans.

I am proud that Mr. Tradewell is a citizen of Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District and I wish him well in his new position as National Commander. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Tradewell for his notable career achievements, his exemplary leadership, and his dedication to our country.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF OUR
LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the students from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy on their honorable mention in the 2009 "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" program held in Washington, DC.

I would like to give a special mention to the students who participated in the competition: Michelle Azzi, Daniela Chediak, Kina de Cordoba, Brianna Donnet, Tiffany Fan, Bertila Fernandez Gabrielle Fernandez, Miranda Garcia, Victoria Garcia, Maria Gonzalez, Rebecca Hubert, Kristina Jacomino, Julia Longoria, Isabelle Martinez, Victoria Moreno, Katerina Ona, Elizabeth Rasco, Natalie San Juan, and Kelly Scott.

I would also like to congratulate their teacher Rosie Heffernan for her tireless efforts on behalf of the students. Her students' success is a testament to her selfless dedication.

I pray for the utmost success on all of the future endeavors of these excellent young women and expect to hear more great accomplishments from every one of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, the House voted on final passage of H.R. 2965, the "Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009," rollcall No. 486.

My vote was recorded as "no" but in keeping with my past votes on the Small Business Research and Innovation Act, my vote should have been a "yes." The Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program are critical to increasing small business research and project development capabilities, and I strongly support their continued funding.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES H.
CARLAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Carlan, a

northwest Florida community leader and businessman who is retiring after over 40 years of professional engineering and consulting. Mr. Carlan spent his life serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Born in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, Charles has been an integral part of the Northwest Florida community ever since. He graduated from Walton High School and went on to play baseball at Auburn University. After a brief stint in professional baseball with the Milwaukee Braves, Charles earned his Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Auburn in 1960. He began his career as a professional engineer, where he served in a variety of capacities over the years. His professional history includes working as City Engineer for the City of Pensacola, Maintenance Engineer of the Florida Department of Transportation, and Staff Director of the Florida Senate Transportation Committee. As President of CarlanKillam Consulting Group, Charles grew the firm to become one of the largest engineering firms in Northwest Florida. After being acquired by Hatch Mott MacDonald in 2001, Charles remained at his firm until his retirement.

Although widely known for his commercial ventures, Charles' business success pales in comparison to his outstanding service to the local community. He has served as Treasurer of the University of West Florida Foundation, President of the Pensacola Junior College Foundation, and Chairman of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church. Charles has actively promoted the engineering profession by working as President of the Florida Engineering Society and the Professional Surveyors of Florida. The Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers recognized this dedication to his field and awarded him with the Governor A.W. Gilchrist Award for Outstanding Service to the Engineering Profession and Community. In one of Charles' most remarkable service achievements, he has attained 20 years of perfect attendance at the Pensacola Five Flags Rotary Club.

The list of Mr. Carlan's accomplishments extends far beyond what is noted here, but they all highlight his devotion to improving the lives of those around him and to bettering his community through service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Charles Carlan for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Charles and his wife, Carol, as they embark on this latest journey in their lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Request information: Representative JACK KINGSTON

H.R. 3082

Department of Defense, Army National Guard Account

Recipient information: Georgia Army National Guard, Hunter Army Aviation Facility, Savannah GA

Description: The Georgia Army National Guard received an earmark in the amount of \$8,967,000.

The current facility has exceeded its useful life with several irreparable leaks. The unit is devoting considerable time in overcoming these obstacles to meet its current requirements for training, planning and storage of weapons and information technology.

HONORING COLONEL DARRELL E.
ADAMS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Colonel Darrell E. Adams, for 27 years of exceptional service and dedication to the United States Air Force. He will be retiring from active duty on September 30, 2009.

In his most recent assignment, he served as the Chief of the Strategy and Assessments Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Directorate of Public Affairs.

Colonel Adams grew up in McIntosh, Alabama. He entered the Air Force in 1982 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Alabama State University. Following undergraduate missile training, his operational assignments included duties as a Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile crew commander at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota and Ground Launched Cruise Missile crew commander at Florennes Air Base, Belgium, during the period of the Cold War.

Colonel Adams has served in a variety of staff and leadership positions both stateside and overseas. He has been a training officer, protocol officer, command and control officer at the wing and Headquarters level. Most notably, he was the on-duty Senior Controller at Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force when President George H.W. Bush directed the nuclear stand-down for B-52 bombers, tanker aircraft, and missiles in promoting peace and stability between the United States and the Soviet Union. He has been a squadron commander, deputy group commander; he has two assignments as a congressional liaison officer.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Adams served as the Chief of the Congressional Inquiries Division, Office of Legislative Liaison. He managed on behalf of the Department of the Air Force, all constituent inquiries from the White House, Office of the Vice President, Members of Congress and state and local governments. He also managed the Air Force Legislative Fellowship program where selected Air Force officers served as Congressional Fellows on Capitol Hill.

Over the past 4 years Colonel Adams escorted many Members of Congress on Congressional Delegations, in furtherance of their oversight responsibilities. He assisted me and Members of the U.S. House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on multiple trips to Europe including Russia, Africa, and Afghanistan. The logistics of such trips are often complicated and require lengthy and detailed preparation. He always upheld the highest standards of professional conduct and his