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ALABAMA CONTINUES WORKING TO RECRUIT AEROSPACE JOBS



Greg Ferrell, GKN Aerospace; Ralph Crosby, EADS; Mary Grace Crosby; Alabama Governor Bob Riley and I enjoyed visiting at the Paris Air Show earlier this month.

In an effort to continue building on the Southeast's growing aerospace presence, I was pleased to attend the world's largest aerospace and trade show – the Paris Air Show – earlier this month.

Once again, Governor Bob Riley led our delegation which included Senator Richard Shelby, Mayor Sam Jones, and other elected officials and business leaders from Mobile, at the 100th Anniversary of the Paris Show in a series of back-to-back meetings.

This trans-Atlantic economic development mission was an excellent opportunity for the Alabama delegation to sell our home state to the world.

Two things were very apparent throughout the trip. First, the global economy has had a major impact on the sales of both defense systems as well as commercial aviation; however, there seemed to be a renewed sense of confidence that the industry as a whole remains hopeful that the current economic downturn won't last much longer.

And secondly, the word is out – the Gulf Coast and the state of Alabama is a good place to locate aerospace and defense plants.

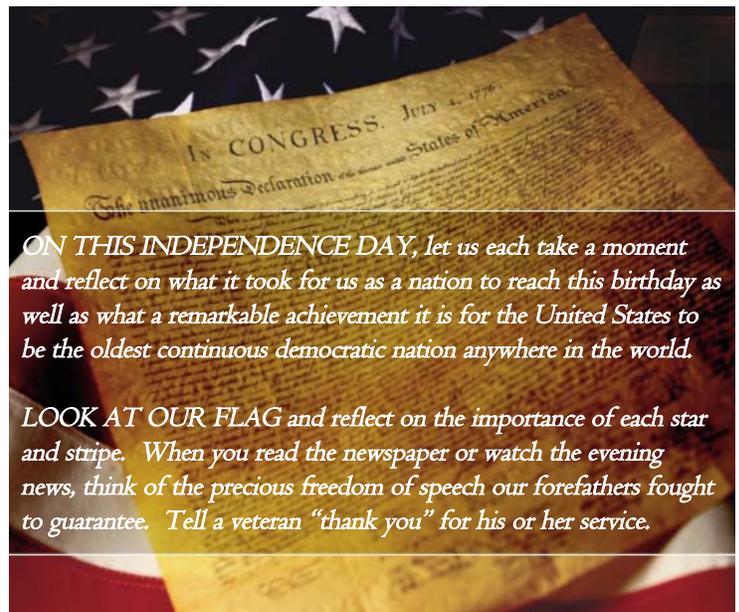
While we obviously would have preferred to make this trip with the assembly of Northrop Grumman/EADS tankers well underway in Mobile, the fact remains there are indeed a wide range of companies seeking to do business in Alabama, many of which are associated with the tanker program. We can't wait to get started.

INTERNS SERVE IN DC AND MOBILE OFFICES



I took a picture in my Washington office with my first group of summer interns. Pictured with me (l to r) are: Caroline Crawford, Charlie Pond, Louise Crow, Kate LaBorde, and Tyler Tait.

We are proud to offer an internship program in our District Office. Pictured (l to r) are: Chase Schmidt and Emily Collins.



ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, let us each take a moment and reflect on what it took for us as a nation to reach this birthday as well as what a remarkable achievement it is for the United States to be the oldest continuous democratic nation anywhere in the world.

LOOK AT OUR FLAG and reflect on the importance of each star and stripe. When you read the newspaper or watch the evening news, think of the precious freedom of speech our forefathers fought to guarantee. Tell a veteran "thank you" for his or her service.

ASCC's DR. JOHN JOHNSON RETIRES



For over 20 years, Dr. John Johnson has served as president of Alabama Southern Community College. During his tenure, the college has been recognized by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education as having “achieved the most dramatic turnaround of any college in the history of the Alabama College System.” It is with great appreciation that I wish Dr. Johnson the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

MOBILE COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR WALT DICKERSON TO RETIRE JULY 1

Earlier this year, Walt Dickerson, director of the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency, announced his retirement. Walt's gift to the Mobile community was never more evident than during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He received the Blacks in Government Port City Chapter Community Service Award for his contribution to the community following Hurricane Katrina, and he testified twice before Congress on Mobile's successful preparation and response to Hurricane Katrina. He was also recognized by the Alabama Senate, the Mobile County Commission, and the Mobile City Council for his performance during Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, and Katrina.



On behalf of a grateful community, thank you, Walt, for your service to the people of Mobile and the entire state of Alabama.

From the mailbox...

*Dear Congressman Bonner,
I received the package of information that your office sent me from the National Personnel Records Center with regard to my father.*

It was a surprise to find so much information and also the original Honorable Discharge Certificate which, for some unknown reason, my father never received! I plan on contacting the National Personnel Records Center to see if they can assist me with some of the information which I am not sure I understand.

Today I have sent a letter with an additional request — I would like to obtain my father's military ribbons and take them, along with his flight jacket, to have it put into the Invalides Army-Air Force Museum in Paris, France where he spent so much of his military career, having been both enlisted and discharged from the office at the Seine. He also worked with the French Underground “Resistance.” I have visited this museum and would like to pursue this with your assistance.

Receiving this information is a treasure beyond words. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A grateful constituent



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