

Address of Requesting Entity: JBHT 304, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the continuation of University of Arkansas participation in the National Consortium for Rural Geospatial Innovations in America (RGIS)

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Institute of Food Science and Engineering, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: E212 AFLS Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: the funding would be used to provide multidisciplinary research on value-added processing, safety, nutritional value, packaging, storage, and distribution of food products

HONORING THE LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENTS OF SISTER
ALINE ANTIL

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing the distinguished and selflessly dedicated contributions of Sister Aline Antil, a native daughter of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

In February of 1959, Ms. Antil first entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a spiritual decision that would shape not only her life but those of the countless women, children, and families whom she has touched through her missionary work. Across New England—in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut; in West Franklin, New Hampshire; and in Springfield, Massachusetts—Sister Aline used her infectious positive attitude and love of learning to instill her elementary- and middle-school-aged pupils with wisdom, knowledge, and the highest moral values.

For the past 37 years, Sister Aline has served in various parts of Haiti, a country whose population depends upon the humanitarian efforts of those compassionate enough to answer the calling. Most recently, she served as principal of Ecole Presbyterale de Fleurenceau, St. Marc, a position she has held in other locations. In a country where most Americans would find conditions appalling, Sister Aline Antil has never looked down on her students with pity. Rather, she has treated them as equals and taken great pride in the opportunity to help them learn, grow, and understand their valuable role in the world.

Sister Aline speaks fluent French, English, and of course, Creole, the native tongue of the people with whom she lives and works. Those who know her well—her family and peers—will tell you that no matter where she is in a room, you'll know her by her laughter. Her optimism and enthusiastic love of life know no bounds, a trait that has allowed her to thrive and brought her comfort under trying circumstances that most of us can only imagine.

As she celebrates her 50th Jubilee this week, Sister Aline Antil deserves the highest

praise and recognition for the difference she has made in lives both young and old. Her charitable example is a story of hope, love, and inspiration at a time when we all need it. Thank you, Sister Aline Antil, for your exemplary work. I wish you health, happiness, and all good things in the years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$288,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Assn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The public now demands from crop producers both increased production of food, fiber, fuel, and other biobased product feedstocks and increased, documented environmental performance to conserve soils, sequester carbon, improve water quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency and increase wildlife habitat. As independent business persons, farmers in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and across the country need management systems to help them incorporate the best tools of science and business to measure and improve both agronomic and environmental performance while sustaining profitability.

The Iowa Soybean Association's Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture (CEMSA) program has developed and piloted the basic management system and the technical assistance model producers in Iowa, the UMR Basin, and other agricultural regions need to meet these 21st Century demands. Expanding the scale of CEMSA in FY10, integrating individual planning with watershed planning, linking performance reporting to NRCS's system, and documenting and providing aggregated performance data to the soy biodiesel and corn ethanol industry on advances in agriculture's environmental performance and energy efficiency have significant implications in transferability of CEMSA throughout the UMR Basin and in the future of the farm-belt biofuels industry. It benefits farmers by preparing them for participation in USDA conservation programs, helping them improve profitability through better management, helps them effectively implement and evaluate the impact on their business of conservation strategies they hold as top priorities, and verifies their success in achieving environmental and energy efficiency performance gains.

CEMSA is also providing national leadership for advancing production agriculture's environmental performance. It is one of the ISA programs recognized by the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council's study on "Mississippi River Water Quality and the Clean Water Act" as exemplary of the performance-based, public-private partnership projects that should be expanded throughout the UMR Basin.

CEMSA's private sector partnership with a public agency (USDA NRCS) has a positive impact on the agency's ability to fulfill its mission. This multi-year cooperative agreement has facilitated a strong working relationship which helps diffuse private sector innovation in the local, state, and federal offices and expands agency outreach through ISA's multi-level outreach to farmers. This public-private partnership designed specifically for ISA's programs enables flexibility the agency would not have on its own to create resource-centric planning and implementation, rather than program-centric approaches to resources. It has created an effective way to deal with institutional barriers that often hinder effective program implementation, which can best be done by the private sector working with agencies, but is not otherwise supported by the market or by program funding.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$282,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hungry Canyons Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: 712 S. Hwy 6 & 59, Oakland, IA 51560

Description of Request: The goals of Hungry Canyons Alliance are: 1) To provide financial and technical assistance for streambed stabilization projects to the 23 counties of the deep loess region in western Iowa, 2) To conduct research in effective methods of streambed stabilization, and 3) To provide demonstration of streambed stabilization projects for members and for the public. With an estimated construction budget of \$1,243,900 for FY10, the HCA will build approximately 18 grade control structures to prevent streambed degradation in western Iowa, protecting \$5.27 million in infrastructure and property value and preventing 1.2 million tons of sediment from erosion.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$134,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Assn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Iowa Soybean Association's Watershed Management and Demonstration Program is a continuing project that links public and private resources and expertise to provide technical assistance to individual farmers, groups of farmers, and other