Greater Huntsville Section Hosts Representative Mo Brooks at Luncheon

The Greater Huntsville Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics (AIAA) and the Alabama Space Grant Consortium hosted a luncheon on August 21 with Representative Mo Brooks, Alabama’s 5th District congressman, as the guest speaker.

Almost 40 AIAA members and guests, including students from the University of Alabama at Huntsville Student Branch, attended the luncheon at UAH’s Shelby Center.

Before the luncheon, AIAA Region 2 Director Alan Lowery presented the AIAA Outstanding Activity Award to the Greater Huntsville Section. The award was given to honor the section’s Engineering Week activities in February, 2014 that included an Additive Manufacturing Panel, Young Professionals Mixer, United Launch Alliance Tour, Missile & Space Intel Center Briefing, Army Technology Briefing and the annual Great Paper Airplane Contest. Past Chair Dr. Ram Ramachandran accepted the award on behalf of the section.

After the delicious buffet meal, Rep. Brooks gave an interesting Washington Update. His remarks included a discussion of the national debt, the deficit, foreign affairs and a look ahead to the mid-term Congressional elections. His talk was followed by a lively question and answer session with numerous insightful questions raised by participants regarding the state of the industry. Our AIAA student members took an active role in the discussions as well.

The Greater Huntsville Section thanks Representative Brooks for taking time to meet with us and offer his perspectives, especially with respect to the aerospace and defense industries.