EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Centre Area Transportation Authority, 2081 West Whitehall Road, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of $300,000. Funding will be used for compressed natural gas powered articulated transit buses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama School of Math and Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 1255 Dauphin St., Mobile, Alabama 36604

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 for curriculum development and training for teachers of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, along with upgrades to server and computer networks for the Alabama School of Math and Science (ASMS). Approximately, $25,000 (25%) will be used for curriculum development and an AP workshop for faculty; $35,000 (35%) will be used for computer lab equipment; $34,000 (34%) will be used for computer upgrades for faculty and staff; and $6,000 (6%) for server upgrades to accommodate new technology. ASMS is Alabama's statewide public school for science, technology, engineering, and math, grades 10–12. ASMS' AP program has been recognized for being in the top ten schools in Alabama for AP scores. A school with the mission of science and technology education must have adequate technological resources to carry out its purpose, and ASMS' computer network is badly outdated and in need of replacement. As STEM education continues to be a national and regional priority, ASMS is working to educate Alabama's future doctors, scientists, manufacturers and engineers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Daphne, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 1705 Main St., Daphne, AL 36526

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 to fund improvements to library equipment at the Daphne Public Library. Of the requested funds, approximately $20,000 (20%) will go to acquisition of fiber optics cable; $20,000 (20%) for server equipment upgrades; $25,000 (25%) for computer hardware and peripheral equipment; $10,000 (10%) for computer software; $10,000 (10%) for instructional computer equipment; $3,500 (3.5%) for a computer lab printing server; $3,000 (3%) for computer lab furnishings; $3,200 (3.2%) for instructional computer materials; and $5,300 (5.3%) for other library books and materials. Daphne Library is a public library serving a rapidly growing city in one of the fastest growing counties in Alabama. Ensuring its citizens have access to relevant and effective information and new technology is an important part of sustaining the county's growth and ensuring the success and stability of the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 65 Government St., Mobile, AL 36602

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 to fund equipment and programs to help teachers teach science and technology curriculum so area children may become more interested in science and its related industries. Approximately, $35,000 (35%) is to develop and produce teacher training modules and science and engineering learning kits that address skills development used in the engineering design process; $25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of computer technology to implement the project; $25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of science and engineering learning kits; and $15,000 (15%) to train teachers on the fundamentals of the engineering sciences. This request aligns with national, statewide and south Alabama priorities for workforce development in support of new area industries. Congress and the administration have also committed to increasing student interest and participation in science and technology education, a need the Exploreum directly addresses.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Infirmary Health System, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5 Mobile Infirmary Circle, Mobile, Alabama 36609

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to assist with the implementation of an Electronic Health Record System through the purchase of hardware and software, along with implementation and training as a part of phase two of Infirmary Health System's adoption of an integrated electronic health records system across four non-profit acute care hospitals and a network of other facilities. Approximately, $75,000 (30%) is for the purchase of computer equipment for use by clinicians in direct patient care areas; $50,000 (20%) for education and training of physicians and other clinical users; $75,000 (30%) for software and networking costs associated with the EHR; and $50,000 (20%) for implementation assistance from certified clinical or software specialists. Electronic Health Records (EHR) improve efficiency and reduce costs by eliminating duplicative, and potentially dangerous, tests and prescriptions. EHR also helps hospitals manage beds and operating rooms more effectively. Transitions to EHR are a priority of the Department of Health and Human Services and are a necessary component in controlling health care costs while improving quality. Infirmary Health System has committed to matching these funds fully.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 6801 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, AL

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to fund components for future installation of 2 generators and a 3000 amp ATS including conduit to future generator location. Of the funds requested, approximately, $22,579 (9%) will be used for a generator to provide temporary power; $8,300 (3.3%) for engineering and permit; $6,000 (2.4%) for concrete pads for equipment support; $120,000 (48%) for materials; and $93,121 (37.2%) for labor. This installation will allow the hospital to use a temporary generator during major power outages at a much reduced cost of installation. The Mobile area has been significantly impacted by 14 hurricanes in the last 19 years, accompanied by widespread power outages. During these storms and others, Providence works with public health agencies to take on patients from many other local and regional facilities. Because hurricane season coincides with the hottest months of the year, reliable air conditioning is necessary for infection prevention, disease control, and sufficient ventilation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Rose Administration Building, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide $355,000 to expand the University of Alabama West Alabama Autism Outreach Center to enhance community services, physician outreach, and education programs serving the needs of rural and underserved west Alabama families, who are among 30,000 people struggling with ASD in Alabama. Funds will be used to implement community education and outreach programs using personal and telemedicine visits. Approximately, $125,000 (35%) will be used for early recognition and screening training within community medical settings; $175,000 (50%) will be used for community-based intervention services in both early intervention and education settings; $55,000 (15%) will be used to evaluate program effectiveness. This program is designed to address a public health crisis in Alabama where autism diagnoses are made one and a half years later than in other parts of the country and where children receive only 4% of nationally recommended early intervention hours.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Springhill Avenue, Mobile Alabama 36604

