

She was a wonderful example of the talented, professional and dedicated federal employees who serve their country with distinction and honor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Sally Crowe, as well as my greatest appreciation for her many years of service.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO
JAMES PAUL LATTURE III

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Paul Latture III, who has served as the President and CEO of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce since May 2002. Paul is leaving the position next week for a new opportunity in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Paul has helped expand West Tennessee's industrial base, including the recruitment of companies such as Bodine Aluminum/Toyota, and by working with existing industries to encourage expansion.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. Before joining the Jackson Area Chamber, he served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Executive Vice President for Economic Development for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development Board, and Director of Membership Development and Governmental Affairs for the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and is an active member of CoreNet Global, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Tennessee Economic Partnership (TEP). Paul is a 2005 graduate of WestStar. He is past president of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), past president of West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and serves as vice president for the Tennessee Industrial Development Council (TIDC).

Paul and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Abby and Claudia.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in thanking Paul Latture III for his service and wishing him and his family all the best.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS
OF WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the volunteers of Woodstock, New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. Once a year, the Woodstock community joins to honor those members who have given their time and energy to help others. This year, I am proud to commemorate the Fifth Annual Woodstock

Volunteers' Day. In the American tradition of "lending a hand," I am delighted to recognize this community's activist history and continued commitment to altruism.

Although people began settling in its mountainous land long before the American Revolution, Woodstock was officially named a township in 1787. At the turn of the twentieth century, Woodstock was a quaint, farming town and an upstate escape for artists and craftspeople. Since those early days, Woodstock has maintained a notable relationship between artists and non-artists, enabling people of all generations to work hand-in-hand for the sake of the community. A Woodstock historian writes, "More recently, the artists and local people have worked together to better the town, joining in efforts to support the library, local planning, local schools, and governments. Woodstock has become truly a melting pot of a tremendously diverse group of people working together for a better way of life."

The Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day will pay homage to a number of volunteers and volunteer organizations, including the Woodstock Rescue Squad, Meals on Wheels, Family of Woodstock, Woodstock Fire Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as their Auxiliaries, the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the Woodstock Food Pantry, all volunteers for the Town of Woodstock, Friends of the Library, the Woodstock Historical Society and the Boards of the various arts organizations with the Woodstock Arts Consortium.

There is an unparalleled value in the act of giving oneself voluntarily. Volunteerism provides an appreciation for community, instills a respect for life and humanity, and creates a bond that transcends generations. The Woodstock community has demonstrated a strong history and distinguished appreciation for this value, thus I extol their achievements. As thankful members of the Woodstock community gather to recognize the selfless acts of neighbors and friends, let us recognize the voluntary daily acts of kindness here in Woodstock and throughout America that strengthen our foundation. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the volunteers of Woodstock, New York as they celebrate the Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: OPAF, Line 12

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 9800 Goethe Road, Box 42, Sacramento, CA 95826

Description of Request: I received \$6,000,000 to upgrade the Eagle Vision III system which is operated by the 147th Combat Communications Squadron, in San Diego, California. Eagle Vision is a mobile commercial satellite imagery collection and processing

system which has proven itself as a resource in the war on terror and a homeland defense asset. The Eagle Vision III system has supported missions with AFNORTH, NORTHCOM, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Geological Survey Agency (USGS) during natural disasters, CALFIRE/CalEMA, and the Army Strategic Command (ARSTRAT). In fact, it directly and indirectly supported 2009 Midwest flooding, and Hurricanes Fay, Gustav, and Ike and has participated in numerous military exercises. By providing the One-meter Electro-optical CARTOSAT 2 and the 2.5 meter CARTOSAT 1 and One-meter SAR system (RADARSAT II) upgrades, Eagle Vision III will have the same capabilities as newer versions of the system. The upgrades will provide the direct downlink of two separate imaging satellites allowing operators access to satellites with different orbitologies, and more frequent access to imagery during each day. Also, with a one-meter capability, imagery analysts will be able to identify specific information regarding roads, bridges, dams and other critical infrastructure which is very important to "first responders" during disaster situations.

HONORING MARISSA KAHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Marissa Kahn. On July 16, 2009, Marissa received a Gold Medal while competing at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. This is the highest award in the nation for her FCCLA event.

She has been very active with her local chapter and has contributed greatly to her area through her service. Not only has she distinguished herself through her involvement, she has earned the respect of her family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Marissa Kahn for her accomplishments with the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in the National Leadership Conference competition.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 3170—Financial Services Appropriations Act and Amendments I submitted and received the following funding.

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$1,000,000 for The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation located at 620 N. Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. This is the installment of a congressional authorization of which \$3 million was