

Center, based in Fort Worth, TX, from 1993 to 1997, South National Technical Center associate director, also based in Fort Worth, from 1992 to 1993, and water quality coordinator at the center from 1990 to 1992.

Before that Charles served as NRCS's State Conservationist for Arizona, based in Phoenix, from 1988 to 1990, after having been the State Conservationist for Nevada, based in Reno, from 1986 to 1988. He was the Deputy State Conservationist in New Mexico, based in Albuquerque, from 1985 to 1986, after having been the Assistant State Conservationist for Operations at that location from 1984 to 1985.

Charles worked as an area conservationist in Rio Rancho, NM, from 1983 to 1984, after working as an area conservationist in Flagstaff, AZ, from 1981 to 1982. From 1978 to 1981 he served as a district conservationist in Edinburg, TX, following service from 1976 to 1978 as a district conservationist in Eastland, TX. He was a soil conservationist for the agency in Abilene, TX, from 1973 to 1976. He began his full-time career with the agency as a soil scientist in Athens, TX, in 1969.

During his tenure with USDA, Charles founded some of the Agency's most innovative approaches to outreach, including the Student Trainees in Agriculture Related Sciences, STARS, program, an initiative to introduce underserved high school students in the Southeast to agriculture, as well as NRCS's American Indian Program Delivery Initiative, an annual conference linking USDA officials with American Indian leaders to promote tribal participation in USDA programs and services.

While working for NRCS, Charles Adams has received a number of awards and recognitions. Within the last few years alone, he received several USDA Honor Awards, including the Secretary's Award for his leadership of the Southeast Region American Indian Initiative Workgroup and the Sustainable Coffee Production Team, and his work in the Agency's Streamlining and Cost-saving Initiative. He received special recognition through a national volunteer award for his long-standing dedication to the NRCS Earth Team Volunteer Program and was the recipient of the Chief's Workforce Diversity Award which praised his encouragement and promotion of professional development among his employees. In addition, his extensive outreach efforts to minorities and women earned him a nomination for the Agency's highest Civil Rights Award in 2003.

Charles is married to the former Prenella Williamson of Port Gibson, MS. In his spare time, he enjoys raising horses on his ranch in Shreveport, LA, restoring his collection antique cars and fishing with his young grandsons.●

HONORING DR. ISAAC GREGGS

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment and honor

a man who has influenced the lives of so many students for more than 35 years.

A band director since 1969, Dr. Isaac Greggs has taken the half time show for Southern University to a different level, electrifying audiences with the band's energetic and precise performances. However, these performances could not have happened without a lot of hard work. Dr. Greggs' practices are legendary for being gruelling, but they paid off in the end.

In many ways, Dr. Greggs' practices are a metaphor for his life—when one demonstrates discipline and effort, one can succeed anywhere.

This motto certainly proved true for Dr. Greggs' band. Under his direction, the band performed around the world, including for three United States Presidential inaugurations, four Sugar Bowls, and five Super Bowls. The band has also appeared at the Astro Dome, Superdome, Yankee Stadium, and the Oakland Stadium Coliseum. For six weeks, the band played at Radio City Music Hall, and they have also made appearances on television shows such as the Bob Hope Show, Jim Nabors Show, Almost Anything Goes Show, Perry Como Show, Henry, The Fonz, Winkler Show, and the Telly Savalas Show.

In addition to the talent Dr. Greggs has brought as a band leader, he is also an accomplished musician and song writer and is the author of Southern University's fight song and alma mater. He is an honorary member of both Louisiana's House of Representatives and State Senate, and has won several major music festival awards for the marching division. Dr. Greggs has conducted honor bands throughout the country, and on behalf of Southern University he was presented with a special trophy by the National Football League for his band's outstanding performance at a Super Bowl.

Dr. Greggs' leadership is not limited to the sporting field. As president of the Louisiana College Band Directors Association, founder and president of the Lakeside Music Mart and School of Music, and State Chairman of the L.I.A.L.O. Band Festival, Dr. Greggs has proved his leadership skills and shown his commitment to the arts.

Dr. Greggs was presented with the Key of Life Award at the 31st NAACP Image Awards. The Key of Life Award was created in honor of musician Stevie Wonder and is presented to an individual or group who exemplifies Wonder's "inner vision." The award also recognizes extraordinary achievements in the areas of civil rights, human rights, and community. It is clear through all of his career, Dr. Greggs exemplified these attributes.

Dr. Greggs' power to move people through music is an amazing gift. If one is lucky in life, one improves the life of one's own children. However, Dr. Greggs has improved the lives of thousands and has left an indelible mark on African-American students and fans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFORMATION SHARING ENVIRONMENT CALLED FOR BY SECTION 1016 OF THE INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004—PM 34

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence:

To the Congress of the United States

The robust and effective sharing of terrorism information is vital to protecting Americans and the Homeland from terrorist attacks. To ensure that we succeed in this mission, my Administration is working to implement the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) called for by section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA). The ISE is intended to enable the Federal Government and our State, local, tribal, and private sector partners to share appropriate information relating to terrorists, their threats, plans, networks, supporters, and capabilities while, at the same time, respecting the information privacy and other legal rights of all Americans.

Today, I issued a set of guidelines and requirements that represent a significant step in the establishment of the ISE. These guidelines and requirements, which are consistent with the provisions of section 1016(d) of IRTPA, are set forth in a memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies. The guidelines and requirements also address collateral issues that are essential to any meaningful progress on information sharing. In sum, these guidelines will:

Clarify roles and authorities across executive departments and agencies;

Implement common standards and architectures to further facilitate timely and effective information sharing;

Improve the Federal Government's terrorism information sharing relationships with State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and foreign allies;