Description of Request: Provide $2,500,000 for facilities and equipment. Of the requested funds, approximately $1,250,000 (50%) will be used by the Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI) to purchase a triple photon linear accelerator, a piece of advanced cancer treatment equipment for the MCI, the only research state university-based cancer center along the upper Gulf Coast, an area with cancer infection and fatality rates higher than the national average. Approximately $892,300 (35.7%) will be used by the USA National Center for the Study of Medical Disaster Response for demolition and renovation of existing facilities; $89,230 (3.5%) for architectural and engineering fees; $18,470 (.7%) for video projection equipment and associated furniture; and $250,000 (10%) to develop and/or purchase best of breed training simulators and training videos with the overarching goal of establishing a national library for use in training. The University of South Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama, is a public university based in the heart of hurricane country, with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of disaster response. The center provides hospital and health personnel in Alabama and the gulf coast region with disaster management training. The center equips hospitals, first responders, and public safety officials with the necessary information and training to prepare for and manage patients and communities' critical health and safety needs in the event of a disaster.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services (TES)

Name of Recipient: San Jacinto College

Address of Recipient: 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX 77504

Description of Request: $350,000 in funding would be used to purchase equipment to help displaced workers in the Houston area obtain training to reenter the workforce in high-demand positions. The goal of this project would help train new workers and retrain or upskill existing workers to become welders, pipefitters and nondestructive testing personnel for the petrochemical industry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADRIAN SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education/FIE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska Kearney

Address of Requesting Entity: Office of Sponsored Programs, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68849

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $350,000 for the University of Nebraska—Kearney's On-line Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education program. The on-line program will enable in-service early childhood educators to retain their current jobs while earning bachelor's degrees to stay ahead of evolving federal and state professional development standards. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, states are working to close the achievement gap and ensure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency. Schools that do not make progress must provide supplemental services, such as free tutoring or after-school assistance; take corrective actions; and, if still not making adequate yearly progress after five years, make dramatic changes to the way the school is operated. This project will enable Nebraska to stay in compliance with No Child Left Behind, Good Start, Grow Smart, Head Start Regulations, and state Early Childhood Initiatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, an earmark for the Midland Independent School District, Midland, TX for teacher training was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Midland Independent School District (ISD), located at 615 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

Funding for this project will be used for Texas Mathworks. Texas Mathworks is a center for mathematics education formed by Texas State University System to develop model programs and self-sustaining learning communities that engage Texas K–12 students in doing mathematics at a high level. Funding in Fiscal Year 2010 will be used to recruit and train six-to-eight teacher leaders from Midland Consolidated ISD at Mathworks training sites. Training includes observing a camp in the morning and then learning how to teach their own camp in the afternoon. Teachers will conduct their own Math Camp, assisted and mentored by the master teachers. Students will attend the junior summer math camps. During the academic year, the master teachers will pilot Part I of the curriculum, mentored and assisted by a full-time mathematics Peer Coach. These teachers will become part of a professional Math Inquiry Group. The Peer Coach will work closely with the faculty mentor to observe all teachers in their classrooms, give input and guidance and collect data required by the external evaluator.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, an earmark for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), Lubbock, TX for facilities and equipment was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the TTUHSC, located at 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Funds would be used at the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health—Odessa, TX Campus.

The mission of the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health is to cultivate and advance multi-disciplinary science in women's health and to promote the well-being of women through research, education, and community outreach. This initiative will provide resources for tissue banks at TTUHSC dedicated to women's health and research into gender differences in health. This project will accomplish the following: (1) Create a women's health tissue bank on the TTUHSC campuses in Amarillo, El Paso, and Odessa to receive, store, and distribute a full range of biological specimens, such as whole organs, tissues, cells, and DNA. (2) Develop protocol to establish an organized repository of characterized tissues for collection and maintenance useful for a wide range of women's health research studies. (3) Collaborate with the Research Institutional Review Board to assist in the development of standards in methodology, management, and education regarding tissue bank specimens. (4) Develop a priority hierarchy for tissue distribution to assist researchers in fulfilling the purpose of taking research from the laboratory to the patient. (5) Create a reporting standard and method for researchers describing the purpose, process, and evaluation of the tissues used in laboratory research. (6) Improve the knowledge and breadth of research in the field of women's health and gender differences in health.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) account, an earmark for Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC), Lubbock, TX for the West Texas Center for Influenza Research, Education and Treatment was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the TTUHSC, located at 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Funds would be used at the Odessa, TX Campus.

The West Texas Center for Influenza Research, Education and Treatment at the TTUHSC would provide a model of care of the influenza patient using a large network of primary care physicians from around West Texas. It would also develop an infrastructure