

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: Warfighter Sustainment Applied Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulane University

Address of Requesting Entity: 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 for Tulane University. It is my understanding that the funding is for Tulane University to work with Xavier University, ONR, and other Department of Defense partners on a biosensors and risk assessment technologies program. Biosensors developed through this program will provide real-time information about the threats from bioterrorism and environmental pollutants, allowing DoD to respond more effectively and at less expense than other analytical methods. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

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 Defense Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hauptman Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI)

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for identification of new drug targets in multi-drug resistant bacteria causing opportunistic infections.

This project will address the recent rapid increase of severe opportunistic post-wound infections in the warfighter caused by the drug and multi-drug resistant bacteria *Acinetobacter*

baumannii. HWI will identify new antibacterial drug targets and develop novel lead drug compounds with the goal of acquiring effective treatments against difficult and dangerous infections.

Warfighters wounded during battle are highly susceptible to opportunistic infections, greatly complicating their treatment and recovery. Their susceptibility to post-wound infections is due to the difficulty in cleaning traumatic deep tissue wounds and the near impossibility of maintaining sterile conditions during front line medical care. Opportunistic infections of wounded warfighters greatly extend hospital stays and increase costs. Wounded warfighters are routinely treated immediately with antibiotics in an effort to prevent opportunistic infections. Unfortunately, the occurrence of drug and multi-drug resistant strains of *A. baumannii* is rapidly increasing. Currently, 50 percent of these infections are resistant to treatment by at least one antibiotic, and 1 in 10 infections can't be treated by any antibiotic in routine use. Infections by drug resistant strains of *A. baumannii* often result in limb amputation or even death.

This project will address this militarily important problem by identifying new drug targets within *A. baumannii*, determining the molecular structure of the proteins, and then identifying chemicals that will serve as the starting points for developing desperately needed new antibiotic drugs effective against multi-drug resistant *A. baumannii*. HWI has already identified and begun characterization of several proteins that are potential drug targets.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 17, "yea" on Rollcall 18 and "yea" on Rollcall 19.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Centennial year of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179. Over the past hundred years, the San Juan Bautista Parlor has furthered the aims of the Native Daughters of the Golden West by preserving California's

history, improving its present, and ensuring a brighter future for all its citizens.

On February 23, 1910, NDGW Grand President Emma Lillie Humphrey presided over a ceremony to institute the San Juan Bautista Parlor. In 1934, the Parlor purchased an Adobe built in 1830 on Fourth St. It soon became known as the Native Daughters Adobe. The Parlor restored the building to a useful condition and continues to maintain this historic building. It remains the monthly meeting place of the Parlor and a focus for many activities for local organizations. Chief among these are its work with children's organizations, veterans and active military. Their weekly Yoga class at the Adobe promotes a healthy lifestyle for the community.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Children's Foundation holds fundraising events to assist California's children with special medical needs that are beyond the family's means. Additionally, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 gives a scholarship annually to students from the local high schools and sponsors students who participate in the state-wide NDGW California History essay contest.

The Parlor's activities reach beyond the borders of San Juan Bautista and San Benito County, CA. With their focus on California history, the Parlor has placed plaques designating historical landmarks, helped restore and preserve the beautiful monuments in the state's twenty-one missions, and is very active in fund raising activities for the missions. The Parlor also provides California Flags to local schools, libraries, VFW Posts, city and county government offices.

The internationally played card game "Pedro" was said to have been invented in San Juan Bautista and has been continuously played throughout California since the mid-1800's. Each month, the Parlor hosts a Pedro card party for the community which keeps the Pedro history alive.

Parlor No. 179 organizes several annual events that celebrate California's history. Fremont Peak Day, co-sponsored with local Posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, commemorates the Bear Flag Revolt of 1846, the engagement between the forces of John C. Fremont and General Jose Castro. An Admission Day community barbeque celebrates the date California became the 31st State: September 9, 1850.

Members of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 are also involved in activities which promote recycling, energy awareness and water conservation, protecting and preserving California's natural resources and its environment.

Madam Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating the Native Daughters of the Golden West, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 on their 100th anniversary. Their civic pride shines brightly and illuminates the many activities that improve the community and conserve and promote our heritage.

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HONORING MR. BRIAN ABRAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Brian Abram. Mr. Abram served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 6.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Abram served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Abram is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING NIC FIORE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nic Fiore. Mr. Fiore passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the age of 88. A celebration and tribute to the life of Mr. Fiore and his wife, Midge, will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Curry Village Pavilion in Yosemite Valley.

Mr. Nic Fiore was born on December 1, 1920, in Montreal, Canada. He was one of 12 children. After serving in the Canadian Army during World War II, he abandoned his dream of becoming a championship European bike racer and taught skiing in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal. In 1947, Mr. Fiore was recruited by Luggi Foeger, then ski school director at Badger Pass. He drove into Yosemite Valley for the first time on December 8, 1947.

Mr. Fiore originally planned on staying only 4 months at the Badger Pass ski area. One ski season became the next and he became more involved in various operations of the park. While teaching skiing in the winter, he worked in the hotels in the park over the summers, including serving as maitre d' of the Ahwahnee Hotel and managing the Glacier Point Lodge and the Wawona Hotel. In 1956, Mr. Fiore was named director of the Badger Pass Ski School, and in 1963 he also began managing Yosemite's five High Sierra camps in the wilderness back country. Mr. Fiore served as the director of the Yosemite's Ski and Snowboard School at Badger Pass ski area for 45 years before assuming the role of "ski ambassador" in 2001.

Early in Mr. Fiore's career, he became concerned with the integrity of ski instructors. In the late 1940s, he joined the newly formed California Ski Instructors Association. Through the organization, he advocated for the creation of a national ski instructors association to promote the quality and consistency of instruc-

tors. In 1961, the Professional Ski Instructors of America was founded. Mr. Fiore remained vigilant in pushing the national organization to maintain high standards for the certification process of ski instructors. He served as executive director of the western division of the Professional Ski Instructors of America for nearly 30 years. For his tremendous service to Badger Pass Mr. Fiore has received various honors; including the prestigious Charlie Proctor Award in 1986 from the Sierra Chapter of the North American Ski Journalist Association.

While well into his 80s, Mr. Fiore skied nearly every day and taught occasional lessons during the 2003–2004 season. It is estimated that in his 50 years with Badger Pass, Mr. Fiore taught 100,000 guests how to ski. In 2004 Mr. Fiore underwent heart surgery and in May 2009 suffered from a stroke. Mr. Fiore was preceded in death by his wife, Midge. He is survived by his two daughters, Cindy and Nicole, as well as eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Nic Fiore. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

KAZAKHSTAN'S VISION OF A MORE EFFECTIVE OSCE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kazakhstan's new role as chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, OSCE. The decision by the OSCE participating states to appoint Kazakhstan as its chair for 2010 marks the first time that a former Soviet state will take on this leadership role. The decision was not without controversy, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts made over the past two decades to establish democracy and a market economy. I look forward to full implementation of the promises of reform made by Kazakhstan at the 2007 OSCE Madrid Ministerial. In a January 2010 video address, President Nazarbayev told the OSCE Permanent Council that, "Kazakhstan as the holder of the OSCE Chairmanship is firmly committed to the fundamental principles and values of the OSCE." I welcome and applaud this statement as well as Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev's Permanent Council statement that, "further steps in the area of democratization in Kazakhstan will be fully in line with the goals and tasks that we have set ourselves during our Chairmanship."

This month, Kazakhstan Secretary of State–Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev has officially assumed his role as chairman-in-office of the OSCE and I believe he will dedicate his efforts toward realizing Kazakhstan's vision and goals for the OSCE this year. I know Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev's objective is to make the organization even more valid, useful, and effective. I commend Kazakhstan's effective preparation for the chairmanship, and welcome the deepening cooperation between Kazakhstan and the U.S. to make the chairmanship a success.

On January 14, Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev outlined his country's plan for executing Kazakhstan's strategic vision. In

light of increased threats to international security, including illicit drug trafficking and terrorism, Kazakhstan will focus on preventing conflicts that result in tragedy and disaster. It is important that the United States support these efforts. I also support Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev's intention to continue to focus on the OSCE's human dimension.

One area of focus for Kazakhstan as chairmanship of the OSCE will be to address issues pertinent to the developing situation in Afghanistan. In fact, Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev has stated that a principal goal is to help the Afghan people leave behind their militaristic world and develop a lasting peaceful and productive society. To achieve this Kazakhstan has donated \$50 million to a new program which will provide vocational training to 1,000 Afghanis at Kazakh universities. Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev also intends to develop cooperative projects that strengthen the border and improve law enforcement practices, and I support increasing OSCE involvement in this regard.

Beyond the global peril of Afghanistan is the issue of nuclear disarmament. As a former Soviet state, Kazakhstan should be applauded for its decision to eradicate its inherited nuclear arsenal and for its example and leadership in nuclear nonproliferation. With the mantle of OSCE leadership, Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev will work with the OSCE to achieve increased global security.

I commend Kazakhstan for prioritizing the fight against the deplorable and growing concern of human trafficking, particularly that of children. Trafficking has become a major international concern that warrants the attention and cooperation of the OSCE states to develop effective solutions to eliminate such practices.

Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev has also expressed the need for increased tolerance and equality, especially with regard to religion, race, and gender. Various conferences and meetings are already in place to discuss the implementation of previous decisions concerning these areas. I plan to attend at least one of the conferences. And I will encourage colleagues to attend as well.

Finally, as many of my colleagues would agree, energy security remains a critical global concern. Kazakhstan, with its significant oil, gas and mining potential, plays a key role as a reliable energy supplier. The past two years has seen significant challenges to energy supply and distribution in the OSCE region and there is much that the OSCE could be doing to help mediate differences and encourage greater transparency in this area. I am confident that Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev will bring to bear his country's experience and expertise in energy issues to create greater capacity for energy security both politically and institutionally in the OSCE.

I look forward to helping and following the progress of the OSCE under the leadership of Kazakhstan.

The priorities outlined by Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev demonstrate the challenges ahead for the OSCE. I wish Chairman-in-Office Saudabayev and the entire Republic of Kazakhstan well as the OSCE chairmanship. It is my hope that by the close of 2010, we will see Kazakhstan's OSCE leadership manifested through positive outcomes.

U.S. OFFICIAL ON COMMENCEMENT OF
KAZAKHSTAN'S OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP

(By Robert O. Blake, Jr., Jan. 20, 2010)

As Kazakhstan begins to serve as the Chairman-In-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe this year, it is charting a course for a bright and promising future.

It is a future in which the United States and Kazakhstan together seek peace, security, economic development and prosperity. We seek democratic values and human rights that unite free nations in trust and in respect. We seek a region in which relations are good between neighbors, between Russia and China and Afghanistan and all others in the region and of course with the United States.

Kazakhstan has been a leader in international security since its earliest days of independence. After the end of the Cold War, the world applauded as Kazakhstan renounced its nuclear weapons, closed the nuclear test site at Semipalatinsk, and freely transferred over half a ton of weapons-grade uranium to secure sites outside the country under Project Sapphire.

This past December, we marked the sixteenth anniversary of the landmark Cooperative Threat Reduction Program in Kazakhstan and we continue to work in partnership with Kazakhstan to advance our common non-proliferation goals. In April President Obama will welcome President Nazarbayev and other world leaders to the Global Nuclear Security Summit he will host.

Since its independence, Kazakhstan has also set an example in the region with economic reforms that have attracted investment and created jobs. The Government of Kazakhstan is also making wise choices to develop multiple energy export routes and to diversify its economy to ensure that its vast oil wealth can become a source for social mobility, not social stagnation.

As Kazakhstan's economy continues to recover from the global economic downturn, it should again be an engine for growth within Central Asia. Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan would benefit immensely from Kazakhstan investment and energy supplies to stimulate growth and create jobs.

And Afghanistan needs the full partnership of Kazakhstan to overcome the destitution that extremists, warlords, and civil war have compounded over several decades. Kazakhstan is providing vital logistical support to the International Security Assistance Force through the Northern Distribution Network. We welcome Astana's decision to invest in Afghanistan's next generation of leaders by generously allocating \$50 million to fund scholarships for a thousand Afghan students to study in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan's OSCE Chairmanship is highly symbolic. The OSCE had long prided itself for stretching from Vancouver to Vladivostok. Now, for the very first time, a major international organization is headed by a new country east of Vienna. It is a recognition that the OSCE draws its strength not only from Europe and the United States, but also from Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans.

The challenges facing the OSCE and the international community are real but our strength comes from facing those challenges collectively and with a common purpose. The United States looks forward to working with Kazakhstan this year to meet these challenges and achieve the goal of modernizing and strengthening the OSCE, for the benefit of all participating States.

Kazakhstan has successfully navigated the early stages of statehood. It has achieved a position of leadership on international secu-

urity and economic development. And now, Kazakhstan, as the OSCE Chairman-in-Office has an unprecedented opportunity to lead Central Asia towards a future of democracy and to advance its own reform agenda to unleash the creative energy of its people.

With continued reform, Kazakhstan can become the nexus of Eurasia in the 21st century, the point where all roads cross. For thousands of years, along the ancient Silk Road, the communities of Central Asia facilitated the global exchange of ideas, and trade, and culture. In the process, they made historic contributions to our collective human heritage.

Today, as Kazakhstan assumes the OSCE mantle, it is poised and ready to break a fresh path for a new Silk Road, a great crossroads of reform linking the provinces of northern Russia to the ports of South Asia, the republics of Western Europe to the democracies of East Asia.

A strong and prosperous and democratic Kazakhstan can energize the global transmission of learning, trade and freedom across the steppes of Central Asia. Kazakhstan has a glorious past and can seize a hopeful future. The United States will continue to be Kazakhstan's steadfast partner.

HONORING MR. CHRISTOPHER
PENFOLD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Christopher Penfold. Mr. Penfold served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Town of Dunkirk Town Justice.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Penfold served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Penfold is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO PROHIBIT ARTICLE III TRIAL
FOR 9/11 MASTERMIND KHALID
SHEIK MOHAMMED AND CO-CON-
SPIRATORS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing bipartisan legislation with Sen. LINDSEY GRAHAM to prohibit the use of Department of Justice funds for a civilian trial for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed—9/11 mastermind and murderer of journalist Daniel Pearl—and four other co-conspirators in any community in the U.S. I feel this legislation is critically needed in light of the attorney general's dangerous

mismangement of this trial. This legislation is similar to an amendment I offered to fiscal year 2010 appropriations legislation, but was defeated on a party-line vote late last year.

Last November, Attorney General Eric Holder unilaterally announced that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his four co-conspirators currently held at Guantanamo Bay would be tried in the heart of New York City in a civilian trial. Alarming, the attorney general did not consult with any local leaders, including New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly or Mayor Michael Bloomberg. If he had, he would have better understood the dangers and cost of this approach. The trial, as planned, is estimated to cost taxpayers at least \$250 million per year—for a total expected cost of more than \$1 billion.

Upon reviewing the costs and security concerns from the New York City Police Department last week, Mayor Bloomberg stated, "It would be great if the federal government could find a site that didn't cost a billion dollars, which using downtown [New York City] will. [The trial] is going to cost an awful lot of money and disturb an awful lot of people." Shortly thereafter, scores of local, state, and congressional leaders from the New York region withdrew their support and encouraged the attorney general to reverse this reckless decision.

However, in light of this collapsing support from local leaders for the trial, I am concerned that the Obama Administration is now "venue shopping" for a new city to hold this trial in order to save face. This approach is no less dangerous, costly and disruptive to other communities under consideration than it was for New York City.

The legislation Sen. GRAHAM and I are introducing today would explicitly block this dangerous and wasteful trial from any domestic civilian court and, hopefully, compel the attorney general to work with Congress on a safer and more appropriate option. However, our legislation would still allow for a military commission at Guantanamo Bay or a secure military base inside the U.S. This is a reasonable approach that allows the administration to try these murderous terrorists in an appropriate military commission. These detainees do not deserve more rights than an American service man or woman that is tried by military court.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation. The attorney general does not have a blank check to try dangerous terrorists in the venue of his choice. This must be a decision made in consultation with local leaders, Congress and the American people.

