

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,