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An interview with Dr. R. Mack Gray, Deputy Under Secretary in USDA. Gray is a 1957 graduate from Texas A&M and an inducted member of the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry.

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Could you please introduce yourself and tell us a little about your career?

I'm Mack Gray, from originally Holland, Texas and now from Belton, Texas. I worked for Soil Conservation Service most of my life, and in fact I guess it was Soil Conservation Service before it was Natural Resources Conservation Service, and so that's the business I've been in all of my life.

Could you tell us a little about your experiences at Texas A&M?

Texas A&M was a great place to go to school, and it's also a great place to be graduating from.

Can you describe your early career?

Kennedy, Texas is down in South Texas, and in fact, it's way down in South Texas.

In your opinion, what does it take to achieve success?

Well, to get a good education, work like hell, and stay out of trouble.

How were you able to manage time for family, work and other priorities throughout your career?

Always make 'em come first, but I sure try, and then A&M came next, and so we just, we got on all right.

What are your thoughts on being selected to the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry?

It's great. No, it's, it's, it's more than just okay. It's great. Ty Timm was a... of course he was at A&M for a long time. He was known by everybody, and I never heard anybody say a bad word about him, and so, to being something that tied to Ty Timm is great.

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