HONORING INTELLIGENCE SPE-
CIALIST FIRST CLASS PETTY
OFFICER JAMES K. BROWN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Intelligence Specialist First Class Petty Officer James K. Brown, who is retiring following twenty years of service in the United States Navy.

IS1 James K. Brown's storied military career began in August 1989 when he enlisted in the

United States Navy. Soon after, Brown participated in Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield, for which he earned the Combat Action Ribbon. In 1994, he reported to the USS *George Washington*, taking part in her maiden voyage to the Mediterranean. During this deployment and subsequent deployments, the command was engaged in Operation Southern Watch and operations in Kosovo.

In December 1999, he reported to the USS *Carl Vinson* as the Leading Petty Officer of Multi-Sensor Interpretation Branch. In October 2001, the USS *Carl Vinson* launched the first attack of the Global War on Terrorism into Afghanistan in response to the September 11 2001 attacks. During the second deployment, on station off the Korean peninsula, he participated in exercises FOAL EAGLE and TANDUM THRUST.

In December 2008, IS1 Brown reported to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo as his last duty station in the United States Navy and is currently serving as the Leading Petty Officer and the Special Security Officer for the Naval Station and Tenant Commands.

Over the course of his twenty years of service, IS1 Brown has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Intelligence Studies from the Joint Military Intelligence College in 2004 and earned Post Graduate Certificate in Intelligence in 2007 from the National Defense Intelligence College. Brown has also received the following awards and decorations: the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, NATO Medal for Yugoslavia, and Joint Staff Identification Badge, along with several unit and campaign awards.

IS1 James K. Brown's military efforts were supported by his wife, Nichole, and their four children, Ashley, Alesha, Amber, and Zechariah.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Intelligence Specialist First Class Petty Officer James K. Brown on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING MR. CHUCK CORNELL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Chuck Cornell. Mr. Cornell served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 12.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Cornell served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Cornell is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to honor Springfield College, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, and known worldwide as the Birthplace of Basketball.

Springfield College was founded in 1885 in Springfield, Massachusetts, as the School for Christian Workers, an independent institution that quickly emerged as a leading educator of YMCA professionals. Today, it offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate offerings and has an international reputation for educating leaders in the health sciences, human and social services, sport management and movement studies, education, business, and the arts and sciences.

Since its beginning, Springfield College has been guided by a philosophy called Humanics—education of the whole person, in spirit, mind, and body, for leadership in service to humanity.

Springfield College faculty members and alumni have changed the course of history in sports, physical education, and fitness. They invented not only basketball, but also volleyball, and were instrumental in founding physical education movements in countries around the globe. They have been legendary coaches, and have been in the vanguard of advancing intercollegiate sports for women. They have made indelible marks on the modern Olympics—more than 120 Springfield Collegians have participated as coaches, athletes, trainers, sport psychologists, administrators, and more.

In Greater Springfield, Massachusetts, Springfield College is deeply committed to its community, and has received national recognition for exemplary community engagement. It has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and the Saviors of Our Cities list of the top 25 "best neighbor" urban colleges in the United States. It has received multiple awards from the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators and Jostens, and has earned the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Springfield College on 125 years of excellence and leadership through service, and for being an institutional model of its Humanics philosophy.

H. RES. 1021, EXPRESSING CONDO-
LENCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF
HAITI

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H. Res. 1021, expressing condolences for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of last month's tragic earthquake. This catastrophe dev-

asted an already impoverished nation. My thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti, their relatives, and the entire Haitian-American community.

Today, Congress conveys its solidarity with the people of Haiti in their hour of need, and we honor the men and women from around the world who have come to their aid. I applaud President Obama's swift and resolute response to this humanitarian crisis. The United States Government, in cooperation with the Government of Haiti, the United Nations, and the international community, has mobilized every available resource to save lives.

The American people have once again shown their generosity to those in need around the world. In the midst an economic downturn, families in Minnesota and across the United States have donated over \$200 million to help our neighbors in Haiti. Yesterday, I joined my colleagues to unanimously pass H.R. 4462, a bill that would make such charitable donations to Haiti tax deductible. This legislation will encourage even more Americans to join the relief effort.

Despite the rapid and robust global response, the months and years ahead will be extremely difficult for the people of Haiti. In the short term, the United States must continue to provide food, water, shelter, and medicine to victims of this catastrophe. It is also clear that Haiti needs a long-term strategy for recovery, and America and the international community must help. As a member of the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue to support a comprehensive recovery and development strategy to help Haiti rebuild its infrastructure and increase economic opportunity for its citizens. As Haiti's neighbor, and as the wealthiest nation in the world, the United States must lead the international effort to help Haiti back onto its feet.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANCER
SCREENING COVERAGE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Cancer Screening Coverage Act (CASCA). This legislation will increase the number of Americans who are covered for breast, cervical, prostate, and colorectal cancer screening.

According to the American Cancer Society, this year, more than 560,000 Americans are expected to die of cancer—this is more than 1,500 people a day. The number alone is unsettling, but even worse, is the fact that we have screening tools that can help identify cancers in its early stages and begin treatment sooner. Cancer screening allows for the detection of cancer in its earliest form, when the cost of treatment is the least. The survival rate among cancer patients is heavily dependent on improvements in treatment and the early diagnosis of cancer. Many advances have been made, but the key to survival is early detection. It is estimated that the rate of survival would increase from 80 percent to 95 percent if all Americans participated in regular cancer screenings. This bill will go a long way toward getting Americans screened.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among Americans and accounts for 1

out of every 4 deaths in the United States. The American Cancer Society anticipates about 1,479,350 new cancer cases were diagnosed in 2009. In an effort to ensure that people are screened and that these screenings are covered by health insurance, I am reintroducing the Cancer Screening Coverage Act (CASCA). My bill will increase the access to cancer screening exams for patients of private insurance and the Federal Employees Health Benefits plan. The National Institutes of Health estimates overall costs of cancer in 2008 at \$228.1 billion and lack of health insurance prevents many Americans from receiving optimal care. My bill requires coverage of mammograms, clinical breast examinations, Pap tests and pelvic examinations, colorectal cancer screening procedures and prostate cancer screening. By increasing access to cancer screening and early detection, we can make certain that Americans are able to receive the proper medical treatment and reduce the number of deaths caused by cancer.

IN MEMORY OF AMPARO OLGUIN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mrs. Amparo Olguin, wife, mother, grandmother and devoted citizen of San Bernardino, California, who recently passed, on January 23, 2010, at 72.

Amparo possessed an unwavering dedication to the community, always looking for opportunities to help others. Throughout her life she constantly pursued academic degrees that would allow the community to prosper from her knowledge. Throughout her career she held numerous education, social and youth oriented positions: San Bernardino School District; Welfare Department, social service aide; City of San Bernardino, human relations assistant; Los Padrinos, youth intervention counselor; Casa Ramona Drop-In Center; Inland Congregations United for Change, project director, and other social service/education-related positions. She possessed a spirit and purpose which profoundly impacted the lives of those around her.

Amparo had a passion for alleviating the needs of families, youth, and children. That passion earned her the honor of receiving numerous accolades recognizing her services to the community. In 2002, the Inland Empire Chamber of Commerce honored her with the 46th Annual Latina of the Year award. In 2004, she received the Congressman JOE BACA Community Leadership Award, recognizing her outstanding services and leadership. In 2008, she received the Carol A. Mills award, for her heroism and involvement in the San Bernardino Valley College Drug and Prevention Program. She was always working to make a positive impact in her community.

She is survived by Felix, her husband of 56 years; her daughters Anna Flores and Marsha; her sons Felix Jr., Anthony and Michael; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara and children, Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie and Jennifer, and I are with the family at this time. I ask my colleagues to

join me in remembering a dedicated leader. She will be greatly missed, and I extend my sincere condolences to her extended family upon the very sad loss of Mrs. Amparo Olguin.

HONORING MR. JAMES COOPER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Cooper. Mr. Cooper served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Poland Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Cooper served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Cooper is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Rollcall No. 17 was a vote on H. Res. 990—Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as “National Mentoring Month,” Representative McCollum—Education and Labor. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall No. 18 was a vote on H. Res. 1011—Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, Representative Halvorson—Energy and Commerce. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall No. 19 was a vote on H. Res. 1003—Expressing support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week, Representative Chu—Energy and Commerce. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

ACKNOWLEDGING CAROL NICHOLS ON HER RETIREMENT AND FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on

February 1, 2010, I rise today to thank Carol Nichols of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, CAO, for her years of dedicated and outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

Since joining the House in 1992, Carol has served this great institution in a variety of capacities—some of which have been groundbreaking, and all of which have contributed to the enhancement of the functioning of a Member’s Congressional office. When initially hired by the Clerk of the House, Carol became the first woman to work in the “shops” on the House side of the Congress, taking a position in the House Upholstery Shop. As Carol learned and perfected her craft as an upholsterer serving the needs of Congressional offices, she also gained a finer appreciation for the day-to-day operational dynamics and the equipment and furniture resource needs of a Member’s office. In particular, she came to have a keen appreciation for the particular logistical challenges presented to a Member’s office and the House during the Congressional Transition every two years, when many offices and staffs relocate to new space and are challenged with maintaining optimum functionality while furniture and equipment moves are underway.

With the establishment of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer in 1995 and the partnership with the Architect of the Capitol’s Superintendent’s Office, the CAO and AOC established joint Coordination teams to focus specifically on managing the office moves in a more collaborative and efficient manner during the 106th Congressional Transition, with the ultimate goal to reduce the office’s down time experienced by the Member and the staff. Carol was assigned to the initial team of Move Coordinators—an assignment in which her attention to detail and exceptional organization skills proved invaluable. She brought a number of innovations and improvements to the process, and in preparation for the subsequent transition, Carol was appointed team lead of the Move Coordinators, for which she received recognition by being honored with the CAO’s Distinguished Service Award. In every transition that followed through the 111th Congress, Carol served the House as the CAO’s lead for the transition.

Carol’s ability to manage large scale moves, to successfully coordinate the efforts of her team, to effectively troubleshoot problems, to anticipate the customer’s needs and exceed their expectations, and to get the desired results and deliver solutions along the way became particularly helpful during the anthrax incident in the fall of 2001 as the House faced the challenge of relocating every Member’s office from the House buildings in a matter of a few days. Carol played a critical role on the CAO team in setting up separate offices for every Member at an alternate location, and in managing their subsequent transition back to the House complex following the incident. Several years later, Carol served as the single point-of-contact for the CAO office in working with the Architect of the Capitol in coordinating and facilitating the relocation of offices and staff from the O’Neill House Office Building prior to its demolition.

With the CAO’s creation of Office Coordinators and the House Office Service Center to work with Congressional offices day-in and day-out to manage more effectively their office logistical needs, Carol was promoted to serve

as the initial Manager of the Office Coordinators. Carol completed her service to the House as the Director of the CAO Customer Service Center, where she has been responsible for the oversight of not only the Office Coordinators, but First Call, CAO Graphics, and Modular Furniture as well.

As Carol embarks on her retirement with her husband, Phil, who retired from the House in 2007 following 31 years of service, I am happy to extend to Carol the best wishes of the Members and employees of the House of Representatives for an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement. In recognizing her years of service to the House, I congratulate her on her unwavering commitment and exceptional performance over the years, and I personally thank her for making our lives in Congressional offices a bit easier through her contributions to the efficient management of the physical environment and logistics of our offices.

HONORING MS. DEBORA
CARPENTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Debora Carpenter. Ms. Carpenter served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as Ellington Tax Collector.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Carpenter served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Carpenter is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of her today.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MS.
DOROTHY BLAIR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Jones Blair, who passed away on January 19, 2010 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Blair was a pioneer in Dallas and diligently served her community through her hard work and determination. In the 1960's, Mrs. Blair became one of the first African American Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in the country and helped pave the way for many African Americans and women who would have this profession after her. In 1975, she helped to establish Concord Baptist Church where she was a charter member and co-teacher of the Smith-Blair Sunday school class for 33

years. Later she would found Holmes Street Inc., a nonprofit residential and outpatient treatment center for adolescent boys suffering from chemical dependency. Through the years, this center has served over 1,000 patients.

This remarkable dedication to the community garnered Mrs. Blair numerous awards, and in 2007 she was honored by the Minnie H. Goodlow Page Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. with the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for outstanding service. Additionally, she was a member of the South Dallas Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Blair was a remarkable woman who never faltered in her willingness to help people. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring this woman who gave so much to Dallas. She will be truly missed.

TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS
CENTER

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center on its 45th birthday. The Tongue Point Jobs Corps Centers is located at the mouth of the Columbia River in Astoria, Oregon, which is in my district.

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 created the Job Corps Program. As the second Job Corps Center to open, Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center received its first students on February 2, 1965, exactly 45 years ago. In 1972, Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center was the pilot program for co-ed Jobs Corps centers, which is now the standard throughout the Corps.

To date, more than 25,000 students have come through Tongue Point's doors. Tongue Point is the largest Job Corps Center in the Northwest. On average, Tongue Point contributes \$11.2 million annually to the local community. Beyond obtaining job skills, Tongue Point students are also great citizens. During 2009, students performed 6,230 hours of community service in a variety of service areas.

I am proud to have Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center in my district and I am constantly amazed by the tangible benefits they provide for the students and the local community. They are a wonderful example of how the Job Corps Program provides meaningful education and job training to youth in need. As our country strives to create jobs, train a new skilled workforce and recover our economy, the Job Corps Program will help us succeed in our efforts and accomplish our goals.

HONORING MR. GEORGE
BECLEROMI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. George Becleromi. Mr. Becleromi served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Ellicott Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Becleromi served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Becleromi is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING GREG VAN WASSEN-
HOVE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
AND SEALER

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Greg Van Wassenhove, recently retired Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of the County of Santa Clara. Throughout his many years of service, Greg has brought knowledge, strength and vitality not only to the agricultural community but to the many County departments that he has managed.

Greg Van Wassenhove graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Biological Sciences in 1973, and in 1974 started work with the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. In 1983, Greg was appointed the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for Santa Clara County; and for the past 25 years, Greg has demonstrated a continuing commitment to pest prevention at the state and national levels. Greg has participated in numerous advisory committees relating to pest prevention, including the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Eradication of Exotic Pests. Greg has collaborated with other County Agricultural Commissioners to develop common efforts on pest prevention, and has also worked with the Statewide County Agricultural Commissioners' Association to establish ongoing funding to prevent the introduction of invasive species and to control and eradicate pest populations once they were established. Greg has successfully contributed to the eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly from San Mateo County and, on three occasions, in Santa Clara County.

For the past 35 years, Greg has dedicated himself to providing exceptional public services that promote and protect the agricultural industry of the State as well as consumers. He has worked in two urban counties where the control and prevention of invasive species introduction is critical to the local agricultural economy and the rest of the state. His cooperative efforts with industry as well as with all levels of federal, state and local government, including the development of an excellent working relationship with USDA, CDFA, and Congressional and State representatives, promoted programs that involved the prevention

and control of invasive species. As an expert in the field of pest prevention, Greg's efforts helped lead to the development of the California High Risk Pest Exclusion Program and the Pest and Disease Management Section of the 2007 Farm Bill.

Greg has also led Santa Clara County's efforts to advocate for and protect its residents through his position as the County's Sealer of Weights and Measures, where Greg has enforced the laws which ensure that consumers are treated honestly and businesses are held accountable.

Finally, Greg has accepted any challenge presented to him. In addition to his other duties, Greg oversaw such diverse divisions of County government as Animal Control, Vector Control, Integrated Waste Management, Environmental Health, Fire Marshall and Weed Abatement.

It is with great respect for, and in admiration of, Greg Van Wassenhove that I stand in honor today. His many years of service to the residents of Santa Clara County, the agricultural community, and the State of California are greatly appreciated and his legacy will benefit us for many years to come.

HONORING JIM TAYLOR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Jim "Trooper" Taylor. Mr. Taylor passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the age of seventy-seven surrounded by family at his home in Fresno, California.

