Belinda H. Adams was awarded a NASA Exceptional Service Medal March 27 at the Honor Awards Ceremony at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

She received the award "for outstanding dedication and achievement in organizational and human resources leadership."

Adams began her Langley career in 1963 as an aerospace technologist in the Analysis and Computation Division, subsequently serving as an operations research analyst in the Business Data Systems Division and then the Programs and Resources Division (PRD). In 1973 she was appointed Head, Institutional Programs Branch, PRD, advancing to Assistant Chief in 1981 and then Chief in 1984. Since 1990 she has served as Chief, Human Resources Management Division, responsible for developing and managing comprehensive personnel programs, including recruitment, promotions, classification, employee benefits, employee and labor relations, employee development and occupational health. she serves as principal adviser to Langley management concerning personnel matters, ensuring regulatory compliance with both NASA Headquarters and the Office of Personnel Management.

She is the author or co-author of six technical papers, and from 1970 to 1975 she served as an assistant professional lecturer at George Washington University, Tidewater Center.
In addition to her present award she received NASA's MIT Sloan Fellowship, 1989/1990. She is a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Board of the Society of Sloan Fellows.

A native of Brookhaven, Miss., she graduated from Brandon (Miss.) High School in 1959 and received an associate degree in liberal arts from Hinds Junior College (Raymond, Miss.) in 1961. She received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Mississippi in 1963 and a doctorate in quantitative methods in business administration from the University of North Carolina in 1969. In 1990 she received a masters degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She and her husband William have two daughters, and live in Yorktown, Va.

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