

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010 (H.R. 2998).

My Congressional District received \$500,000 for the City of Omaha Public Works Department, located at 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 600, Omaha, NE 68183. This money is from the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) account, and will be used by the City of Omaha for the design and construction of improvements to portions of the City's combined sewer system. These projects will allow the City of Omaha to reduce the amount of sewage overflowing to receiving streams. These efforts are consistent with the latest requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to achieve the goal of improved water quality in the United States.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR EARL G. ANDERSON, JR.

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and military service of Major Earl G. Anderson, Jr. who was recently named the 2009 Aviator of the Year at the Indianapolis Air Show.

Born in Rockford, Illinois in 1920, twenty-two-year old Earl Anderson, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in April of 1942 leaving behind his wife Geraldine to serve his country in its time of need. By September 1943, Aviation Cadet Anderson had completed his State-side training and was assigned to the United States 15th Air Force flying The Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber over Europe. The B-24 was an American heavy bomber that still holds the record as the most produced U.S. military aircraft.

Between December 1943 and June 1944 Major Anderson flew fifty-one successful combat missions against enemy targets before being shot down. He spent the remainder of the war as a Prisoner of War (POW) in a camp outside Munich, Germany. For his heroic and courageous flying, Major Earl Anderson, Jr. was awarded by order of the President of the United States the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 6 clusters, and the Distinguished Unit Badge with one cluster.

Earl's prison camp was eventually liberated by allied troops in 1945 and after debriefing Earl was sent back to the United States to spend some time on furlough before returning to duty. Major Anderson continued serving both on active duty and as a member of the Reserves until he was Honorably Discharged in 1961.

Fortunately for all Hoosiers, Earl's passion for aviation stayed with him after he left the service and he's been an active part of Indiana's aviation community for many years. Earl and his wife Geraldine (Gerrie) have been married for 67 years. They have two daughters, Marilyn and Barbara, and five grandchildren.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me now to thank Major Earl Anderson, Jr. for his service and his sacrifices for our country, and to congratulate him on being named the 2009 Indiana Aviator of the Year.

HONORING LT. COLONEL CHARLIE PARNELL

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an unsung hero from Southwest Colorado; Lt. Colonel Charlie Parnell of Durango. Charlie Parnell has selflessly and tirelessly been serving the veterans of Southwest Colorado for many years and it is time that he is recognized for this service.

In 1988, Lt. Colonel Parnell retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years of honorable service, including tours of duty in Germany, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. He is the proud recipient of the Bronze Star.

After struggling for 15 years to receive the disability benefits he had earned from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Lt. Colonel Parnell dedicated himself to helping his fellow veterans wade through the challenging VA benefits system so they too would receive the compensation they had earned. Since then, he has helped over 1000 veterans receive their benefits, and has done so completely at his own expense.

It is this type of above the call-of-duty service that makes this nation great. And it is this kind of service that deserves all of our recognition. When asked why he does what he does for his fellow disabled veterans, Lt. Colonel Parnell says simply, "Because I can."

Madam Speaker, today I rise to join the 1000 veterans in Colorado's Southwest region to thank and honor Charlie Parnell for his service to this country and to my constituents in the Third Congressional District.

Thank you, Lt. Colonel Parnell for your hard work and dedication to our nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of the Interior National Park Service account for the Castillo de San Marco National Monument in the City of St. Augustine, Flor-

ida, which is in my district. The entity to receive this funding is the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Castillo de San Marco National Monument located at 1 South Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The City of St. Augustine, founded 444 years ago in 1565, is our nation's oldest enduring settlement of European design. Prominent within the Historic Spanish Colonial District, which features thirty-six original colonial buildings, is the majestic Castillo de San Marcos stone fortress that began construction in 1672.

As the only existing 17th century fort in North America, the Castillo de San Marcos is an important historical and cultural landmark that features the oldest surviving masonry in our nation. About 538,500 people visited the Castillo in 2008, hosting as many as 3,751 tourists in just one day.

Authorized by Public Law 108-480, this funding will be used for the planning and design phase of the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Restoration Project, as outlined in Alternative C of the March 2007 Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

This planning will help preserve and expand the Castillo by constructing a visitor center in the Spanish Quarter of St. Augustine and removing a portion of the visitor parking lot to restore the glaciis.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chairman SKELTON and his Committee for the important work they have done on this legislation and the strides they have made to ensure that individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) are identified and afforded the benefits that they deserve.

TBI is the signature injury of our current conflicts overseas. As many as 20 percent of the 1.8 million deployed troops—or an estimated 360,000 soldiers—have sustained traumatic brain injuries while in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, many of these men and women in uniform are falling through the cracks. We must ensure that these individuals are properly identified and provided with the world class health care that they deserve. H.R. 2647 takes important steps to achieving both of these goals.

First, I applaud the inclusion of language submitted by myself and Congressman TODD PLATTS, who is both a member of the Armed Services Committee and serves as my Co-Chair on the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, that calls on the branches of the Armed Services to implement long-term tracking for