Mr. Jim Taylor was born in 1932 in the Ozark Mountains near Mt. Vernon, Missouri to Tom and Anne Taylor. As a young man, his family moved to Sanger, California where he attended Sanger High School. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Reedley College and later joined the United States Navy. Mr. Taylor served four years in the Navy and was Honorably Discharged. After his service to the Navy, he settled in the San Francisco Bay Area. While in San Francisco, Mr. Taylor met and married his life-long companion, Mary Jane.

In 1958, Mr. Taylor began a career in law enforcement. His first assignment was to the Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department as a Deputy Sheriff. After two and a half years, he joined the California Highway Patrol and was assigned as a resident officer to the High Desert Country at Ridgecrest. In 1962, he was transferred to Fresno, California. He was assigned to the twelve officer motorcycle squad for approximately four years. After serving many years on the road, Mr. Taylor became the Public Affairs Officer for the Fresno area. As the Public Affairs Officer, he initiated the "Trooper Taylor Report," a daily news report of the areas activities along with road and inclement weather conditions, which was picked up by many local radio channels.

Mr. Taylor was an avid World War II history buff, and read countless books on the subject. He loved the California State University, Fresno Bulldogs and attended football, basketball and softball games each season. He enjoyed traveling around the state following the Bull-

dogs along side his family and friends. He spent the majority of his time with his family and always looked forward to cooking for family events and Bulldog tailgates.

Mr. Taylor is preceded in death by his mother, father, brother, Leroy Tracy; sisters Lone Gass and Joyce Alfors; and grandson Scott Page. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Jane; sons and daughter-in-laws, Tracy, Greg and Jeannie, Kevin and Renee, and Patrick; grandchildren, Teri, Darren, Daniel and his wife Alisa, Christopher, Jacob, Kelsi, Debbie and her husband Paul Gress and Dustin Johnson; great-grandchildren, Hayden, Danielle, Austin, Kristen and Seth; brother, Bryan; sisters, Christine and Jennifer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jim "Trooper" Taylor and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING MR. EDWARD WRIGHT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Edward Wright. Mr. Wright served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Mina Town Attorney.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Wright served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Wright was dedicated to this goal and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING GEORGE HAEUBER,
MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP MAN-
AGER, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mr. George Haeuber with recognition of his outstanding contributions in government service.

Mr. Haeuber's devotion to public service began in March 1974 as Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager in the Township of Teaneck, New Jersey. From there he continued his public service as Borough Administrator of the Borough of Leonia, New Jersey. Mr. Haeuber became Township Manager of the Township of Maple Shade, Maple Shade, New Jersey in July 1984. As Township Manager, Mr. Haeuber served as chief administrative and executive officer of the Township, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township, and the preparation, presentation and administration of the Township budget.

Mr. Haeuber supervised all aspects of municipal operations and provided for the effective and efficient fulfillment of Township Council policy.

Mr. Haeuber also pioneered the formulation of local self-insurance pools. He served from 1987 to 1992 as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Professional Municipal Management Joint Insurance Fund. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Statewide Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MELJIF) from 1988 to 1992 and from 1996. He chaired the committee from 1997 to 1999. In addition, Mr. Haeuber was Fund Commissioner, Municipal Excess Liability Residual Claims Fund, and Chairman of MELJIF Audit Committee.

Mr. Haeuber's commitment to Maple Shade is also evidenced through his civic/community service affiliations. Mr. Haeuber is an active member of the Maple Shade Rotary Club, serving as its chairman in 1990-91, and Youth Chairman since 1986. Furthermore, Mr. Haeuber has been deeply involved in Boy Scouts of America Burlington County Council—Young Adults Division, as a member of the Council Exploring Committee from 1993 to 1998 and as chairman of the Service Team from 1993 to 1998.

Madam Speaker, the work of Mr. Haeuber is truly praiseworthy. I wish Mr. Haeuber the best of luck upon retirement and I thank him for his commitment to his community.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
RONALD L. OWENS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens and to congratulate him on his 20th Pastoral Anniversary with the New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen, New Jersey. His presence in the church has uplifted his assembly and caused membership to grow tremendously. Its growth has been so large that the church now has a full time staff of five to six associate ministers, and more than thirty active ministries devoted to serving the community.

In his twenty years with the New Hope Baptist church, Dr. Owens has dedicated his life to service and leadership. As the first ever Chaplain of the Metuchen Police and Fire Departments, Pastor Owens counsels those who have experienced crisis and loss. He is also the President and CEO of the House Of Hope Community Development Corporation of New Jersey, a non-profit organization that provides permanent housing to families in need. Dr. Owens has held numerous positions with Baptist groups, including a period as the General Secretary for the General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey, an association of over 400 member churches.

Pastor Owens has been commended by several organizations for his efforts in the community. He was given the NAACP Merv Alexander Political Award for his leadership in Middlesex County. The YMCA of New Jersey also decorated Dr. Owens with the Minority Achievers Award. Alpha Phi Alpha, of which Dr. Owens is a life time member, presented

him with the Martin Luther King award for outstanding academic achievement and community service. In addition to all of these tremendous achievements, Pastor Owens has retained a loving relationship with his wife Cheryl and raised two daughters, Tracy and Kimberly.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens for his leadership and service to New Jersey, as well as congratulate him on his 20th anniversary with the New Hope Baptist Church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, January 21, 2010 I mistakenly voted “nay” on the vote on the Senate Amendments to H.R. 730, the Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act. I intended to vote “yea.” Please accept this letter as clarification.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, is a vital safety net for millions of Americans. This winter, a perfect storm of economic hardship, rising heating oil prices, and increased demand for home energy assistance is leading to a serious home energy crisis for millions of Americans. The Energy Assistance for American Families Act that I am introducing today would increase the level of funding for LIHEAP and expand its availability in order to protect millions of American families who are facing difficult choices this winter between paying for food or paying for fuel.

The Energy Assistance for American Families Act would increase the authorized funding level for LIHEAP to \$7.6 billion per year for fiscal years 2011 to 2014, an increase of \$2.5 billion over the last authorized level, enacted in 2005. The Energy Assistance for American Families Act would also extend the expanded eligibility levels that were included in the omnibus appropriations bills for fiscal years 2009 and 2010—giving states the option of helping families with incomes up to 75 percent of the State Median Income level.

According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association (NEADA), states assisted 8.3 million households last year—more than a 33 percent increase in the number of households served from the previous year. In my home state of Massachusetts, LIHEAP funding helped 186,160 Massachusetts families in 2009, according to the Campaign for Home Energy Assistance.

However, overall demand for LIHEAP aid is rising this year, in large part due to the eco-

nomic downturn. NEADA estimates that 10 million households may apply for assistance this year. Increasing the LIHEAP funding level will allow states to meet this increased demand and to continue to provide meaningful aid.

Energy prices are also on the rise—average household expenditures on heating oil this winter are expected to increase to \$1,911 from \$1,864 last winter, according to the Department of Energy. The Energy Assistance for American Families Act will allow grants to continue to cover a significant portion of home heating bills.

Our economy may finally be heating up, but the effects of a recession, periods of cold weather, and rising energy prices are still having a chilling effect on millions of American families. Expanding LIHEAP’s funding and availability is absolutely essential to help families who are struggling this winter.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY FREEDOM MEDAL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the twelve recipient winners on receiving the 2010 Camden County Freedom Medal. I commend them on being honored for their commitment to their profession and their work on behalf of the community.

The Freedom Medal is awarded to extraordinary citizens of Camden County who have unselfishly contributed their time and effort to better their community and continue Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream of bringing people together. Brief descriptions of these twelve recipient winners are below.

Dr. Mumtaz H. Bodla played a vital role in organizing fundraisers for several natural disaster relief projects. Dr. Bodla has also contributed to the food and clothing drive for the homeless in Camden County. His tireless dedication and time working for all of these causes has not only benefited them but certainly his own community is enriched by his presence and all of his hard work.

Mr. Kevin Jackson is a member of the M.E.N. (Men Empowering Nations) Board and serves as its Treasurer and invaluable mentor. He shares his extensive education, rich employment and entrepreneurial experience with the young men in positive ways. Mr. Jackson epitomizes Dr. King’s beliefs and passes that onto the young men in the community.

Ms. Madeline Shilling was one of the earliest members of the Hi-Nella Fire Company’s Ladies Auxiliary, for which she served as President. She has always been active with the skits the members of the Fire Company and Auxiliary put on for their Socials. As a dedicated volunteer over the years, Ms. Shilling has impacted and benefited her community.

Ms. Marilyn Torres is a community activist who has served in a myriad of capacities throughout the city of Camden. She served as Acting President/Chairperson of the Camden County Human Relations Commission, and was later elected to the position of Chair-

person due to her esteemed leadership. Ms. Torres is dedicated to improving the quality of life in her community.

Mr. Timothy Chatten serves as the Section Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office. He has volunteered his services countless times in Biloxi, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. His remodeling, reconstruction, and handy work skills has helped dozens of families recovering from the disaster. His faithful commitment and personal sacrifice to these people has not gone unnoticed.

Ms. Marian Stoy has served as Hi-Nella Fire Hall Girl Scout leader, a member on the PTA local school board, and as an officer of the Hi-Nella Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. The auxiliary, during her term, donated over ninety-six thousand dollars to the local Fire Company. Over this period of time, she was instrumental in instilling positive morals and values to hundreds of young girls.

Rev. Charles E. Giddins Sr. is the Senior Pastor of Victory Temple Community Church of God In Christ in Camden New Jersey. He has taught courses from Moody’s Bible Institute and the American Bible College and also has held school bible study for city youth. Rev. Giddins established a Day Care program so that young mothers could go to work knowing that their children were safe. Rev. Giddins continues to serve and better his community as he answers the call of God.

Mr. Qasim Hussain has provided leadership as a member of The Pakistan-American Society of South Jersey. He has spent countless hours volunteering for several international natural disaster relief missions, while helping his own community with the yearly Christmas collection of food, clothing and toys for the homeless of Camden City. Mr. Hussain is not only a shining example for this community, but he has truly touched many lives by his dedication and generosity.

Ms. Christine Parry is the Chairperson for the Human Concerns Ministries at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Gibbsboro. Ms. Parry volunteers the majority of her time to the Christian Cupboard, Prison Ministry, Nursing Home Companion Ministry and Local Outreach Ministry. Many lives and families have been assisted and touched by these various ministries and by Ms. Parry’s unselfish service to the community.

Ms. Jennifer Storer is a lifelong resident of Camden County who unselfishly contributes to her community as a member of the Black Horse Pike Board of Education. She is a major force on the Policy and Planning Committee and the Facilities, Security and Transportation Committee as well. She also won the Renaissance Achievement Award for her leadership and service. Her dedication and service to the community, especially the youth, will continue to impact the community.

Mr. William and Mrs. Patricia McCargo have distinguished themselves as advocates for the rights of the underserved and the promotion of the equity and fairness as President and Corresponding Secretary of the Cherry Hill African American Civic Association. They are exemplary models of the vision and dreams of Dr. King. As Cherry Hill natives and graduates of Cherry Hill High School West, they know the meaning of qualitative education.

Madam Speaker, the work of these twelve individuals is truly praiseworthy. I congratulate the 2010 Camden County Freedom Medal

winners on their accomplishment and I thank them for their commitment to their community.

HONORING AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to honor African American History Month. African American History Month was created to celebrate and remember the great achievements, advancements, sacrifices and contributions that the African American community has done for the United States of America.

This month has been, and continues to be, a beautiful and powerful reminder as to why the United States of America continues to be a beacon of freedom and success in the world. If you work hard, and stand true to what is right, to what you believe in, and heed the messages of our forefathers, you can overcome all obstacles in the face of hardship. To this, African American History Month is a testament.

The message of this month should not be unappreciated and it should not be forgotten. This month remains relevant in today's changing political and social landscape. The fruit of the African American Civil Rights Movement can still be seen today. Just forty years after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., African Americans are now forces to be reckoned with in almost every field, whether business or academia, politics or the non-profit community. Once considered an impossible dream, an African American is now our own Commander and Chief in the White House.

It should be said, Madam Speaker, that learning about African American history is learning about the true history of America as a nation.

As such, I would like to ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating African American History Month this year.

HONORING BETTE BELLE SMITH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Bette Belle Smith. Mrs. Smith passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2009, at the age of 88.

Bette Belle Anderson was born at her family's home in Modesto, California on January 17, 1921, to Jim and Maysel Anderson. She was born severely pigeon-toed and the doctors recommended that she take ballet lessons to force her feet to turn outward. At the time, the closest dance teachers were in San Francisco. Her parents enrolled her in dance lessons, and drove her to San Francisco two weekends per month. Her father installed a barre at their home so she could practice.

In junior high school, Bette Belle invited a girl with a broken leg to come over to her

home and practice ballet. This was the beginning of the Smith's dancing school. With nearly one hundred students, the school outgrew her home; rehearsals were moved to the Elks Hall and Odd Fellows Hall. Recitals were held at Modesto High School, with an occasional small orchestra, thanks to the help of her brother. Her love for the performing arts endured throughout her life.

Mrs. Smith attended Modesto High School, Modesto Junior College and the University of California, Los Angeles. She left UCLA and returned to Modesto to help her parents after they were in a car accident. At this time, World War II was in full force and Mrs. Smith was the first in line to assist. She rolled bandages for the Red Cross, gathered a group of her former dance students to perform for convalescing soldiers at Awahnee Naval Hospital and what was then Hammond General Hospital in Modesto. After the war ended, she married Jean Smith, her longtime boyfriend. He had served in Hawaii and in the Gilbert Islands during the war, and they corresponded with many letters while he was away.

In 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Smith had their first child, Talbot, and thirteen months later she gave birth to twins, Mary and Tim. Being a mom was Mrs. Smith's number one priority, and volunteering was the second. She served on the Enslens Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, the Rainbow Girls Mothers Club and the Girl Scout Advisory Committee. She helped establish a Modesto chapter of American Field Service, an organization devoted to international student education. Mrs. Smith served on the Modesto Junior College foundation board, and volunteered with Omega Nu, The Salvation Army, International Festival and Inter-Faith Ministries. She visited with women from the Redwood Family Center who were recovering from drug and alcohol addictions. For many years she delighted hundreds of children as Mrs. Claus at the McHenry Museum, the Modesto Symphony and Enslens School. Of course, her love of the arts led her to work with the McHenry Museum Guild, serve on the Modesto Symphony board of directors and serve on the Gallo Center's original board of trustees as well as a fund development committee member. For 70 years she was an active member with the Modesto Symphony and was a driving force behind bringing the Gallo Center to Modesto.

At the age of 59, Mrs. Smith went to work. In 1978, a group of investors asked for her assistance in chartering the Modesto Banking Company. She agreed and coordinated sales events to raise capital for the company. Mrs. Smith was named Vice President of Business Development and Community Relations for the Modesto Banking Company, now U.S. Bank. Although she was working full time, Mrs. Smith continued to volunteer and encouraged others to do the same.

Due to the incredible amount of time that she donated to the city of Modesto and her community, Mrs. Smith has received many accolades. In 2000, California Governor Gray Davis named Mrs. Smith "Outstanding Older Worker of the Year." She has also been named the Soroptimist Woman of the Year, United Cerebral Palsy "Volunteer of the Year", American Legion "Man of the Year" (now called "Citizen of the Year"), United Way "Volunteer of the Decade," and received the Modesto Junior College Distinguished Alumni Award. United Way has named an award in

her memory, the "Bette Belle Smith Campaigner of the Year" award and the United Way building has also been named in her honor. In Modesto, Mrs. Smith is simply known as "Mrs. Modesto."

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Bette Belle Smith and wishing the best for her family.

HONORING GREGORY B. ROBERTS
FOR FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE
TO THE U.S. MILITARY AND IN-
TELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP IN
THE DOD CONTRACTOR BASE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Gregory B. Roberts. On February 1, 2010, Mr. Roberts retired as President of L-3 Communication Systems-East after an amazing forty three-year career in the Aerospace and Defense industry. L-3 Communication Systems-East is located in my district and I have had the privilege to have known and worked with Mr. Roberts during the past 14 years.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He also received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

Mr. Roberts has held leadership roles in some of our most distinguished defense companies, including L-3 Communications, General Electric Aerospace—Reentry Systems, Martin Marietta, and later Lockheed Martin.

