



It's not often that Jabil receives a visit from a high-ranking leader in the United States Congress. And it's even less often that Jabil Defense and Aerospace Services gets one--as in never before April 19.

That's when Congressman C.W. Bill Young visited Jabil in St. Petersburg.

"It was just fabulous," said defense and aerospace sector leader Joey Weeks. "To get Congressman Bill Young to visit the manufacturing facility, talk to our employees and meet with Jabil leadership is a rare opportunity."

While at the facility, Young was introduced to a standing-room-only crowd of 350 employees, then gave a 15-minute talk on the importance of the jobs they're doing for our military and aerospace customers. "What you do is very important to our soldiers and Marines," said Young. "You're making them safer and giving them superior equipment to use as they go into harm's way for our country." He finished his talk by presenting Jabil and employees a large US flag that had been flown over Congress in Washington, DC.

Congressman Young is serving his 21st term in Congress as a representative of the Tenth Congressional District of Florida. He is the senior member of the Florida congressional delegation and is the senior Republican in the entire Congress, House and Senate. He has now served over 50 years in public office (10 in the Florida State Senate and 41 in the United States Congress) and has worked with eight Presidents of the United States.

"As we build some of the equipment that protects the men and women of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, we were anxious to welcome him to Jabil to meet the secret of our success... our people," Weeks said as he introduced the Congressman.

During his visit, Young was presented the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence by Tom Blythe, Jabil's Vice President Tax, and Eleanor Burke Farris, Senior Regional Manager for the NAM. "The Congressman has demonstrated a long and consistent voting record that is highly supportive of US business interests," said Blythe.

Young's visit concluded with a meeting with senior Jabil and sector leadership, including Courtney Ryan, Senior Vice President, Global Business Units; Bill Peters, Jabil Executive Vice President, Human Development and Human Resources; Joey Weeks; Phil Hubbell, Senior Director of Jabil Human Resources; and Larry Stenger, Director of Defense and Aerospace Strategy.



Tom Blythe and Eleanor Burke Farris present Congressman Bill Young with his award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence.

"Preparation for the visit included efforts from departments across all functions," said Weeks. "In particular, our facilities management team, headed by Mike Zervos, and Human Resources Manager Heather Otto contributed much to the planning and execution of the visit."

A nine-year veteran of the Army National Guard, and six more as a reservist, Young is nationally known for his expertise on defense and security issues. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, which he previously chaired from 1995-1998 and 2005-2006. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.