

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION FOR H.R. 5658, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chang Industry.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1925 McKinley Avenue, Suite F, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,000,000 to develop Fire Shield, an Active Protection System (APS) with the guidance of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Michigan. Fire Shield would be used to protect armored vehicles from the blast effects and the plasma jet of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) by detecting and destroying incoming projectiles. Approximately \$200,000 is for identifying and refining the operational requirement; \$4,000,000 is for system development; \$600,000 is for materials and equipment; \$1,200,000 is for testing and evaluation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tanner Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 to complete development of a Dual-Mode Micro Seeker (radio frequency/electro-optical (RF/EO)) being developed with the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. This funding seeks to improve the accuracy of gun-launched and small missile interceptors used on current and emerging defensive weapons systems by increasing the accuracy needed to counter incoming rocket, artillery and mortar threats. Approximately \$600,000 will be used for RF signal processing development; \$1,700,000 for monolithic microwave integrated circuits and

complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor integrated circuit development; \$1,200,000 for EO avalanche photodiode (APD) circuit development; \$900,000 for RF seeker integration; and \$600,000 for EO seeker integration. In each example, system development cost is approximately 64 percent; materials and equipment costs are approximately 28 percent; and testing and evaluation are approximately 8 percent. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Projects Research, Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1925 McKinley Avenue, Suite B, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,200,000 to continue testing and development of the Wavelength Agile Spectral (WASH) Oxygen Sensor with the guidance of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The WASH Oxygen Sensor intends to measure oxygen concentration in military high-performance fuel tanks. This funding will also be used for the Cell Level Battery Controller, which intends to monitor and control charge and temperature at the cell level of military battery energy storage systems. Approximately \$477,000 will be used for project management; \$763,000 for engineering analysis; \$1,430,000 for engineering design; \$954,000 for hardware fabrication and assembly; \$1,144,000 for test engineering; \$62,000 for material and hardware; \$348,000 for sub-contracts; and \$22,000 for travel. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air Force RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gentex Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11525 Sixth Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to supply Air National Guard aircrews with approximately 2,200 MBU-20A/P Oxygen Masks with Mask Lights. The oxygen mask's unit price is approximately \$900 per unit. The MBU-20A/P was approved for fleet wide implementation in an effort to standardize to a common enhanced oxygen mask. Approximately, 34 percent of the funding is for manufacturing labor; 4 percent is for sustainment and systems engineering support; 6 percent is for inspections and tests; 20 percent is for general and administrative costs; 35 percent is for material; 1 percent is for packaging handling shipping and transportation.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Title XXVI, Guard and Reserve Forces Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, USA.

Description of Request: Authorization of \$3,250,000 for planning and design of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, is included in the bill. This new complex will consist of approximately 130,000 square feet of administrative and supply areas, and nine general purpose and 12 specialty maintenance work bays to regionally maintain Army National Guard ground vehicles located in Western Pennsylvania. The project will allow consolidation and closing of four inadequate maintenance facilities in the Pittsburgh area. The Army National Guard and the Commonwealth will benefit by reduced operating and maintenance costs associated with the closure of four inefficient facilities as well as utilizing an Energy Management control system. Soldiers will benefit by being provided a state-of-the-art, efficiently functioning work space to maintain combat vehicles.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KING. Madam Speaker, I wish to make the following disclosure in accordance with the new Republican Earmark Transparency Standards requiring Members to place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to a floor vote on a bill that includes earmarks they have requested, describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Account: MilCon, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Air National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa 50131.

Description of Request: Authorizes appropriation of \$5.6 million for the construction of a new Vehicle Maintenance Facility and remodeling of the existing Communications Facility located at the 133rd Test Squadron in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Updating facilities at the 133rd Test Squadron is of the utmost importance and highest priority for the Iowa National Guard. This project is approved on the U.S. Air Force Future Year Defense Plan (FYDP), and has been assigned the number HEMT039066. The facility is significantly short of space due to the expansion of the unit's mission, manning and resources. Since it is the only unit designated to test future Command and Control (C2) projects for the U.S. Air Force, the performance of the 133rd Test Squadron is vital to Air Force missions. A detailed financial plan based on form DD 1391 required by the Department of Defense for military construction projects follows.

COST ESTIMATE

Item	U/M	Quantity	Unit cost	Cost (\$000)
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/COMM TRAINING FACILITY	SF	32,369	.....	4,171
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AREA	SF	7,000	210	(1,470)
AGE ADDITION TO COMM AREA	SF	2,600	186	(484)
UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS AREA	SF	22,769	91	(2,072)
ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES	SF	32,369	2	(65)
LEED CERTIFICATION	LS	.....	.....	(80)
SUPPORTING FACILITIES .....	.....	.....	.....	864
PAVEMENTS	LS	.....	.....	(115)
UTILITIES	LS	.....	.....	(150)
SITE IMPROVEMENTS/PARKING	LS	.....	.....	(100)
COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT	LS	.....	.....	(100)
PRE-WIRED WORK STATIONS	LS	.....	.....	(130)
TEMPORARY TRAILERS	LS	.....	.....	(220)
DEMOLITION/ASBESTOS REMOVAL	SF	3,270	15	(49)
SUBTOTAL .....	.....	.....	.....	5,035
CONTINGENCY (5%) .....	.....	.....	.....	252
TOTAL CONTRACT COST .....	.....	.....	.....	5,287
SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND OVERHEAD (6%) .....	.....	.....	.....	317
TOTAL REQUEST .....	.....	.....	.....	5,604
TOTAL REQUEST (ROUNDED) ..	.....	.....	.....	5,600