Mr. Roberts' provided the leadership that led to the development of numerous innovative and high technology solutions for U.S. government customers including secure communications technologies, maritime communications solutions, space-based communications, channel processing equipment, and re-entry and fusing systems for Minuteman and Peacekeeper missiles.

Those who know Mr. Roberts, know that throughout his career he has mentored our top scientists and engineers, and in doing so, has provided the country with our next generation of leadership talent.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Roberts has a proud record of service to our country and I am proud to call him my friend. I congratulate Greg Roberts for all his accomplishments and wish him the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF JOHN ALFRED
"FRED" BENNETT

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of John Alfred "Fred" Bennett and to pay tribute to his life of leadership and service. Mr. Bennett was a beloved husband, father, friend, and community leader in my district. He was born in Franklin Borough, Cambria County to James A. and Shirley R. Bennett. He grew up with a love of

sports and was especially fond of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Mr. Bennett graduated from Greater Johnstown High School and later attended St. Francis University.

After serving his country honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Mr. Bennett came home to Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He was employed for more than 40 years by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, where he worked in many positions. He was a delegate to the Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council, became one of the area's most prominent Masons, and was a dedicated Elk.

A devout Christian, Mr. Bennett filled many leadership roles as a member of Mount Sinai Institutional Baptist Church. He served on the church's board of trustees and also participated as a member of the Male Chorus, Adult Gospel Choir, Lily of the Valley, and the John Bennett Singers.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Bennett was the former president and a lifetime member of the Johnstown Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and also served as Chairman of the Civil Rights Committee of United Steelworkers of America 2634 Rod and Wire Mill.

At 78 years old, John Bennett lived a full and prosperous life. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rosemarie and his loving family.

HONORING LORI YING, INTEL
SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH FI-
NALIST

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Lori Ying and congratulate her as she is named a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2010. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Lori is one of only 40 finalists nationwide.

Lori's project, "Female Mating Patterns and Mate Quality in the Dengue Vector Mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*," studied whether or not mosquitoes that are genetically altered not to carry diseases like malaria and dengue fever can be viable mates for normal female mosquitoes.

As a student at South Side High School, Lori has participated in numerous science research programs including Columbia University's Summer High School Program, Cornell University Science Research Program and the Intel Science Talent Search. In addition, Lori is a member of the engineering club, the forensics club, the environmental and social awareness club and the Science Olympiads. She has been recognized by the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Foreign Language Society, and the National Science Honor Society.

As a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee, I am truly impressed by Lori's accomplishments. I am pleased to see that Lori values not only her education, but also service and volunteerism within her community. In her spare time, Lori is a volunteer for the Rockville Centre Public Library, where she writes book reviews for the library's Web site and reads books to children; the Big Chief

School and Camp, where she works with 2nd graders over the summer and South Side High School Summer School, where she helps to teach third graders mathematics.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations to Lori Ying and commend her dedication to education and science.

HONORING THE GLOUCESTER
COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions that the Gloucester County NAACP has made in our community. Today, I stand to celebrate the NAACP's centennial along with the Gloucester County chapter's 18th year in creating change and being an influential voice in America's conscience.

The honorees at December's Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet, Chazz Witherspoon, Benjamin T. Griffith, Dr. Sandra M. Butts, Angela Nolan-Cooper, Seth Williams, Dr. Angela M. Jones, Frank Brown, Councilwoman Crystal Evans, Gwendolyn DeVera, Dr. Willie and Mrs. Emily Carter, Loretta Winters, Tiffany Grandison, and LaTonya Nelson, are a testament to the strength of the South Jersey community and the Gloucester County NAACP. These men and women come from all walks of life. They are boxers and bankers, police officers and politicians, anesthesiologists and attorneys. Despite their varied backgrounds, they have much in common. All should be commended for dedicating their time and energy to service of their community.

The Gloucester County chapter of the NAACP was established in 1991. In its first 18 years, the Gloucester County NAACP has been influential in providing scholarships for minority students, coordinating voter registration drives, and encouraging students to reach their full potential.

In celebrating the centennial of the NAACP, we must recognize the important role that the NAACP has played both on a national and local level to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all Americans.

Madam Speaker, the Gloucester County NAACP has made invaluable contributions to the South Jersey region. I congratulate the Gloucester County NAACP on achieving its 18th anniversary, and look forward to its continued successes in the future.

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH LYNN AS
THE WALTON COUNTY EDU-
CATIONAL SUPPORT PERSON OF
THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Deborah Lynn as

the Walton County, Florida Educational Support Person of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year. I am honored to recognize her achievements and her dedication to the students and teachers of Northwest Florida.

Mrs. Lynn, affectionately known as Ms. Debby by her students, is the school nurse for Freeport Elementary School. She supervises the school's clinic, provides first aid for injuries, maintains health records, and administers medicine. But what sets Mrs. Lynn apart from her peers is her initiative. She created Freeport's annual Summer Safety program for students which brings community organizations into the school to teach students about summer safety. Mrs. Lynn also coordinates with the Walton County Health Department all student health screenings, records, and H1N1 vaccines. Finally, she goes above and beyond to also serve the school staff by organizing a mobile mammogram bus to visit the school annually and arranging flu shots for teachers and school employees.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Deborah Lynn as the Walton County Educational Support Person of the Year. Her passion for her students is commendable and her dedication to her profession makes her deserving of this award. My wife Vicki and I wish Deborah and her family all the best for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO FIRST NORTHERN
BANK ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Northern Bank as it marked its 100th year in business yesterday, February 1, 2010.

First Northern Bank was established in 1910, and has remained faithful to its roots as an institution formed to address specific personalized needs. First Northern continues to serve such needs with a strong commitment to superior personal service, and commitment to support and reinvest in each of the communities the Bank serves. The Bank continues to maintain its commitment as a full service community bank serving the business, professional, personal, and real estate requirements of the people in Solano, Sacramento, Yolo, and Placer Counties—with a reach into neighboring El Dorado County.

Back in 1910, a group of local Dixon businesspeople believed they weren't getting the kind of banking services they needed, so in the do-it-yourself tradition of an independent farming community, they voted on January 20th to open their own bank—an "enterprise with all local capital and no outside investment or affiliations."

Following a trip to San Francisco to purchase a safe and other supplies, their new bank opened for business a few days later on February 1, 1910, in a former ice cream parlor. After one month in business, the Bank had 93 accounts with deposits totaling more than \$75,000. Today, deposits have grown to more than \$650 million. Even though 100 years have passed, descendants of the Bank's founders are still shareholders and customers.

Over the years, First Northern Bank has contributed millions of dollars to the communities it serves, in the form of direct financial support and in-kind services.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate First Northern Bank at this milestone, and anticipate many more successful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a world class hospital and the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers' 2009 "Hospital of the Year," Pikeville Medical Center.

Each year, the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers selects a recipient of its hospital of the year award. This year over 400 applicants across the country participated in this competition. These applicants underwent rigorous on-site surveys and interviews to measure each hospital's standards of conduct, improvement, management and training. I am proud to report that this top notch institution in the heart of Eastern Kentucky was judged to be the nation's most patient friendly hospital.

This distinguished recognition truly reflects an unwavering commitment to world class patient care by every one of Pikeville Medical Center's 1,700 employees. The honor of being named Hospital of the Year is simply the latest example of the Pikeville Medical Center's stellar reputation among its peers and fellow medical professionals; in fact, the hospital was also named a Hospital of Choice by the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers earlier this year. In addition, the hospital has been named one of Kentucky's Top 10 Places to Work for two consecutive years, and one of the nation's Best Places to Work by Modern Healthcare Magazine. The hospital has also been recognized by the Kentucky Center for Performance Excellence and the Commission on Cancer. Simply put, the Pikeville Medical Center is living proof that the best hospitals rely not only on technology, but on a labor force that is committed to their noble mission of "quality, regional health care in a Christian environment."

For 85 years, Pikeville Medical Center has served as a beacon of healing for the people of Pike County, Kentucky and the surrounding regions. Since its humble beginnings in 1924, the hospital has expanded many times over to meet regional needs. Today, the Medical Center complex boasts many specialties and services such as its award winning cancer center, a cardiac rehabilitation center, a sleep studies laboratory, and a neonatal intensive care unit. The Pikeville Medical Center has also fashioned a teaching program that is second to none and will ensure that our talented young medical professionals will not have to leave Eastern Kentucky to learn and develop their skills.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a fine example of patient care and community wellness, the Pikeville Medical Center. I congratulate the Center on this latest achievement and wish the employees and hospital leadership many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA TOY AS THE WALTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Toy upon receiving the Walton County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Patricia is a dedicated teacher and public servant, and I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Patricia Toy has an extensive career in education. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and her Master's in Education from Georgetown College in Kentucky. Past teaching awards include the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award in 1998, 2000, and 2002, as well as the Outstanding Educator Award from the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program in 2001. She has been a teacher for over 28 years.

In her third year at Paxton School in Walton County, Patricia now teaches seventh grade language arts and high school Spanish. Her tremendous dedication to the students of Paxton has earned her the Walton County Teacher of the Year Award for 2010.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Patricia Toy as the Walton Teacher of the Year. She is a true community leader and a great educator. My wife Vicki and I wish Patricia and her family all the best for the future.

HONORING MRS. ELEANOR DOUGHTY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman who resides in Missouri's 6th congressional district, Mrs. Eleanor Doughty, and congratulate the event of her 100th birthday.

Eleanor was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on January 29, 1910. The daughter of Frank and Maude Culp, Eleanor attended school in St. Joseph and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration from Tarkio College.

In 1933, Eleanor married Gavin Doughty at Wyatt Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO. Together, Eleanor and Gavin moved up north to Tarkio, MO where they remained married for 71 years and raised their four children, Mervyn Fisher, Gavin Jr., Wayne, and Carol. The family grew by leaps and bounds over the years to include 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren.

Eleanor's life has been a testament to the kind of woman she is. Family and friends closest to Eleanor say, more than anything, she is a dedicated wife and loving mother. One of her proudest accomplishments was being able to raise such a wonderful family. These days a person is likely to find Eleanor visiting family, playing Bridge or Tile Rummy, reading a good book, or getting her daily exercise.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to join with family and friends to congratulate Eleanor as

she celebrates her 100th birthday. I congratulate Eleanor for her many contributions to her family, friends, and community and wish her many more joyful years.

DOLLY MILLENDER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Ms. Dharathula H. "Dolly" Millender on a momentous milestone, her 90th birthday, which will be on February 4, 2010. Dolly will be celebrating this milestone with family and friends on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at The Stadium Restaurant in Gary, Indiana. For 50 years, Dolly's complete dedication and endless enthusiasm put forth toward her community has allowed her the opportunity to enrich the lives of countless people.

Dolly Millender was born on February 4, 1920, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Dolly and Orestes Hood, and became a third generation Hoosier. Dolly's grandfather, Nicholas Hood, settled in Indiana after becoming free. From her family, Dolly learned the importance of community. They taught her to work unselfishly for the people of the community because it is "right" and it should not be done for any other ambition. It was during these early years that Dolly was taught to strive to make a difference in the lives of others. In 1941, Dolly went on to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Music from Indiana State Teacher's College, which is now Indiana State University. It was during her college years that she met her late husband, Justyn Millender. In 1944, Dolly and Justyn were married and later had two children, Naomi and Justine.

The family moved to Gary in 1950, and it was here that Dolly became a librarian at Pulaski Junior High, where she was fondly known as the "library lady." It was during this time that she became enthralled with the history of Gary and its roots. Dolly's passion for history and selfless devotion to her community began to take shape, and her lifelong career as a historian and advocate for the community of Gary continued to grow. In 1967, Dolly wrote and published the first of her five books, Yesterday in Gary, which has become a collector's item today. Continuing her education, in 1969, Dolly went on to graduate from Purdue University with a Master's degree in Educational Media. Dolly then began her active political career as a precinct committeeperson and later became the first elected Gary City Councilwoman-at-large. She has held many impressive political positions throughout her career which include: library trustee, school board trustee, and Chief Executive Officer of the Gary Historical and Cultural Society, an unpaid position she continues to hold today. Dolly's many friends and family members share a common respect for her commendable qualities. For her many years of service dedicated to making the community of Gary a better place, Dolly is to be commended. She is a role model for us all.

Madam Speaker, Dolly Millender has always given her time and efforts selflessly to the community of Gary throughout her illustrious

life. She has dedicated her time and effort to serving and inspiring her community and its people, and for this she is worthy of our deepest admiration. I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Dolly a very happy 90th birthday.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT JONATHAN SHIVER

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Jonathan Shiver, who passed away on January 15, 2010.

Born March 4, 1985 to Paul Edward and Jennifer Ann Shiver in Tucson, Jonathan graduated from Buena High School in 2003 and attended Wyoming Technical College, earning his Associates Degree in 2004.

Jonathan joined the Army in June 2007—a day he said was the day that changed his life. He was an exemplary Soldier, promoted to Sergeant in 2009 ahead of his peers.

His family described him as a caring soul who enjoyed spending time outdoors on fishing trips, listening to country music, playing cards, and spending time with his friends and family.

Assigned to the Army's Third Expeditionary Sustainment Command, he deployed to Iraq where he worked as a mechanic, orderly room clerk, and was later selected to be a General's aide. Jonathan earned numerous commendations and accolades during his career.

We remember Sergeant Jonathan Shiver and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Justin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Jonathan and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant Jonathan Shiver leaves behind his beloved wife Jasmine, his parents Paul and Jennifer of Sierra Vista, his sister Danielle of Phoenix, his grandmothers Brenda Jacobson of Sierra Vista and Marian Shiver of Texas and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

HOBART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2009 AWARD WINNERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the Hobart Chamber of Commerce award winners for 2009. These distinguished recipients will be honored during the Chamber's annual awards and installation banquet,

which will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at River Pointe Country Club in Hobart, Indiana.

The Hobart Chamber of Commerce utilizes members of the community in order to improve and develop business, industry, and the professions. Each year, the Chamber members and friends gather together to honor outstanding businesses and volunteers, and to commemorate specific accomplishments within the community. This year, the Chamber will honor the memory of Nancy Norris and Shirley Campbell, two remarkable individuals whose impact on the Hobart community will leave a lasting impression.

Continuing a tradition that dates back more than fifty years, the Chamber will honor its 2009 Outstanding Businesses. The first of the 2009 Outstanding Business award recipients is Alligator Construction. Alligator Construction first opened its doors nine years ago. Owners Dave and Maryann Ferner credit the support of their community for allowing them to grow from a window and siding company to a total remodeling company. Throughout Hobart and beyond, Alligator Construction's quality craftsmanship and commitment to meeting the customers' demands can be seen in the many successful projects they have undertaken. Regional Federal Credit Union, founded in 1961, is also being recognized as an Outstanding Business for 2009. Regional Federal Credit Union continues to flourish as a company committed to community involvement and volunteerism, as well as the promotion of financial education in the school system. The company has seen success and growth throughout Northwest Indiana by providing the community with excellent service in meeting the needs of their customers. The final Outstanding Business for 2009 is Strack and Van Til. What began in 1959 as a partnership between Nick Van Til and Ernie Strack, two local grocery store owners, has emerged as an organization now boasting an astonishing thirty super-market locations throughout Indiana and Illinois. Priding itself on quality products and quality service, Strack and Van Til has been a leader not only in the grocery business but in the Northwest Indiana community as well. Each of these fine businesses is truly worthy of this tremendous honor.

During this year's banquet, the Hobart Chamber of Commerce will honor Ms. Virginia Curtis with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Curtis, a longtime resident of Hobart, has been a member of the Chamber for more than thirty years and currently serves on its board of directors. Ms. Curtis is credited as the driving force behind the city's Independence Day festivities and was even selected in 2009 as the Grand Marshal for the parade. Well known for her work as a staff writer for several local newspapers, Ms. Curtis also owned a local restaurant and now serves as the president of the Hobart Community Improvement Committee. For her selfless commitment to her community, I congratulate Ms. Virginia Curtis on this prestigious award.

