

each year on gasoline costs by using transit. Bicycle commuters annually save an average of \$1,825 in auto-related costs, conserve 145 gallons of gasoline, and avoid 50 hours of gridlock traffic.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to support businesses in their effort to provide choices for commuting employees.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

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

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to the Animal Fiber Research Program. This funding would assist in the ongoing Wool Research Program. This program is a partnership between the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in San Angelo, TX, New Mexico State University and Montana State University. This program helps enhance the quality and quantity of wool and mohair produced in this country. In addition, significant efforts are being made to work with small ruminants as a means to control invasive brush which is a major issue in many parts of Texas degrading rangelands and taking precious water. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account to continue partial funding of the state-of-the-art multidisciplinary research approach at the International Cotton Center at Texas Tech University. The International Cotton Center conducts cotton research programs for cotton production systems and provides market and policy analysis for natural fibers (cotton, wool, and mohair) in an effort to increase profitability and maintain viability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry in an increasingly competitive and volatile international market. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to continue partial funding for the Center for Food Industry Excellence at Texas Tech University. The Center for Food Industry Excellence is a federal and state supported program that conducts systematic development and evaluations of production, processing and preparation methods of food products to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Project name: Wreck Pond Clean-Up

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, NY 10278-0090.

Description of Request: Enable the Army Corps to continue and further its partnerships with state and local officials in the effort to fully clear toxic contamination from Wreck Pond. Overflow contaminants from Wreck Pond pollute the Ocean and such pollution has been responsible for more than 80% of all beach closings on the New Jersey shore. Planned remedies such as dredging will reduce flooding, ensure improved water quality, protect ocean swimmers and prevent beach closings.

Project name: Assunpink Creek Flood Mitigation in Hamilton Township

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Investigate flooding problems along the Assunpink Creek in Hamilton Township, NJ—an area which has frequent water control problems and environmental degradation—to save structures and contents from flood damage, alleviate cleanup costs for residents in this highly urbanized setting of the area.

Project name: Assunpink Creek Day Lighting Initiative in Trenton

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: The project seeks to day light Assunpink Creek along the Broad Street culvert—which connects various greenway areas and transportation facilities. The corps reports that this will improve anadromous fish migration along Assunpink Creek in Trenton. The project also benefits businesses adjacent to the site and provides recreational, historical and educational opportunities for the community.

Project name: Delaware River Bank Protection, Philadelphia to Trenton

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Maintain and inspect bank protection works, provide bridge reconstruction and perform maintenance dredging of lower reach and turning basin. This project will restore safe and economical navigating depths in the Florence Township area. Funding will be used for maintenance dredging of lower reach and turning basin and to construct three upland disposal sites, and for disposal area maintenance & construction and placement of rip-rap material.

Project name: New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Provides a safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the East Coast's largest and the 5th most valuable commercial fishing fleet in the US, as well as nine US Coast Guard Stations. This funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging of the entrance channel.

Project name: NJ Shore Protection for Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, NY 10278-0090.

Description of Request: Funding would be used to continue the renourishment phase of the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet, NJ shore protection project. Beach replenishment remedies have been extremely effective in the section of the Jersey shore and ongoing funding is needed to sustain the progress made through the initial successful federal/state shared investment. New Jersey's beaches are a vital recreational and economic resource. Replenishment and sustained maintenance of healthy beaches help protect residents, local businesses, tourist attractions and natural habitats.

Project name: Comprehensive Restoration of the Delaware River

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Continue the Delaware River plan formulation and evaluation of alternative solutions and mitigation remedies to the region's problems regarding flooding along the river and tributaries. This project will help alleviate significant flood damage for residents while providing ecosystem restoration, protection and enhancement and restoration of public lands.

Project name: Manasquan River Maintenance

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Manasquan River connects the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway with the Atlantic Ocean. This navigation project provides for 2 jetties; a channel 14 feet deep and 250 feet wide from the ocean to the inner end of the north jetty; and a channel 12 feet deep and 100 to 300 feet wide extending to within 300 feet of the railroad bridge. This funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging of the channel.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. 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. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Requesting entity: Brazos River Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 Cobb Drive, Waco, TX

Description: \$300,000 in funding from the Investigations account of the Army Corps of Engineers for the Middle Brazos River. This program will investigate increasing the water supply of the Middle Brazos Basin. The COE and the Brazos River Authority (BRA) are evaluating the feasibility of increasing the water supply of the Middle Brazos basin by raising lake levels (reallocating flood pool storage to water supply). This is a long-term project aimed at developing additional water at existing reservoir sites for future needs. The \$300,000 will be spent by the COE on an interim feasibility study.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Dept. of Energy—EERE

