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Evan L. Flory, Chief of the Branch of Land Operations, Bureau of Indian Affairs, was named a fellow of the Soil Conservation Society of America at the Society's annual meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., on November 16, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today.

Mr. Flory, who has been in charge of the Indian Bureau's soil and moisture conservation program since 1946, is the first Department of the Interior employee to be so honored. Under his leadership, provisions for soil conservation work have been specifically incorporated in the leases on all Indian lands and the entire 3,500,000 acres of leased Indian cropland is now under conservation treatment.

The citation from the Society reads as follows: "The grade of fellow is bestowed on Evan L. Flory by the Soil Conservation Society of America in recognition of his exceptionally outstanding achievement and leadership in the field of soil and moisture conservation."