The Hobart Chamber of Commerce will also congratulate Saint Mary Medical Center for an astonishing 103 years of service to the Northwest Indiana community. The hospital continues to be a leader in the healthcare field and has maintained excellence in providing quality care to those in need. For its outstanding service, Saint Mary Medical Center has received countless awards, including the

Distinguished Hospital for Patient Safety Award and the 2008 Hobart Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year award. For their many years of service and for the many lives its dedicated staff has improved, I commend the Saint Mary Medical Center.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Hobart Chamber of Commerce 2009 award winners. For their dedication and commitment to the community of Hobart as well as Northwest Indiana, they are all worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

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

Project Name: Aircraft Evaluation Readiness Initiative (AERI)

Provided: \$2,400,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Air Force

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: This project would continue a program to address a range of aircraft inspection needs to help extend the life of the aging Air Force fleet, as part of a partnership between the Center for Nondestructive Evaluation at Iowa State University and the Air Force Materials Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

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

Project Name: Galfenol Energy Harvesting

Amount Provided: \$2,800,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: ETREMA Products, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 2500 North Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Description: The US Navy has a goal of reducing crew sizes, moving toward all-electric designs and increasing survivability of its vessels. A key strategy is the use of remote sensors to monitor areas and functions of a ship normally covered directly by personnel. The objective of the project is to develop this technology. Magnetostrictive materials like Galfenol offer a unique capability to harvest stray energy from routine ship vibrations and other sources which can power these sensors and the wireless radios used to transmit the data. Remote sensors would communicate information to a central processing station using a wireless network and thereby avoid adding the weight and complexity of additional wiring. An important benefit is the increased survivability of such a vessel in the event of an emergency or attack. By decentralizing command and control functions of a vessel through virtual control centers, damage to any one section of a vessel can be circumvented.

CONGRESS AND PROGRESS

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues an important and insightful commentary in the Sunday Washington Post—"A Very Productive Congress" by Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Norman Ornstein is no raving liberal, nor is AEI considered among the ranks of progressive think tanks. Even more to the point, Ornstein is no fan of this august body. As the editor's note describes, he is co-author of "The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track." His study, co-written with Thomas Mann, was published in 2006 when, I might suggest, a great many in the House today would have readily agreed.

So it is significant and, frankly, a hopeful sign for progress in our democracy that Ornstein cites the high legislative achievement of the 111th Congress and the dramatic if overlooked success of President Obama since January 2009:

"... This Democratic Congress is on a path to become one of the most productive since the Great Society 89th Congress in 1965-66, and Obama already has the most legislative success of any modern president—and that includes Ronald Reagan and Lyndon Johnson," Ornstein writes. "The deep dysfunction of our politics may have produced public disdain, but it has also delivered record accomplishment."

Ornstein in particular praises the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as a monumental achievement that would draw even greater recognition if it had been passed as a series of separate programs to reshape and fund education reform, health information technology, an energy smart grid, far-reaching job recovery and much more—"Instead, the Congress did it in one bill."

I am a dedicated viewer of the Sunday talk shows. This past Sunday my channel surfing failed to locate a single commentator, legislator, scholar or talking head referencing the Ornstein essay. So I am sharing Norman Ornstein's article here in hopes that it will stimulate further discussion, appreciation of the Congressional leadership, and proper perspective of our accomplishments at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 31, 2010]

A VERY PRODUCTIVE CONGRESS, DESPITE
WHAT THE APPROVAL RATINGS SAY

(By Norman Ornstein)

When President Obama urged lawmakers during his State of the Union speech to work with him on "restoring the public trust," he was hardly going out on a limb. The Congress he was addressing is one of the least popular in decades. Barely a quarter of Americans approve of the job it's doing, according to the latest Gallup/USA Today poll, while 58 percent said it was below average or one of the worst ever, according to an NBC/Wall Street Journal survey last month.

It's not hard to find reasons why Americans are down on Capitol Hill, and why President Obama's approval rating has dropped below 50 percent in many polls. A year into the 111th Congress, unemployment

remains at 10 percent, and many Americans are struggling to get by—even as they've watched Congress bail out banks and coddle the same bankers now salivating over massive new bonuses. At the same time, the public has had a front-row seat to the always messy legislative process on health care and other issues, and this past year that process has been messier, more rancorous and more partisan than at any point in modern memory.

There seems to be little to endear citizens to their legislature or to the president trying to influence it. It's too bad, because even with the wrench thrown in by Republican Scott Brown's election in Massachusetts, this Democratic Congress is on a path to become one of the most productive since the Great Society 89th Congress in 1965-66, and Obama already has the most legislative success of any modern president—and that includes Ronald Reagan and Lyndon Johnson. The deep dysfunction of our politics may have produced public disdain, but it has also delivered record accomplishment.

The productivity began with the stimulus package, which was far more than an injection of \$787 billion in government spending to jump-start the ailing economy. More than one-third of it—\$288 billion—came in the form of tax cuts, making it one of the largest tax cuts in history, with sizable credits for energy conservation and renewable-energy production as well as home-buying and college tuition. The stimulus also promised \$19 billion for the critical policy arena of health-information technology, and more than \$1 billion to advance research on the effectiveness of health-care treatments.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan has leveraged some of the stimulus money to encourage wide-ranging reform in school districts across the country. There were also massive investments in green technologies, clean water and a smart grid for electricity, while the \$70 billion or more in energy and environmental programs was perhaps the most ambitious advancement in these areas in modern times. As a bonus, more than \$7 billion was allotted to expand broadband and wireless Internet access, a step toward the goal of universal access.

Any Congress that passed all these items separately would be considered enormously productive. Instead, this Congress did it in one bill. Lawmakers then added to their record by expanding children's health insurance and providing stiff oversight of the TARP funds allocated by the previous Congress. Other accomplishments included a law to allow the FDA to regulate tobacco, the largest land conservation law in nearly two decades, a credit card holders' bill of rights and defense procurement reform.

The House, of course, did much more, including approving a historic cap-and-trade bill and sweeping financial regulatory changes. And both chambers passed their versions of a health-care overhaul. Financial regulation is working its way through the Senate, and even in this political environment it is on track for enactment in the first half of this year. It is likely that the package of job-creation programs the president showcased on Wednesday, most of which got through the House last year, will be signed into law early on as well.

Most of this has been accomplished without any support from Republicans in either the House or the Senate—an especially striking fact, since many of the initiatives of the New Deal and the Great Society, including Social Security and Medicare, attracted significant backing from the minority Republicans.

How did it happen? Democrats, perhaps recalling the disasters of 1994, when they failed to unite behind Bill Clinton's agenda in the

face of uniform GOP opposition, came together. Obama's smoother beginning and stronger bonds with congressional leaders also helped.

But even with robust majorities, Democratic leaders deserve great credit for these achievements. Democratic ideologies stretch from the left-wing views of Bernie Sanders in the Senate and Maxine Waters in the House to the conservative approach of Ben Nelson in the Senate and Bobby Bright in the House, with every variation in between. Finding 219 votes for climate-change legislation in the House was nothing short of astonishing; getting all 60 Senate Democrats to support any version of major health-care reform, an equal feat. The White House strategy—applying pressure quietly while letting congressional leaders find ways to build coalitions—was critical.

Certainly, the quality of this legislative output is a matter of debate. In fact, some voters, including many independents, are down on Congress precisely because they don't like the accomplishments, which to them smack of too much government intervention and excessive deficits. But I suspect the broader public regards this Congress as committing sins of omission more than commission. Before the State of the Union, the stimulus was never really sold in terms of its substantive measures; it just looked like money thrown at a problem in the usual pork-barrel way. And many Americans, hunkering down in bad times, may not accept the notion of "countercyclical" economic policies, in which the government spends more just when citizens are cutting back.

Most of the specific new policies—such as energy conservation and protection for public lands—enjoy solid and broad public support. But many voters discount them simply because they were passed or proposed by unpopular lawmakers. In Massachusetts, people who enthusiastically support their state's health-care system were hostile to the very similar plan passed by Congress. Why? Because it was a product of Congress.

Well before Sen.-elect Brown's Bay State upset, it was clear that a sterling legislative record in the first half of the 111th Congress did not guarantee continuing action in 2010 or beyond. And now, Democrats' success at keeping 59 senators in line means little if they cannot find someone on the other side willing to become vote No. 60. With Republicans ebullient over the Massachusetts election, the likelihood is that they will feel vindicated in their "just say no" strategy, Obama's leadership lectures notwithstanding.

If the midterm elections in November turn out to be more like 1994, when Democrats got hammered, than 1982, when Republicans suffered a less costly blow, the GOP will probably be emboldened to double down on its opposition to everything, trying to bring the Obama presidency to its knees on the way to 2012. That would mean real gridlock in the face of a serious crisis. Given the precarious coalitions in our otherwise dysfunctional politics, we could go quickly from one of the most productive Congresses in our lifetimes to the most obstructionist.

And voters would probably like that even less.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy

on earmarks, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information regarding project funding I had requested and which was included within the Joint Explanatory Statement of Managers to accompany the Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3326, the Defense Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010, which is commonly referred to as the Defense Appropriations Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2010 (even though no formal conference was held). To the best of my knowledge, these requests: (1) are not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that neither my spouse, nor I, have any personal financial interests in these requests.

Project Title: Senior Scout, Electro-Optical Infrared Capability Amount: \$4.8 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Aircraft Procurement
Address of Requesting Entity: Utah Air National Guard, 169th Intelligence Squadron, and Lockheed-Martin, 7563 South 4470 West, West Jordan, Utah 84084.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding would provide for infra-red imaging capabilities for better all-condition imagery of high-value intelligence target identification and location functions.

Project Title: Senior Scout, Line of Sight Datalink

Amount: \$2.4 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army Aircraft Procurement

Address of Requesting Entity: Utah Air National Guard, 169th Intelligence Squadron, and Lockheed-Martin, 7563 South 4470 West, West Jordan, Utah 84084.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding would upgrade the Senior Scout platform by incorporating line-of-sight equipment, antenna systems, and infrastructure components for increased data processing and dissemination capacity to meet greatly increasing military mission demands.

Project Title: Senior Scout, Remote Operations Capability

Amount: \$2.4 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army Aircraft Procurement

Address of Requesting Entity: Utah Air National Guard, 169th Intelligence Squadron, and Lockheed-Martin, 7563 South 4470 West, West Jordan, Utah 84084.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding would upgrade the Senior Scout intelligence platform by upgrading the remote data processing functionality, improving processing times and dissemination of crucial time-sensitive intelligence to end-users.

Project Title: Automated Composite Technologies and Manufacturing Center
Amount: \$9.6 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Defense Production Act Purchases
Address of Requesting Entity: ATK, Inc., Freeport Center Building H-8, Clearfield, Utah 84016.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding would be used in partnership with the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB, to continue multi-year effort to develop high tech cutting-edge carbon fiber placement and equipment in support of Air Force aviation platforms and weapons systems, leading to better technical competence within the government depot system in support of these systems.

Project Title: Dugway Field Test Improvements

Amount: \$3.6 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: ITT, Inc., 8262 South 5260 West, South Jordan, Utah 84088.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding will incorporate cutting-edge radar and sensor technology into the capabilities of U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, for use in its vital chemical and biological defense test mission, to allow for more accurate test characterization of biological and chemical threats. Project is in conjunction with the Space Dynamics Laboratory at Utah State University.

Project Title: Multiple Source Data Fusion for Dugway Proving Ground

Amount: \$2 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: ITT, Inc., 8262 South 5260 West, South Jordan, Utah 84088.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding is needed to support the U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground in its unique mission of chemical and biological defense testing, by supporting technology improvements to monitor and analyze chemical and biological stimulants, including development of stand-off reference instrumentation and data fusion methods.

Project Title: Precision Strike Munitions Advancement with Integrated Millimeter Wave Power Sources to Satisfy Army Strategic Goals

Amount: \$3.28 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: Innosys, Inc., 2900 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding will be used to develop an integrated millimeter wave amplification portable power system to support autonomous operations of precision strike weaponry, such as micro UAVs and helicopters, providing warfighters with greater and more flexible weapons and tactical surveillance capabilities.

Project Title: Transitioning Stretch Broker Carbon Fiber to Production Programs
Amount: \$3.2 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: Hexcell, Inc., 6700 West 5400 South, West Valley City, Utah 84118.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding needed to continue industry efforts to develop advanced carbon fiber technology to allow for the forming of more geometrically complex weapons system and aviation components at the time of manufacture, and also to allow for the development of a Mil-HdBk-17 approved data base, which is necessary for the new technology to be certified for use on current and future defense program production.

Project Title: Unserviceable Ammunition Demilitarization via Chemical Dissolution at Tooele Army Depot

Amount: \$1.6 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Army RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: Battelle Memorial Institute, 4225 Lake Park Blvd., Suite 200, West Valley City, Utah 84120.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Project would continue efforts begun in FY09 to design and construct a prototype acid hydrolysis conventional munitions demilitarization process for the disposal of high-risk/high-cost unserviceable and obsolete ammunition stored at Tooele Army Depot, Utah, in a more environmentally responsible manner.

Project Title: CAD/CAM Aircraft Structural Overhaul Work Center

Amount: \$2.5 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Air Force RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: Mission Support, Inc., P.O. Box 160135, Freeport Center Building Z-15, Clearfield, Utah 84016.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding will be used to provide computer-aided design/computer aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM) technology in workstations for the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB, Utah, for use primarily on legacy aircraft repairs of aviation component parts, such as the A-10 weapon system, increasing parts manufacturing accuracy and reducing repair and overhead costs to the government.

Project Title: UAV Sensor and Maintenance Development Center

Amount: \$3.92 million
Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah
Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: Air Force RDT&E
Address of Requesting Entity: Space Dynamics Laboratory at Utah State University, 1695 North Research Park Way, North Logan, Utah 84341.

Matching Funds: None
Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.
Description and Justification of Funding: Funding would provide technical assistance to the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB,

Utah, in the areas of developing, calibrating, and integrating various sensors and other payloads onto UAV platforms, which will facilitate future R&D development of UAV capability within the military.

Project Title: Compliance Tools Development for Metals in Antifouling Paints

Amount: \$800,000

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy RDT&E

Address of Requesting Entity: Kennecott Copper (Rio Tinto) and International Copper Association, 260 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Description and Justification of Funding:

Funding would be used to develop environmental modeling software tools to survey site-specific naval installations for buildup of harmful heavy metals in harbor sediments caused by paints and coatings on naval vessels at port. This tool will allow the navy to measure and monitor which coatings are best and most cost-effective for anti-fouling paints (some of which contain copper), and allow the Navy to remain in compliance with environmental standards.

Project Title: Tomahawk Cost Reduction Initiative

Amount: \$3.28 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP of Utah

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy RDT&E

Address of Requesting Entity: Williams International, Inc., 3450 Sam Williams Drive, Ogden, Utah 84401.

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Description and Justification of Funding:

Funding is needed to incorporate new manufacturing technologies into the Tomahawk production line that will reduce the per-unit costs for future missiles. This funding has a quick pay-back period on this proven "weapon of choice" in many conflicts.

ON THE RECENT ARSON ATTACKS ON THE ETZ-HAYYIM SYNAGOGUE ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly condemn the recent arson attacks on Jan. 5 and 16 targeting the historic Jewish synagogue in the port-city of Hania on the island of Crete.

The Etz-Hayyim Synagogue holds a library of religious books and functions as a museum and memorial in the ancient harbor city of Chania. Etz-Hayyim dates back to the Middle Ages and serves as one of the last Jewish monuments on the island of Crete, in addition to serving as a house of worship.

I applaud the Greek authorities' quick action and recent arrests of the suspected perpetrators of the attacks and urge the individuals responsible be swiftly brought to justice. The State Department has praised the Greek government for condemning the attacks and taking a strong stand against anti-Semitism and

racism. I join them in their praise and congratulate the Greek government for its swift and decisive reaction.

