

distance of 27 miles. The ACC is of critical importance to transportation, especially to the U.S. Navy which transported over 55 million gallons of jet fuel yearly from the Craney Island to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach. Failure to fund the ACC will result in the Navy being unable to meet the fuel demand of the Oceana Naval Station. The Navy has stated that trucking this much fuel would not be feasible on a long-term basis. In addition, commercial and recreation vessels travel the ACC in lieu of the Atlantic Ocean to prevent entry into the dangerous waters off Cape Hatteras. An average of over 1,000,000 tons of commerce passed through the Great Bridge Lock yearly. Funds will be used to continue to operate the navigation lock, swing bridge, and canal.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 803 Front Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

Description of Request: Provides \$100,000 to investigate federal flood control projects in the Chowan River Basin. In many locations within the basin, six of the top 10 historical high water marks have occurred from 1998 forward, including the flood of record (Hurricane Floyd in 1999), October 2006 cold core upper level low (second highest), and Hurricane Isabel in 2003 (5th highest). Damages from these storm events have ranged from \$10M to over \$100M (February 2008 dollars). The reconnaissance study will evaluate the Federal interest in ways to protect the water resources of this highly productive basin with particular emphasis on restoring wetlands and forested buffers lost from erosion and flooding, reducing flood damages throughout the basin, and improving navigation and to determine the Federal interest in conducting a more detailed feasibility study.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860

Description of Request: Provides \$600,000 to obtain funding for the maintenance dredge of the Appomattox River. The dredging of the Appomattox River will be of benefit to the region in that it will: (1) restore the Appomattox River to the free-flowing, fully navigable river that it was until the late 1970s; (2) reconnect the City to the navigable portions of the Appomattox River; (3) serve as a catalyst for the commercial and residential revitalization; (4) enhance local and regional tourism and recreational opportunities; and (5) improve the environmental condition of the Appomattox River.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860

Description of Request: Provides \$350,000 to support the city's Green Building and Retro-

fitting Program. Building green requires the wise use of available materials and resources through energy and water efficiency strategies, the recycling of waste, and the use of recycled materials. Energy use is reduced through strategies such as low-e glazing, thicker insulation, energy recovery, demand-controlled ventilation, efficient mechanical equipment, and the use of renewable energy. The focus on indoor air quality that is characteristic of green buildings and better health, increases productivity, and, among students, higher test scores.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT TABOR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Tallevast, Florida, on its 100th Anniversary and recognize Pastor Ezell Patterson who has served as the congregation's spiritual leader for the past 33 years.

The 150-member church was founded in 1909 by the children of former slaves and has since provided a spiritual home to generations of Tallevast residents who have been able to count on the enduring spiritual support and presence of Mount Tabor.

Though its challenges have changed over the years, Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist has remained strongly committed to its core mission: provide spiritual guidance to all of its members and their families.

For the past few years, the church has provided comfort and a meeting place for area residents impacted by the recent discovery that some residents of the polluted community were drinking contaminated water for possibly up to 40 years.

For more than a century now, Mount Tabor has been the spiritual heart of the Tallevast community.

Resident Ms. Virginia Massie told The Bradenton Herald the church is "the most important thing in my life." And Associate Pastor Willie C. Shaw told the paper, it "has always been an extension of my immediate family."

I have had the pleasure of visiting with local residents in the church hall and attending Sunday service there.

I congratulate Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church and its members for reaching this important milestone. I recognize its many accomplishments, and I appreciate their successful efforts to provide a spiritual home to the Tallevast community.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as

part of the FY10 Energy & Water Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Biomass and Biorefinery Systems R&D

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Monroe NY Department of Environmental Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 West Main Street, Suite 7100, Rochester, NY 14614

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for the continued transformation of the Mill Seat Landfill in Riga in to a very efficient bioreactor through innovative harnessing of methane to create energy with large and/or small generating system. This second power plant will result in increased Methane production to produce up to 12.8 Megawatts of Renewable Green power and associated Thermal Load. The project will allow the County to utilize the thermal output to spur economic development adjacent to the Landfill and sell the electricity and related green benefits to offset utility costs.

Of the total amount, 100 percent is for purchase and installation of equipment.

This state of the art process would provide many environmentally friendly results: eliminates the need for incinerating sludge at the wastewater treatment plant saving non-renewable energy; reduces the use of non-renewable fuel and emissions; and improves the decomposition process via the use of the "chemically treated biosolids". This is the first use of chemically treated biosolids from a Waste Water Treatment Plant to increase the decomposition of Municipal solid waste resulting in increased Methane production while extending the life of the landfill by 30–50 percent. Also, Monroe County will use the free thermal associated with the project to entice companies to relocate to the eight 25-acre economic development parcels adjacent to the landfill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York at Geneseo

Address of Requesting Entity: Erwin 218, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY 14454

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the purchase of a Fourier Transform Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer for SUNY Geneseo's Integrated Science Center.

Of the total amount, 100 percent is for purchase and installation of equipment.

This instrument will replace an aging spectrometer at the College thus allowing Geneseo to continue attracting competitive research grants, training students in critical fields of science and technology, and contribute to economic development efforts in the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District

Address of Requesting Entity: 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,696,000 for the routine operations and

maintenance of Mount Morris Dam, NY. Failure to fund could result in operating systems failures and structural degradation.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Geothermal Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Daemen College

Address of Requesting Entity: 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$950,000 to implement a heating and cooling system in Daemen College's largest building, housing many administrative, faculty, and staff offices and many classrooms and laboratories.

