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OUTSTANDING AFRICAN AMERICANS HIGHLIGHTED DURING CELEBRATION HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

On Monday, I addressed more than 900 students, educators and community leaders during the Florida African American Education Alliance’s second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. I highlighted Dr. King’s commitment to ensuring every child receives a quality education and honored the recipients of the organization’s annual awards of excellence. As we remember Dr. King’s vision and life of service, we are reminded that equality is a dream big enough to share with everyone who dares to believe in it. There is no finer way to honor his legacy than by recognizing the young people who are bringing Dr. King’s vision for the future to life, and the men and women who are working to make his dream a reality across the state. I applaud the Florida African American Education Alliance for their unwavering commitment to education excellence for the students of our great state. For more information on the Florida African American Education Alliance or its award recognition program, visit www.aaedalliance.org

ADVOCACY MISSION TRAVEL TO ECUADOR & PERU

On Tuesday, I departed for Quito, Ecuador, where I will led a three-day Team Florida trade and advocacy mission to Ecuador and Peru. The Florida business delegation of 60 promoted trade and investment with the Andean nations, in addition to seeking support for Miami’s candidacy as the Permanent Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). The Andean region represents one of Florida’s most vital trading partners in Latin America. Trade between our two regions increased by 62% from 2003 to 2004 – for a total of \$63 billion in trade. Trade missions like this one are a critical part of our efforts to expand and further diversify Florida’s economy through international trade.

For more information on Florida’s international trade efforts, contact the Governor’s Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development at (850) 487-2568 or visit the Enterprise Florida website at www.eflorida.com.

LT. GOVERNOR JENNINGS ANNOUNCED RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF SPACE & AERONAUTICS IN FLORIDA

On Wednesday, Lt. Governor Toni Jennings announced the official findings and recommendations of the Governor’s Commission on the Future of Space and Aeronautics in Florida. Joined by commission members and industry, education, and business leaders, Lt. Governor Jennings released the detailed report containing 18 specific recommendations, in addition to announcing the Administration’s \$55 million budget proposal for space and aeronautics for 2006-2007. Established in June 2005, the Commission was created to examine trends and demands of an evolving space industry to maximize Florida’s leadership in the space arena. Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, who also served as Chair of the Commission, highlighted the importance of these recommendations to Florida’s economy and the future of the space industry in our state. Florida must remain poised to take full advantage of the opportunities presented to us in this evolving industry.

For a copy of the report, please visit <http://www.myflorida.com>.

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