These are only the most recent in a series of anti-Semitic incidents to surface in Greece from Veria to Ioannina and to Volos in the recent past. In fact, this type of virulent anti-Semitism continues to rise worldwide and must be met with equal defiance and determination to defeat those who would perform these despicable acts.

We must not let this type of anti-Semitism percolate as the world has seen the evil that stems from this type of hatred and bigotry. I stand firmly with Greece and the Jewish community of Hania, and Jewish communities around the world, and implore the international community to voice their outrage against this intolerance.

I urge my colleagues to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my brother I was unable to participate in the legislative proceedings of the House during the week of January 18, 2010. If I had been present I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 6 was on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to congratulate the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science and improving health. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 7 was on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to congratulate the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I national championship. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 8 was on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to commend the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 9 was on a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3254, H.R. 3342, and H.R. 1065. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 10 was on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 11 was on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 12 was on passage of the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 13 was on passage of the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 14 was on passage of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall 15 was on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 16 was on a motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment—Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce 2009 Businesses of the Year.

The Businesses of the Year Awards are divided into eight categories. Each year, the Prince William Regional Chamber identifies a business for each category that best exemplifies the entrepreneurial and community spirit of the County. The winners represent some of Prince William's most heartening stories of success and charity.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the recipients of the 2009 Businesses of the Year Awards:

New Business of the Year: Dogtopia of Woodbridge.

Small Business of the Year: The Dog Eaze Inn.

Medium Business of the Year: Whitlock & Associates Wealth Management.

Large Business of the Year: R.W. Murray Co.

Home Based Business of the Year: ImageWerks.

Community Service Organization of the Year: Greater Prince William Community Health Center.

Cultural Arts Organization of the Year: Youth Orchestras of Prince William.

Community Outreach Award: Larry Hair Designers, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2009 Businesses of the Year and wishing them continued success. Strong businesses are the backbone of a healthy and robust economy, and we do our community a service to encourage their creation and growth.

THE RELEASE OF DANGEROUS DETAINEES FROM GUANTANAMO BAY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a letter that I received earlier today from Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan in response to my many letters to him and the President on the release of dangerous detainees from Guantanamo Bay to unstable countries. In Mr. Brennan's letter, he confirms that detainee recidivism has dramatically grown from 13 to 20 percent over the last year. The administration has been suppressing this information for many months and I have urged the White House on several occasions to release it to the public.

He also challenges my concerns about the release of a detainee named Ayman Batarfi, who is connected to Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda's anthrax program. I also submit for the record a response to Mr. Brennan's letter by Mr. Thomas Joscelyn that was published on The Weekly Standard's Web site.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, February 1, 2010.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WOLF: I am writing in response to questions you have raised in letters to the President on November 2, 2009, November 5, 2009, November 12, 2009, December 18, 2009, December 29, 2009, and January 12, 2010, as well as during a briefing I provided to Members of the House of Representatives on January 13, 2010. In particular, you have posed questions relating to the closure of the detention facilities at Guantánamo Bay and the Administration's counterterrorism efforts in Yemen. Let me take this opportunity to address these issues in greater detail.

The professional assessment of our military commanders and civilian leaders at the Department of Defense is that closing the detention facilities at Guantánamo is a national security imperative in the war against al-Qa'ida. Secretary Gates, Admiral Mullen, and General Petraeus have all stated that closing Guantánamo will help our troops by eliminating a potent recruiting tool. All three officials prosecuted this war under the previous Administration and continue to do so today.

With respect to detainees transferred abroad, this Administration has instituted the most robust review process ever applied to detainees at Guantánamo, including halting the "stove-piping" of classified information and requiring unanimous interagency decisions prior to every transfer. On January 22, 2009, the President signed Executive Order 13492, directing the consolidation of information from all agencies relating to Guantánamo detainees. As a result, Federal agencies for the first time have unprecedented access to a wide range of classified information collected from across the government.

The Executive Order also directed a comprehensive interagency review of all individuals at Guantánamo. To implement this directive, a task force was established with more than 60 career prosecutors, agents, analysts, and attorneys from across the government, including civilian, military, and intelligence officials. Every decision to transfer a detainee to a foreign country during this Administration has been made unanimously by all agencies involved with the review process after a full assessment of intelligence and threat information. This includes the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as well as the Departments of State, Justice, and Homeland Security.

A critical factor in considering the transfer of detainees abroad relates to security conditions in the receiving country. The situation in Yemen presents significant challenges in this respect, and as a result, we have been deliberate about transferring detainees there. The previous Administration transferred 13 detainees to Yemen, and this Administration has repatriated 7 to date. Although more than 90 Yemeni detainees remain at Guantánamo, the Administration temporarily suspended repatriations to Yemen earlier this month because of the specific security conditions and threat environment in that country.

During the briefing on January 13, you made allegations that one detainee repatriated to Yemen had been involved in weapons of mass destruction. As it has done in every

case, the task force thoroughly reviewed all information available to the government about this individual and concluded that there is no basis for the assertions you made during this session. I am attaching a classified addendum to this letter that addresses your concerns directly.

We believe that significant improvements to the detainee review process have contributed to significant improvements in the results. According to the most recent report to Congress pursuant to section 319 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009, the Intelligence Community assesses that 20 percent of detainees transferred from Guantánamo are confirmed or suspected of recidivist activity. This figure includes 9.6 percent of former detainees who are confirmed recidivists and 10.4 percent of former detainees who the Intelligence Community suspects, but is not certain, may have engaged in recidivist activities. I want to underscore the fact that all of these cases relate to detainees released during the previous Administration and under the prior detainee review process. The report indicates no confirmed or suspected recidivists among detainees transferred during this Administration, although we recognize the ongoing risk that detainees could engage in such activity.

The Administration has worked aggressively since President Obama's inauguration to fully support Yemeni stability. Although previous punitive policies left Yemen with little U.S. financial and military support, this Administration is attempting to correct this problem by significantly increasing our financial and military support to the Government of Yemen. In addition to assisting Yemen in countering al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, we are examining political and fiscal reforms to improve the security conditions in Yemen and ensure that gains are lasting.

These issues are among the most challenging we face as a nation, and the Administration is committed to executing a careful and comprehensive approach that promotes the national security of the United States. I look forward to working with you in the future on these and other issues.

Sincerely,

JOHN O. BRENNAN,
*Assistant to the President for Homeland
Security and Counterterrorism.*

[From the Weekly Standard, Feb. 2, 2010]

BRENNAN IS WRONG ON BATARFI
(By Thomas Joscelyn)

Jake Tapper of ABC News has obtained a copy of a letter John Brennan, the assistant to President Obama for homeland security and counterterrorism, sent to congressional leaders Monday night. Brennan defends the administration's efforts to close Guantánamo in the letter. While conceding that the number of former detainees who are "confirmed" or "suspected" of returning to terrorism has risen to 20 percent, Brennan says that all of the recidivists were released during the Bush years. Brennan goes on to argue that the Obama administration has made "significant improvements to the detainee review process," implying that it is being more careful in determining which detainees can be transferred or released than its predecessor.

In the middle of his letter, Brennan inserts this curious paragraph: During the briefing on January 13, Representative Wolf made allegations that one detainee repatriated to Yemen had been involved in weapons of mass destruction. As it has done in every case, the task force thoroughly reviewed all information available to the government about this individual and concluded that there is no

basis for the assertions Representative Wolf made during this session. I am attaching a classified addendum to this letter that addresses these concerns directly.

Brennan is referring to a Yemeni named Ayman Batarfi, who the administration repatriated to Yemen in December of last year. (I've written about Batarfi previously. See, for example, here and here.)

Brennan's characterization of Batarfi is surely wrong. Congressman Wolf got it right. And you don't need classified information to see that Wolf has the better of the argument.

The key is Batarfi's involvement in al Qaeda's efforts to develop anthrax. Intelligence authorities at Guantánamo consistently and repeatedly found that Batarfi played a role in al Qaeda's anthrax program while working for al Wafa—a "charity" that is really a front for al Qaeda. (Al Wafa has been designated an al Qaeda entity by both the U.S. and the UN.) During a hearing at Gitmo, Batarfi conceded he worked for al Wafa.

An October 31, 2005 memo prepared for Batarfi's first administrative review board (ARB) hearing at Gitmo says Batarfi "met a Malaysian microbiologist in Kandahar at the Haji Habbash guesthouse" in mid-August 2001. "The microbiologist wanted to equip a lab and train the Afghans to test blood." The authors of the memo added: "The same microbiologist was involved in developing anthrax for al Qaeda."

A November 28, 2006 memo contains the same allegations.

So does a December 28, 2007 memo, which adds (see the bottom of the page here and the top of the page here) that Batarfi "told another al Wafa employee to purchase four to five thousand United States Dollars worth of medical equipment for that individual"—that is, "the microbiologist who was involved in developing anthrax for al Qaeda."

The same December 28, 2007 memo also includes this sentence, in reference to Batarfi: "The detainee was identified as being a past participant in Al Qaeda's anthrax program and as having ties to al Qaeda."

Thus, on one hand, we have John Brennan's claim that "there is no basis for the assertions" that Congressman Wolf made about Batarfi's involvement in al Qaeda's WMD efforts and, on the other hand, we have the three memos written by authorities at Guantánamo over the span of more than two years.

Each of those three memos references Batarfi's involvement in al Qaeda's anthrax program.

There is more.

The U.S. government's unclassified files on Batarfi discuss his ties to a "Malaysian microbiologist" who was involved in trying to produce anthrax for al Qaeda. This individual is not named in the files, but is most likely al Qaeda's anthrax scientist, Yazid Sufaat.

Sufaat's background makes it clear why Gitmo officials were so troubled by Batarfi's ties to him.

Sufaat hosted two 9/11 hijackers at an apartment in Malaysia during the week they attended a key terrorist meeting. Sufaat also played host to Zacarias Moussaoui, who was scheduled to take part in the 9/11 attacks or a similar follow-on plot prior to his arrest in August 2001.

Sufaat was recruited to run al Qaeda's anthrax program by a top al Qaeda operative named Hambali, who is currently a high-value detainee being held at Guantánamo. Hambali introduced Sufaat to al Qaeda's number two, Ayman al Zawahiri. Zawahiri wanted to jumpstart al Qaeda's program for developing anthrax and asked Hambali for assistance in finding a suitable scientist.

Sufaat fit the bill. In 1987, he graduated from California State University at Sacramento with a bachelors degree in biological sciences and a minor in chemistry. In 2001, Sufaat put his degree to work for al Qaeda. The 9/11 Commission found that he spent "several months attempting to cultivate anthrax for al Qaeda in a laboratory he helped set up near the Kandahar airport," which was then a key facility controlled by Osama bin Laden.

Batarfi met Sufaat during this time period.

During one of Batarfi's ARB hearings, the following allegation was read aloud: "In mid-August 2001, [Batarfi] met a Malaysian microbiologist in Kandahar at the Hap Habbash guesthouse. This microbiologist wanted to equip a lab and train the Afghans to test blood."

Batarfi did not deny the allegation, instead he offered this answer: "He was a student, he was not a microbiologist. He wanted to complete his studies and he asked me [for help]. He was only here for four months and had wanted to learn from the people in the hospital how to used (sic) blood-testing equipment. He asked me if he could purchase this medical equipment from Pakistan because in Afghanistan there were not any facilities to purchase it. I told him we could purchase it through [the] al Wafa Office and donate it to the hospital instead of you getting the money from yourself."

One of the board members then asked, "What kind of medical equipment?" Batarfi responded: "It was [a] centrifuge, anti placenta for blood groupings; it was [an] autoclave for blood spacement. It was very simple equipment. He said it was approximately \$5000."

Later, during that same ARB session, the following allegation was read: "The Detainee told another al Wafa volunteer to purchase four to five thousand United States Dollars worth of medical equipment for the Malaysian microbiologist."

Again, Batarfi responded: ". . . I told the Malaysian microbiologist, if you want to purchase the \$5000 worth of items for the lab it is better to purchase it through al Wafa and you give the money to Afghanistan to me and then send it to Pakistan because it is unsafe."

Note that Batarfi did not deny meeting with the "Malaysian microbiologist," who is most likely Sufaat, or that he authorized al Wafa's purchase of lab equipment for him. Instead, he claimed that the microbiologist was only a "student" who "wanted to complete his studies." Moreover, Batarfi said the equipment was for supposedly innocuous blood-testing.

But Sufaat was no student at the time. Sufaat had graduated from California State years earlier. And al Qaeda tasked Sufaat with finding a way to manufacture anthrax, which is not an assignment that would be given to a mere student. Batarfi's ties to Sufaat are particularly troubling because, after the September 11 attacks, U.S. authorities found that al Qaeda's biological and chemical weapons programs were far more advanced than previously suspected. It is certainly plausible, if not likely given the allegations made against Batarfi while he was at Gitmo, that the equipment Batarfi agreed to purchase for Sufaat was part of this program—possibly to test blood for anthrax infections.

Batarfi was aware of how serious the allegations concerning Sufaat were. During the same hearing, Batarfi protested:

"They put my case with the Malaysian guy because he was a microbiologist. But now I found they claim he was [in the] anthrax field. So I did not know anything about this charge. He was a student who did not complete his studies and he was in Afghanistan

for only four months to work with the technicians about the lab test."

Thus, Batarfi's own testimony indicates he met with and approved the purchase of equipment for al Qaeda's anthrax scientist. Batarfi's denials were only tailored to convey his own supposed ignorance of what was really going on. But there is no reason we should take Batarfi's excuses at face value. Batarfi's denials are tissue-thin.

Indeed, Batarfi made a number of similar admissions in the context of hollow denials during his hearings at Gitmo. Batarfi admitted he purchased cyanide, but claimed it was for dental fillings. He admitted he worked for al Wafa, but claimed the al Qaeda-designated charity wasn't really an al Qaeda front. Batarfi admitted that he met with bin Laden in the Tora Bora Mountains in November 2001. But, Batarfi claimed, he sent a letter to someone (he does not say to whom) asking to meet with the "head of the mountain" and, somewhat magically, just happened to get a face-to-face sit down with the world's most wanted terrorist—at Tora Bora, in November of 2001—you know, when the whole world was looking for him. This was the second time Batarfi claims to have accidentally met bin Laden. The first time came at a funeral in Kabul when, again, bin Laden just happened upon the scene. Batarfi also admitted he stayed at various al Qaeda and Taliban guesthouses, but says he didn't realize they were facilities associated with Osama bin Laden at the time. Finally, Batarfi met the Taliban's health minister in 2001 because, well, that's just the sort of thing an al Wafa employee would do.

The bottom line is this: Congressman Wolf has good reasons to think Batarfi was involved in al Qaeda's anthrax program. Brennan says he has a classified assessment showing otherwise. The Obama administration should release it, so we can see how the detainee task force reached this conclusion. Did the task force take Batarfi's empty denials at face value?

In the meantime, there is plenty of evidence in the unclassified files, which are freely available online, showing that Brennan is wrong.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDHHELP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Childhelp and to congratulate them on their 50th Anniversary.

Childhelp is one of the premier national organizations dedicated to leading the fight against child abuse and neglect. Founded in 1959 by Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Feddersen, Childhelp's approach focuses on prevention, intervention and treatment. The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receives calls from throughout the United States, Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam. Childhelp's programs and services also include residential treatment services; children's advocacy centers; therapeutic foster care; group homes; child abuse prevention, education and training; and the National Day of Hope, part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month every April. Several of Childhelp's programs were firsts and continue to be studied by professionals worldwide as "models that work."

Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Feddersen continue to actively lead the organization and provide its vision, serving as Chairman/CEO and President, respectively. Their humanitarian commitment has been recognized throughout the world; Sara and Yvonne were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for three consecutive years, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

It is impossible to know how many lives have been touched by Childhelp, how many children protected, how many families strengthened. Although exact numbers may be difficult to identify, it is clear that Childhelp has filled a critical role in child abuse prevention and education. It would not have been possible for Childhelp to achieve its many successes without the dedication and commitment of their volunteers. They are the heart and soul of the organization; they are the links that keep the chain strong.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Childhelp, especially the volunteers of this incredible organization, for their commitment to the most vulnerable members of our society, our children. I also ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Childhelp on the occasion of its Golden Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP DR. AUDREY
F. BRONSON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, the great Marian Anderson once said, "Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it." In recognition of her investiture as the first woman President of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity, I would like to honor an extraordinary individual who personifies the "understanding leader" Ms. Anderson described, Bishop Dr. Audrey F. Bronson.