Requesting entity: City of Georgetown, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 E. 8th Street, Georgetown TX 78626

Description: The City of Georgetown is a municipal electric power provider, dedicated to efficiently lowering the cost of energy to the customers within their service area. \$100,000 in funding is for the planning, engineering and development of a solar power project in partnership with GREX and the Life Sciences Center, Georgetown, Texas. This solar project will be used as a template type "pilot project" to encourage other commercial customers inside our service territory to consider installing similar renewable distributed power facilities to help the customer reduce the consumption of power generated by fossil fueled power plants and benefit the city power system by controlling voltage and maintaining power quality.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN ENRIQUE SADSAD UPON RECEIVING THE 2009 MILITARY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Enrique Sadsad, who has received the 2009 Military Leader of the Year Award, given by the Association of Defense Communities. Captain Sadsad's tireless pursuit of fostering community bonds, developing defense partnerships and effectively leading the Training Air Wing Five for the Naval Air Station Whiting Field has made a lasting difference in the lives of many in my district.

Captain Sadsad effectively fulfills his military mission through superior leadership of Training Air Wing Five. His duties include coordinating fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft pilot training for Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and pilots from over a dozen different countries. Under Captain Sadsad's direction, the Training Air Wing Five contributes to 10% of all Naval Flight hours flown worldwide. Captain Sadsad still finds the time to go above and beyond his call of duty to actively engage in the community exemplified through his involvement with numerous programs. Chief among them include; the Covenant Hospice Veteran program, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Junior Reserve Officer Training Course, Partners-in-Education, Manna Food Bank, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Drug Education for Youth program.

Moreover, Captain Sadsad's successful joint venture with County and State Encroachment Partnering has resulted in the acquisition of more than 1,000 acres of conservation easements contributing to the protection of the mission at NAS Whiting Field. In addition, Captain Sadsad has sought to diligently work with resource management to oversee the preservation of several rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species as well as overseeing 2,351 acres of forestland, 317 acres of wetlands, and 742 acres in Agricultural leases.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Captain Enrique Sadsad for his dedicated efforts of training our service men and women and conscientiously working to improve the community of Northwest Florida. Vicki and I send him our best wishes for continued success.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 595, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN TRIBUTE TO OBIE V. BRANDON

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**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Obie Brandon, a dear friend and community leader who passed away last week after a valiant fight against cancer. Obie was a prominent labor leader in the Sacramento Region, and his death leaves a great void in the fight for the rights of working families and the labor movement. As his family, friends, and labor brothers and sisters gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most well-respected figures.

Obie was an admired advocate for the working class citizens and an unapologetic champion for the rights of the underserved and needy. Obie's roots in labor began early in his life with his first career beginning in 1962 as a flour miller for Pillsbury. After the plant closed, he continued his career with United Grocers until he was called for military service in Vietnam. After serving his country for two years in Vietnam, Obie returned to his position with United Grocers. He was a steadfast advocate of labor and continued his support of labor by becoming an active member of the International Longshoremen's Warehouse Union Local 17. He began as the Recording-Secretary for the ILWU Local 17 in 1970 and soon became the Local's President in 1973.

Obie was widely recognized as a tough negotiator and strong advocate for the rights of Union labor members. His ardent support for the labor movement soon caught the attention of Roy Mack of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 498. Obie later joined Mack on the staff of the Local 498, where only eight months into his membership he was elected Secretary-Treasurer, a position he would hold from 1982 to 1990. Later, along with other labor leaders, Obie helped form the Coalition of Organized Labor Board, an organization of 24 local Unions representing some 150,000 members and committed to bringing Unions together to provide mutual support. He served until his passing as the group's Secretary-Treasurer.

Through his advocacy at the local and state levels, Obie became an important ambassador between labor Unions and Commercial Enterprises. In addition to his work with the UFCW, Obie served as Vice President of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO. He was a passionate supporter of working class citizens and their rights through labor Unions, and his ardor and commitment to these issues resonated in his advocacy. Obie contributed to the growth and maturity of countless people and was a true champion of the labor movement.

Madam Speaker, as Obie Brandon's wife Kathy, his children Tera Clizbe and Eric Brandon, his three grandchildren, Cameron, Brandon and Taylor, and his friends gather to honor his wonderful legacy and countless contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to him. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinarily loving man, Obie Brandon.