Of the total amount, \$25,650 (2.7 percent) is for personnel; \$875,900 (92.2 percent) is for construction; and \$48,450 (5.1 percent) is for equipment.

Funds will be used to implement the heating and cooling system. The project will create jobs and educate people on energy efficiency.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rochester Institute of Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 30 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to fund research to address a critical technology gap impeding the deployment and optimization of next generation autonomous microsystems—the ability to effectively and efficiently power these devices. The focus of this research program to date has been to use the facilities and expertise of the NanoPower Research Labs (NPRL) at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in power conversion and storage using new materials such as carbon nanotubes and quantum dots to develop and commercialize the next generation of autonomous power solutions.

Of the total amount, approximately \$50,000 (20 percent) is for faculty and staff; \$32,000 (12.8 percent) is for materials; \$48,000 (19.2 percent) is for services; \$3,000 (1.2 percent) is for travel; and \$120,000 (48 percent) is for equipment.

The federal investment will enable the NPRL at RIT to accelerate the translation of its fundamental research into a wide range of applications, particularly for terrestrial solar energy systems. The economic opportunities of this research initiative are also significant for the upstate New York region, which is at a critical juncture in the need to jumpstart and capitalize on emerging industries.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Buildings Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Judiciary; U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

Address of Requesting Entity: Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building One Columbus Circle, NE Washington, DC 20544; 1800 F. Street, NW, Washington DC 20405

Description of Request: Provide a judicially directed earmark of \$96,000,000 to construct a new Mobile United States Courthouse, Alabama (approximately \$2,600,000 for additional site acquisition; \$6,000,000 for additional design; \$87,400,000 construction account). The existing courthouse was originally constructed in 1932. There are major security concerns, such as the need to use public hallways and public elevators to transport prisoners, and no holding cells adjacent to the courtrooms. There are HVAC and mold problems in most of the courthouse and a serious lack of space, making it necessary to stack court documents and office supplies in hallways and on stairwell landings. Once GSA constructs the facility, the court will occupy the new courthouse and pay rent to GSA for the building. The Mobile metro area is projected to be among the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. The Judiciary FY10 request was \$190,300,000; therefore, approximately \$94,300,000 is needed to complete construction of this ongoing project.

CONGRATULATING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER FOR DENTON COUNTY ON THE RIBBON CUTTING OF ITS NEW FACILITY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County on the completion and ribbon cutting of its new facility in Lewisville, Texas. After providing justice and healing for abused children in North Texas for over 10 years, the CACDC will now be able to open its doors to more families and children in need.

What began in 1994 as a task force is now a symbol of hope for abused children and their families in Denton County. The brand new 14,000 square foot facility will allow the CACDC to better serve a growing community.

Prior to the formation of the CACDC, there was no adequate facility to care for the victims of child abuse cases. Children often underwent questioning in frightening environments by investigators who were not trained to work with child abuse victims. Today, the CACDC provides resources to child abuse victims and their families, hosts a comfortable environment to counsel abused children, and fights to ensure that abusers are prosecuted. The Center works hard to give children the care and encouragement they need to move past the trauma of abuse.

I am proud of the noble and devoted community leaders, such as the CACDC volunteer

board of directors, Executive Director Dan Leal, and countless others who have helped grow the Center into the safe haven it is today. I am honored to represent the people of the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County in the 26th District of Texas, and I offer them my congratulations, and endless appreciation.

IN HONOR OF HOMESTEADING AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORVELT

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th Anniversary of Norvelt. This community, located in Mount Pleasant Township in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, was originally named Westmoreland Homestead. It was created to demonstrate how a homesteading community could assist displaced coal miners. In the early 1900s, western Pennsylvania had emerged as the world leader in mining bituminous-coal, but the Great Depression caused the mining industry to falter, causing massive job loss and severe wage reductions.

While driving through impoverished mining towns and witnessing first hand the severe poverty the families were enduring, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt became deeply concerned. Many houses she visited had upwards of ten people sharing one bed and some families were so poor they were living in abandoned coke ovens. Mrs. Roosevelt believed that subsistence housing would provide for a better quality of life for the impoverished citizens. Her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, supported his wife's vision by establishing the homesteading movement in the New Deal. The new homesteading community in Westmoreland County eventually changed its name to "Norvelt" in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt.

In contrast to previous "patch towns," where miners were almost entirely dependent on their employers, the new homestead enabled residents to be self-reliant. The community was 772 acres and sustained 254 homes. The new residents, who came from the older, surrounding communities, assisted in the construction of their new residences and were responsible for the painting.

Each modest house came with a tract of land that enabled families to grow their own food. Every family received several dozen chickens, as well as agricultural tools, trees, and bushes. The First Lady also pushed for each home to have a refrigerator and washing machine, as she believed that everyone deserved to have some comforts in life. Personal garages also served as a symbol of hope that one day each family would own its own car. Every month, families would pay rent which ultimately went towards the purchase of their homes.

Today Madam Speaker, as our country faces economic hardship, we can look to the example of the past residents of Norvelt as they worked hard in the hope of a better future.