At the age of 14, this remarkable woman was called to begin her vocation as a preacher. In 1975, she was inspired to establish the Sanctuary Church of the Open Door serving the community of West Philadelphia. In September 1978, the successful Sanctuary Christian Academy was founded to produce students skilled in reading, writing, mathematics, language arts and computer science. Other ministries at the church include Sanctuary Bible Institute; Sanctuary Family Resource Center and Referral Service; Sanctuary Christian Day Camp; Dunlap Apartment Complex; and Sanctuary Outreach Ministries.

Bishop Bronson's spirituality, extraordinary intellect and selfless nature reflect the nurturing of her loving and learned parents and brother. Her father, Dr. Uriah Perry Bronson, was a minister and pastor of churches and principal of several schools in Florida. Her mother and step-mother were both teachers and church workers. Her brother, Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, a United Methodist minister, was pastor of several churches and President of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He recently retired as President, Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida and currently serves as President, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Bronson received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from

Cheyney University; she also holds a master's degree in psychology from Howard University where she also became a candidate for a Ph.D. in psychology. She earned a doctor of ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary. She holds two honorary degrees from Bethune-Cookman College and a doctor of humane letters from the National Theological Seminary and College. Upon completion of her studies, Dr. Bronson returned to Cheyney in 1967 where she taught for 17 years as an associate professor of psychology. Since retiring from that position to devote her full energies to her growing church, she continues to be a valued member of the Cheyney family.

Her many other appointments include: Dean of the Philadelphia Urban Education Institute, a subsidiary of the African American Interdenominational Ministries, Inc. (AAIM, Inc.) of Philadelphia in association with the major seminaries of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member of the Board of One Church, One Child, Inc., of Pennsylvania, a statewide organization that encourages members of African-American Churches to adopt African-American children. She was a member of the Mayor of Philadelphia's Transition Team and currently serves on the board of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and the Executive Committee of the Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. Bronson's faith has led her to minister in prisons; serve as a block captain; work to rid the community of drugs and violence; feed the hungry; and keep her church doors open seven days a week. She is a tireless agent of change ideally qualified to lead the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity to new heights as it strives to "help the downtrodden" and those "pushed aside." In many ways, Dr. Bronson has been fulfilling this calling all her life. Early in the HIV/AIDS crisis, when some churches were turning away those afflicted with the disease, Dr. Bronson called on her fellow clergy members to accept those stricken by this terrible disease and to offer education and testing in their communities, a mission she plans on continuing in her new post.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this House acknowledge Bishop Dr. Audrey F. Bronson, as a testament to Marian Wright Edelman's observation that: "education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." Bishop Bronson's life of preaching, learning and teaching has made her a pillar of strength, wisdom, and civic spirit. She has empowered countless African-American families to live fuller, more purposeful lives through their faith in God and one another. With her new responsibilities at the helm of one of the premier spiritual collectives in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, her ability to guide, counsel and inspire across an entire metropolitan region is very welcome news.

Particularly during these very difficult times, she is the perfect "watchman on the wall."

HONORING MARCELLA OBERTI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marcella Oberti upon

her 100th birthday. A celebration will be held for Mrs. Oberti on her birthday, December 6th.

Mrs. Marcella Oberti was born on December 6, 1909, in San Francisco, California. Her mother was a native San Franciscan and her father was an immigrant from Genoa, Italy. At the age of 5, Mrs. Oberti participated in the 1913 Pan-Pacific Exposition. As a young girl, she attended Montessori Grammar Schools in San Francisco. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Berkley, where she majored in English Literature and Language. She graduated from UC Berkley in 1932 and began working for Bank of America in the legal division.

In 1938, Mrs. Oberti married Frank Oberti and they moved to Madera, California. It was a large transition for her; adjusting from a large city life to rural country life. She became active in the community, joining various clubs and organizations. Mr. Oberti and his brothers were busy developing the Oberti Olive Company, which became Madera's largest industry at that time. The small company grew to include 220 acres, processing over 120 tons of olives per day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberti have two children: Carla and Philip. Mr. Oberti passed away in 1984. Mrs. Oberti leads a busy life visiting San Francisco, playing bridge with friends, spending time with her family, friends and cat. She spends much of her time with Carla and her husband, Bill, Philip and his wife, Klina, her five grandchildren and her six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Marcella Oberti upon her 100th birthday.

HONORING VIRGINIA S. BAUER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Virginia S. Bauer of Red Bank, New Jersey. Ms. Bauer will be honored as a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore for her dedication and commitment to the families and victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Ms. Bauer, a widow of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, worked closely with congressional leaders and the White House to pass legislation for September 11 victims in 2002, and initiated efforts to enact federal tax relief for surviving family members. Currently, Ms. Bauer is assisting in the creation of a new development plan for the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan. Ms. Bauer also serves as senior vice president of Covenant House and is a commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The Girl Scouts is an organization dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for young girls to build character and skills for success in the future. It was founded by Juliette Gordon in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, and has since grown by over three million members worldwide through its many regional chapters. The organization also honors women who represent diversity and leadership in their communities. The Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore will present Ms. Bauer with a "Woman of Distinction" award on April 13, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Ms. Bauer for the work she does in supporting my constituency, as well as congratulate her upon receiving the "Woman of Distinction" award from the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CITY OF FAIRFAX, VA., FIRE CHIEF THOMAS W. OWENS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor City of Fairfax Fire Chief Thomas W. Owens and to recognize his decades of public service.

Chief Owens has had a long and distinguished career in public safety. His journey began in 1969 when, at the age of 16, he joined the Sterling, Va., Volunteer Fire Department. During his 21-year tenure with that organization, he served in all operational capacities and eventually rose to the rank of Chief of the department.

Shortly after he began volunteering with the Sterling Fire Department, Chief Owens began his career as a professional firefighter in 1972 as a Firefighter/Station Office with Prince William County, Va., Fire and Rescue. Between 1972 and 1990, Chief Owens' held a number of positions with several municipal fire departments in the National Capital Region, including those in Prince William, Washington, D.C., Loudoun County, and Fairfax County.

In 1990, Chief Owens stepped down from his duties with the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department. That same year, he became the first Director of Fire and Rescue for the Frederick County, Va., Fire and Rescue Department. In 1998 Chief Owens returned to Northern Virginia as Assistant Fire Chief of the City of Fairfax Fire Department, and, in 2003, he was appointed Chief.

This impressive history of regional service tells only a small part of the Chief Owens story and barely captures his many contributions to our community. Under his leadership, emergency preparedness and public and professional education were top priorities. Chief Owens established a formal Life Safety Education Program which emphasized fire safety education for our most vulnerable residents, children and seniors. In addition, he created a citizen-based Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with grant funding. His dedication to the continued education of emergency responders helped lead to an expansion of the Public Safety Training Center, the strengthening of flammable liquids firefighting capabilities and the implementation of a swift water rescue program. Under the leadership of Chief Owens, the City established an Office of Emergency Management.

Chief Owens has had a permanent, indelible impact in another unique area. He led the efforts to strengthen and enhance the working relationship between the City of Fairfax Fire Department, the leaders of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the City of Fairfax Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association which fostered mutual respect, support and cooperation and resulted in second-to-none service to the residents of the

City of Fairfax and the entire region. One highlight of this new partnership is a joint revenue-sharing program with the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department to provide a sustained revenue source for fire truck and equipment replacement.

Chief Owens has served as a member of the policy steering committee for the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System, which guides the all-hazards emergency planning for the region. He also served as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Committee for six years, and he coordinated the city task forces that provided support services in the Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Katrina.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Owens for his years of dedication to public safety and his community and for his unwavering support of emergency responders under his command. We wish him the very best as he begins yet another chapter of his life as the Director of the Division of Fire Rescue Services for Frederick County, Md.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. CULBERSON. 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. 3326, the FY2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Air Force Research and Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Rice University; 6100 Main Street, MS 603; Houston, TX 77005

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,200,000 to the Consortium for Nanomaterials for Aerospace Commerce and Technology, CONTACT, project to support nanotechnology research focused on four areas critical to the next generation of military power systems—Adaptive and Responsive Materials, Nano Energetics, Sensors, and Power Generation and Storage.

IN HONOR OF THE TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Tolland High School boys soccer team and the boys cross country team for winning the Connecticut Class M Championships, respectively. Their success is a fitting capstone to the determination of a group of young adults who started the season with the shared goal of a state championship.

Winning a championship was significant for the Tolland Soccer team on its own, but even

more so after spending the entire season targeted by all opponents as a top ranked team. Playing in the competitive CCC East Conference while matching up against primarily class L and LL schools, Tolland posted a record 13 shutouts. And when it mattered most on November 21st, the team defeated Granby Memorial High School 2-1 to complete the only undefeated season of a Connecticut high school boys soccer team in 2009.

Tolland soccer was not alone in helping the town mark a noteworthy year. For a program boasting numerous historical achievements, the Tolland cross country team have solidified their mark in school history. Led by captains Kyle Sprague, Marcos Rodriguez, and Bryan Fowler the team won their second consecutive Class-M state championship on October 31, 2001. The team finished with an undefeated record of 17 wins and zero losses, with six runners earning all-conference status.

These back to back championship wins are a testament to the teamwork, dedication, and skill of these scholar athletes. I would like to congratulate their coaches, Jim Leahy and Brandon Elliot along with the entire Town of Tolland, the Recreation Department, and the Board of Education for fostering a healthy program of youth and scholastic athletics. To the parents, who for the past ten years have driven to hundreds of games and held pasta parties for young and hungry athletes, their role was also critical to this team's success.

This group of young adults have set the bar high for future Tolland teams, and met their goals through grit and determination. I wish all the players good luck with their future endeavors, and may they always appreciate the lesson that true rewards are achieved through surmounting significant challenges.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent Tuesday, January 26, and Wednesday, January 27, due to a death in my family. Had I been present for the nine votes which occurred, I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 990, rollcall vote No. 17; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1011, rollcall vote No. 18; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1003, rollcall vote No. 19; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1038, rollcall vote No. 20; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1024, rollcall vote No. 21; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 4474, rollcall vote No. 22; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3726, rollcall vote No. 23; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 4508, rollcall vote No. 24; and I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1020, rollcall vote No. 25.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAKOTA MISSILDINE BEING CROWNED THE 45TH MISS RODEO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Miss Dakota Missildine who became the 45th Miss Rodeo on January 17, 2010.

Dakota is the 22-year-old daughter of Pam and Todd Missildine and has two younger brothers, Dallas and Austin. Dakota was raised on a horse farm in Grady, Alabama, and is no newcomer to the western way of life. She started competing at a young age and over the years moved up through the ranks, all while specializing in her favorite event, breakaway roping.

Dakota's platform is the Golden Heart, encouraging all to open their hearts and live by the Golden Rule. Dakota is accepting of everyone, and is looking forward to spreading that message to everyone while also creating more support for the rodeo.

On January 17th in Oklahoma City Dakota said, "I am honored to have this opportunity to represent cowboys and cowgirls across the United States and Canada and be their voice to the public."

All of us across Talladega County and East Alabama are deeply proud of Dakota Missildine and her outstanding accomplishments at such a young age. We are looking forward to see what good things will come from Miss Rodeo in 2010.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010, H.R. 725

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 725, the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010.

Our history has been richly shaped by native cultures, and it is only appropriate we protect these important contributions of Native Americans and other indigenous people. American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts are devalued when unscrupulous merchants promote and market products as "Indian made" when they are not. To address this problem, Congress passed the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (PL 101-644), which is a truth-in-advertising law that makes it illegal to sell or produce any imitation Indian art or craft.

Despite these efforts, the sale of counterfeit Indian arts and crafts continues all too often and very few cases are investigated. Those who produce imitation Indian products should be investigated and punished, and the punishment needs to be sufficient to deter this fraudulent practice. These amendments strengthen penalties and allow Federal, State, and local law enforcement to investigate and enforce cases of imitation Indian goods.

As a member of the House Arts Caucus and of the Congressional Native American Caucus,

I value the importance of Indian arts and crafts to the preservation and strength of Native American culture and tradition. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 725.

TRIBUTE TO LT. JOSEPH M.
McCAFFERTY

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Lt. Joseph M. McCafferty, for his outstanding service to the community of Lancaster and the state of Ohio. A 37-year veteran of the Lancaster Fire Department, he spent his life serving and ensuring the safety of others.

Joseph graduated from Lancaster City Schools and then joined the Lancaster Fire Department on June 1, 1973. During his career, he worked not only as a firefighter, but also as a paramedic and an engineer. He was promoted to the position of lieutenant on November 7, 1983.

An outstanding firefighter and 37-year veteran, Joseph was always willing to help and pass along his knowledge to new recruits. He also actively served the community, participating in "Fill the Boot" and the department's "Toys for Kids" program. He served as a Union officer and was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his grandchildren.

For his many years of exemplary service to the community and dedication to the Lancaster Fire Department, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our deepest regrets to his wife; Vicki, children; Amy, Farah and Aaron and the many friends of Joseph M. McCafferty.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Request as named in the report: Electrically Charged Mesh Defense Net Troop Protection System

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victory Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4900 Corporate Drive, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35805.

Description of Request: \$7,500,000. The funding would be used for "D-NET" a Defense Net Troop Protection System designed to intercept and negate the serious insurgent and terrorist threat tactics employing Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG), mortars, and small rocket munitions encountered by U.S. Combat

Forces. This product could help save warfighters' lives in hostile territories such as Afghanistan and Iraq through an innovative and low-cost system of defending vehicles against enemy attacks by further testing and prototype development of a system which has passed all tests so far and gotten favorable government program manager review, and which was developed with input from troops in the field. The spending plan for this Phase II of the program, to total \$7,500,000, is: Prototype Production and Field Test & Evaluation Program for integration and operational development. Further develop the D-Net technology based on Phase I R&D Tests to a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) worthy of deploying a limited quantity of "Field Prototypes" to Theater for field and operations test and evaluation.

FY2010 Task A: D-Net "Field Prototypes" (\$3.5M). Deliver to Army Logistics: 100 "Field Prototypes" of the D-Net Static Troop Protection System for Theater Deployment on military asset vehicle for field testing (Procurement of Prototypes delivered to Military. Develop, Build, Assemble, Kit Packaging within military requirements like HAZMAT etc, Deliver and Ship to War Zone to fill purchase for Field Test Program) (\$3.5M, or \$35K/unit).

Task B: Field Test Program, data collection and refinement (\$1.075M). Send science and engineering teams to Theater for collection of field data from Field Prototypes deployed (Data collection material \$125K, OCONUS Labor \$425K), interact with operating community for feedback, return to lab and refine the technology for better performance and utility (Re-engineer labor \$225K). Requires OCONUS travel (\$300K).

Task C: Threat Characterization (\$350K). Analyze and Perform trade Studies on Threat variants commonly engaged in Theatre scenarios. Engineering and analysis labor (\$350K).

Task D: Net Optimization & Continued R&D (\$1.3M); Range Test Net Materials (\$250K); Government Provided Range Test Facilities & Government Provided Threats for Tests (\$500K); Parametric Studies/Validation Labor/Salaries Engineering (\$250K) and Manufacturing labor (\$250K), Travel (\$50K).

Task E: Continue Launcher Development (\$870K). Ground and Aerial Launcher Design and Development R&D and Fabrication Material (\$320K); Testing (\$150K); Labor for Engineering, Integration and Manufacturing for Platform Depot Requirements (\$400K).

Task F: Integration to Systems & Platforms (\$405K). Design and Integration Trade Studies, COTS Sensor Integration Analysis and Labor (\$250K); Material (\$75K), Travel to Platform Project Offices (\$80K).

Request as named in the report: Marine Corps MK 1077 Flatracks

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUMMA Technology, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Headquartered at 140 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805. The manufacturing facility is in Cullman, Alabama.

Description of Request: \$3,000,000. The funding would be used for the MK1077 Flatrack. This is a revolutionary material handling system that provides the Marines with expe-

ditioned logistical support while achieving significant manpower and equipment reductions. These racks and the containers they work with can be used to transport ammunition or other supplies in and out of areas quickly, thus greatly reducing the warfighter's exposure to danger. This is a continuation of a multi-year procurement program, and the recipient company has a proven record of meeting the strict, structural requirements for this item. The USMC has a requirement for 3,500 MK1077 Flatrack units of which 1,000 units have been acquired to date. \$3,000,000 will provide approximately 347 additional units, bringing the inventory up to 1,347.

Request as named in the report: Waterside Wide Area Tactical Coverage and Homing

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miltec Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: Miltec Corporation, located at 21232 Hwy 431, Guntersville, AL 35976

Description of Request: \$4,000,000. The funding would be used for development and integration of systems for the final test and demonstration of the WaterWATCH affordable underwater monitoring capability. Most waterfront facilities are unprotected due to cost considerations. Finalization of this product would make available a security system which installations at military bases and other critical infrastructure locations (such as nuclear power plants near waterways) could afford. WaterWATCH integrates many currently available components through the development of new software and the testing of these systems. Approximately \$60,000 would be needed for travel, approximately \$150,000 for hardware, and the rest for labor (software development and testing).

Request as named in the report: Protective Self-Decontaminating Surfaces

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Wide

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ventana Research Corp. (VRC) & Kappler, Inc., and Kappler, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: VRC at 2702 South 4th Avenue, South Tucson, AZ 85713-4816; and Kappler at 115 Grimes Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976-9364

Description of Request: \$2,000,000. The funding would be used for Prototype field validation tests of VRC-Kappler Chemical Biohazard Protective systems, lab tests of bacterial infections, diseases and contaminated human remains pouches (CHRP); to field and live test nerve gas and radiological agents (in order to design the suit to withstand such an attack by a hostile nation). Present decontamination processes are labor intensive and require lengthy downtimes. Field-tested prototypes of this fabric demonstrate cost-effective Chemical Biohazard protection for military personnel and civilian populations. Applications could be military, for homeland security, or for dangerous medical and rescue operations. The spending plan is Personnel: \$ 620,000; Materials: \$80,000; Equipment: \$120,000; travel: \$25,000; Govt Agency partnerships: Oversight and testing work: DTRA/CBT:

\$90,000; AFRL/Tyndall AFB: \$250,000; USA NSRDEC: \$90,000; Preproduction, Live Agents Tests, \$ 825,000

Request as named in the report: Scenario Generation for IAMD Evaluation (SGIE)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: QinetiQ North America Systems Engineering Group

Address of Requesting Entity: AMSRD—AMR—BA Bldg. 6263 Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

Description of Request: \$4,200,000 for Scenario Generation for IAMD Evaluation (SGIE) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is QinetiQ North America Systems Engineering Group, located at 890 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35806. The funding would be used for 54 ground test cases identified in the IAMD TEMP and 7 flight test cases derived from ground test matrix. A scenario for each test case is required to capture the design specification as it is intended to perform in a battlefield situation. Taxpayer Justification: This program will contribute to the work of establishing an Integrated Air & Missile Defense System to protect against air breathing missile and cruise missile threats. This work will provide a network centric system to integrate a mix of sensors and shooters through a common IAMD battle command system.

Request as named in the report: Enhanced—Rapid Tactical Integration for Fielding of Systems Initiative (E—RTIFS)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: PeopleTec, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4901—D Corporate Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

Description of Request: \$3,900,000 for Enhanced Rapid Tactical Integration for Fielding of Systems (ERTIFS) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is PeopleTec, Doug Scalf, Linda Maynor, located at PeopleTec, Inc., 4901—D Corporate Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805. The funding would be used to support early SoS testing to ensure that interoperability issues are corrected before software is released for formal AIC testing. The ABCS—BA will leverage and evolve ERTIFS to support four types of required Interoperability Tests: 1) Individual System, 2) System of Systems (e.g. Software Blocking), 3) Backwards Compatibility—Interoperability and 4) Regression Testing. Taxpayer Justification: The early identification of these issues will limit cost and schedule overruns on Aviation/Missile Systems prior to expensive hardware tests.

Request as named in the report: Swarms Defense Systems

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Systems Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 4090 South Memorial Parkway, M/S 3427B, Huntsville, AL 35802

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 funding for SWARMS DEFENSE SYSTEMS in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Computer Science Corporation, located at 4090 S. Memorial Parkway, M/S 3427B, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. The funding would be used to close the gap between current and future Air Defense Systems dealing with enemy mortars, rockets, UAVs, and cruise missiles. Future threats exceed all requirements of current system and future AD plans. Taxpayer Justification: Swarms Defense is designed to protect soldiers and critical assets against enemy fire, especially high volume small munitions such as mortars, rockets, UAVs, cruise missiles, developing the critical technologies required to close the gap in current asset protection plans.

Request as named in the report: Tactical UAV, Heavy Fuel Engine

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Science and Engineering Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 4015 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, AL 35810

Description of Request: \$2,000,000 for the Tactical UAV, Heavy Fuel Engine in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Science and Engineering Services, Inc., located at 4015 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, AL 35810. The funding would be used for development of lightweight military fuel engines for UAVs. Scope includes building engines to perform platform integration and flight test for use in a military environment. Funding supports design and implementation of the process to military standards. Taxpayer Justification: Shadow UAS is ideal for providing direct information to commanders increasing awareness. Heavy fuel technology allows an engine to burn any fuel, diesel, JP5, JP8, gasoline, producing low emission, can be economically manufactured, and maintained

Request as named in the report: Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: J2 Technologies Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4801 University Square, Suite 31, Huntsville, AL 35816

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 for Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is J2 Technologies Inc., located at 4801 University Square, Suite 31, Huntsville, AL 35816—1815. The funding would be used to provide the hardware-in-the-loop test capability designed to address the need to define performance requirements, evaluate and execute Operationally Responsive Space programs thus ensuring the warfighter's continued access to space. Taxpayer Justification: Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE) provides technologies critical to maintaining access to space. ARTSSE supports an unfunded Army need to provide a responsive surge for space-based communication, surveillance, and reconnaissance, espe-

cially when a change in circumstances brought about by foreign-owned assets requires a response from the U.S. systems within hours or a few days in order to maintain protection of U.S. personnel and assets.

Request as named in the report: Autonomous Cargo Acquisition for Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Optical Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6767 Old Madison Pike, Suite 410, Huntsville, AL 35806

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 for Autonomous Cargo Acquisition for Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Advanced Optical Systems, Inc., located at 6767 Old Madison Pike, Suite 410, Huntsville, Alabama 35805. The funding would be used to demonstrate fully unmanned cargo pickup and delivery under operational conditions. The work will leverage current developments for manned systems, and will cooperate with TRADOC and logistics personnel at Ft. Rucker and Ft. Lee. Taxpayer Justification: The Army needs to leverage rotorcraft unmanned aerial systems to provide unmanned pickup and delivery for logistics supply and weapons placement. Unmanned cargo operations would reduce both aircrew losses and costs.

Request as named in the report: On-Board Vehicle Power (OBVP)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Training and Energy Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

Description of Request: \$3,100,000 for On-Board Vehicle Power (OBVP) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is DRS Training and Energy Management, located at 110 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805. The funding would be used for OBVP provides electric power for vehicles and mission electronics. OBVP fits the space inside the bell housing of vehicle transmissions. The system is capable of producing 30–70 kW. Increased power is needed for LED detection and weapon systems. Taxpayer Justification: Growth in energy requirements on the battlefield has created a critical need to accelerate this program to production readiness. The system can deliver mobile/exportable electric power from the vehicle engine for electric power gap requirements.

Request as named in the report: Extremely Large, Domestic Expendable and Reusable Structures (ELDERS)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account or Provision: Dpa Defense Production Act Purchases

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ATK Aerospace Structures

Address of Requesting Entity: 751 County Road 989, Building 1000, Iuka, MS 38852

Description of Request: \$9,800,000 For Current domestic large-scale, composites production capacity is constrained by processing limitations associated with the large diameter of

the items being manufactured. At the same time, the Air Force is making future plans to utilize structures with diameters in excess of nine meters. The current domestic industrial production capacity does not support this scale of extremely large composite launch structures. The ELDERS Title III program was initiated in FY2009 with \$8.0 million to scale up domestic composites manufacturing and processing capacity and support facilities to meet this critical emerging need in military space access. The three-phase program includes evaluation, modification and qualification of current automated production equipment and facilities, and the acquisition of necessary industrial capacity and processing capabilities.

In general, Title III activities serve to lower defense acquisition and life-cycle costs and to increase defense system readiness and performance through the use of higher quality, lower cost, and technologically superior materials and technologies. The ELDERS Program will increase the capacity for increasingly larger composite structures, including development and acquisition of higher performing composite processing equipment.

Request as named in the report: Adaptive Robotics Technology for Space, Air and Missiles [ART-SAM]

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010
Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Calhoun Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 6250 Hwy. 31 North, Decatur Campus, Tanner, AL 35671

Description of Request: \$4,200,000 for Adaptive Robotics Technology for Space, Air and Missiles [ART-SAM] in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Calhoun Community College, located at 6250 US Highway 31 North, Tanner, AL 35671. The funding would be used for a joint venture with leadership from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) and Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT), and will establish national robotics research and development capability at Calhoun Community College to leverage government, industry, and academia partnerships and their respective investments. Additionally, funds will be used to procure instrumentation, components and test fixtures to provide a hands-on laboratory for experiments and process testing in an unmanned environment. Taxpayer Justification: The ART-SAM project, once operational, will develop robotics technologies, systems and products for a variety of SMDC projects, programs, and core mission needs. It will serve as an economic development catalyst for robotic research and development, training, operations and manufacturing. It will also support workforce development initiatives throughout the state.

Request as named in the report: Protective Self-Decontaminating Surfaces

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010
Account or Provision: RDT&E—DW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ventana Research Corp. (VRC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 2, Tyndall AFB, FL

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 for ACD&P project of self-decontaminating sur-

faces for long-lasting personnel (e.g. clothing) & shelter (e.g. hospitals) protection from Chem/Bio (& nerve gas) attacks. Light-activated decontaminating material produces singlet oxygen, a mild oxidant, to destroy CB agents. Demonstrated the material traps & stores excess singlet oxygen during periods of sun & artificial light. Stored singlet oxygen is released to provide indoor & outdoor protection of 8+ hours during no light & dark periods. Further, no protection loss demonstrated in intense Arizona sunlight 39+ hours during 100+ degrees days. Completed FY07 Individual Protection (IP) ATD milestones. Started FY08 IP ACD&P phase & initiated nerve gas protection ATD for ACD&P in FY10 and will continue ACD&P effort in FY09. Technology: Sun or artificial light activates the decontaminating material to produce singlet oxygen, a mild, short-lived oxidant that effectively destroys chemical/nerve & biological agents.

This long-lasting & durable capability for around-the-clock protection using sun or artificial light is the heart of the invention. Our FY10 request is prompted by the need for including nerve gas and nuclear decontamination capability. This will involve added-on tasks to the program in terms additional test and evaluation efforts. Nerve gas protection effort will address chemistry efforts and tests, nuclear protection disposable, absorbent materials.

Progress: 1) Mustard gas stimulant treated fabric tests demonstrated self-decontamination capability after exposure of 39 days to the intense AZ summer sun; 2) Kappler Provent fabric treated with VRC Decon Dye Coating demonstrated standard industrial practice can be used for first-article production of garments for breathability, field laundering, & durability testing; 3) VRC Decon Dye Coating showed no adverse effect upon Provent fabric's breathability, an essential Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) Ensemble requirement; 4) Airtight seam-bonding process demonstrated with Provent Fabric dyed with VRC Dye Coating enables standard protective suit manufacturing procedures eliminating protective coating application after suit completion, a more costly approach; 5) NMR & UV-Visible Spectroscopy showed Ventana Decon Dye Coating efficiently traps visible light-generated singlet oxygen in repeated release & oxidation a mustard gas & VX stimulant to decontaminated product in darkness; 6) UV-Visible Spectroscopy demonstrated to be a more cost-effective QA tool than conventional NMR inspection; 7) Live tests will be performed at the Defense Science & Technology Laboratory (distl), Proton Down, UK, during the week of April 27, 2009, additional tests are planned for 2Q09 & 3Q09. Samples have been provided to Dr. Stephen Lee, Chief Scientist, Ofc. Director U.S. Army Research Office, for coordination & ITAR, export/import matters & permits.

The requested FY10 program under JPM-CBD's leadership addresses: 1) Perform ATDs on VRC Decon Dye coatings to add nerve gas & radiological agent (disposable garments & coatings) protection; 2) Conduct operational validity tests (ACD&P) of preselected Light-Activated CBNR Protective systems; 3) Continue pre-production of protection systems at Kappler & Ventana for several ACD&Ps of representative JUST materials, components & suits & upgrade facilities to full production status.

Request as named in the report: Remote Monitoring and Troubleshooting (RMAT) Project

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010
Account or Provision: OP.N

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Intergraph
Address of Requesting Entity: 170 Graphics Drive, Madison, AL 35758

Description of Request: \$2,320,000 for RMAT will integrate with shipboard local control and monitoring systems by networking them together and providing secure shore-based remote monitoring of those systems in real time. Through the use of sensors, networks, and software-based controllers, RMAT will provide the means for monitoring and troubleshooting various shipboard systems that are vital to ship operations, and allow engineers from various shore-based locations to collaborate in a real-time secure environment. RMAT will enable faster response times and mitigation of damage caused by engineering casualties, blast, fire, flooding, and equipment malfunction. Implementation of RMAT will increase the level of sensor data fusion, situational awareness, and survivability of the ship, as well as its ability to successfully complete its mission. The change from analog systems and manual data collection will save thousands of man-hours every year. Without funding for this effort, a need will exist to continue maintenance of obsolete hardware-based control panels and large redundant watch-standing and damage control repair parties that rely on slow, outdated, and error producing control systems and information management techniques.

Request as named in the report: Transitioning Stretch Broken Carbon Fiber to Production Programs

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010
Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hexcel Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3300 Mallard Fox Drive, Decatur, AL 35609

Description of Request: \$3,200,000 for composite structure on existing military aircraft has saved weight and reduced O&M costs. However, a solution to the high cost and unrealized weight benefits of these structures is badly needed. Studies done in conjunction with the major aircraft manufacturers show that while composite material properties predict a weight savings of about 50% is achievable, only about 10–20% is being realized in today's designs. The problem is that the composite materials that are currently available in the marketplace cannot be formed into the complex geometries necessary to realize the true weight savings available. This results in pressure at the design stage to reduce the complexity of parts so they are more fabrication friendly. If the designer holds firm on the part complexity, automated fabrication techniques are often ruled out due to the challenges of forming complex geometries with these processes. The end result is added weight and cost to the structure. Stretch Broken Carbon Fiber (SBCF) technology affords more weight reduction opportunities than any other solution under evaluation by the DoD. SBCF product forms offer a pseudo plasticity

akin to metals that makes the forming of complex geometries much easier. These products can be used in all of the automated composite processes currently being used by fabricators including fiber and tape placement and engineered textile approaches for fabricating net shape preforms used in resin infusion processes. The focus of this program will be twofold. First, funding will be allocated to various composite part fabricators to develop robust processes to mold full size prototype parts with SBCF product forms. Second, funding will be allocated to generate a Mil-HdBK-17 approved database. Both tasks are necessary to take this technology into production.

Request as named in the report: Cooperative International Neuromuscular Research Group

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's National Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Michigan Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20010

Description of Request: \$3,280,000 for funds will be used for ongoing research and testing using molecular patches, to see if the

same improvements experienced by dogs in clinical trials can be extended to humans with muscle damage. The funds will be used for ongoing research and testing using molecular patches, to see if the same improvements experienced by dogs in clinical trials can be extended to humans with muscle damage. This research benefits both warfighters (in terms of combating the effects of biological warfare attacks), and also potentially the civilian population who suffer from similar muscle tissue deterioration.