10. Description of Proposed Construction: New Construction: Reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab with steel-framed masonry walls and sloped roof structure. Includes overhead crane/hoist, all utilities, pavements, fire protection, site improvements, and support. All interior wall, ceilings, interior finishes and pre-wired work stations. Alteration: Rearrange and extend interior walls and utilities. Provide anti-terrorism force protection measures. Demolish three buildings (304 SM) and landscape the site. Air Conditioning: 60 Tons.

11. REQUIREMENT: 32,369 SF ADEQUATE: 0 SF SUBSTANDARD: 22,769 SF.

PROJECT: Vehicle Maintenance and Communications Training Facility (Current Mission).

REQUIREMENT: The base requires an adequately sized, properly configured, and environmentally safe vehicle maintenance facility for operations and training. Vehicles to be re-

paired and maintained include cars, trucks, sweepers, and snowplows. Functional areas consist of maintenance bays, paint bay, office area, parts/tool storage, battery shop, vehicle dispatch, fuel dispensing facility and wash rack. An adequately sized and properly configured facility is required for the operations, maintenance, and training in support of a 132-personnel combat communications squadron responsible for tactical communications-electronics systems. Functional areas include the command section, communication systems (i.e. satellite, base, and network), communications center, combat support, secure storage, deployment control center, classrooms, physical fitness center, dining area, and medical training.

CURRENT SITUATION: The vehicle maintenance functions are accomplished in a facility that has reached the end of its useful life. Facility maintenance and repair of the mechanical and electrical systems are no longer cost effective due to the lack of replacement parts. The facility is significantly short of maintenance, office, and training space due to the expansion of the unit's manning and resources over the years. Maintenance and repair operations on larger vehicles must be done outside because they do not fit in the small bays. The facility has numerous safety, health, and environmental hazards. The communications and electronics facility portion of this project will re-configure and renovate existing spaces while adding to the complex to alleviate facility shortfalls. Mission accomplishment and Status of Readiness and Training System (SORTS) levels are degraded as there is no adequate space to properly store civil engineering equipment, generators, and equipment assets to be deployable within response time criteria given winter conditions. The 133rd is accomplishing part of the test mission requirements in a facility on the other side of the airport driveway. This requires them to take valuable time and manpower to get to the support functions such as medical and supply items. The area is 12 percent short of the required space needed to support the mission. Several Control and Reporting Center (CRC) testing events have been located in building 102, which has been identified to be demolished. This facility requires roof repairs and electrical and mechanical upgrades to meet code requirements. The space is not functionally set up to house a test squadron, which causes interruptions in training/testing requirements. They do not have the space to test, maintain, train and repair equipment that they are required to support. The office space is not properly configured. The Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) facility (building 101) is not functionally efficient as an AGE shop with its current layout. Equipment is stored outside due to lack of covered storage space. The administrative area is congested and not properly configured. The existing forced air heat system is inefficient and requires repair. The existing floor drains are not connected to an oil-water separator. The majority of the base infrastructure system is over 40 years old and has been upgraded only as part of new construction. Parts of the system that have not been upgraded are deteriorated due to age.

IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED: Operations and training suffer from lack of up-to-date and adequate facilities. The overcrowded and anti-

quated facility seriously degrades the unit's capability to maintain a safe, operationally ready fleet, and severely limits the unit's ability to train. Continued safety and environmental problems with possible violations of federal and state environmental statutes. Quality of life is negatively impacted affecting morale, recruiting, and retention.

ADDITIONAL: This project meets the criteria/scope specified in Air National Guard Handbook 32-1084, "Facility Requirements" and is in compliance with the base master plan. These facilities are "inhabited" buildings and meet the standoff distance requirements. There is minimal threat and the level of protection is low so minimum construction standards have been applied. All known alternative options were considered during the development of this project. No other option could meet the mission requirements; therefore, no economic analysis was needed or performed. The following buildings will be demolished as a result of this project: 101 (214 SM), 104 (45 SM), and 105 (45 SM) for a total of 304 SM.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AREA—7,000 SF = 650 SM.

AGE ADDITION TO COMM AREA—2,600 SF = 242 SM.

UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS AREA—22,769 SF = 2,115 SM.

DEMOLITION/ASBESTOS REMOVAL—3,270 SF = 304 SM.

HONORING CAROL A. WARREN'S SERVICE WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Carol A. Warren on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and for her many years of outstanding federal service.

Carol has been a tremendous help to me as a liaison with the Nashville District. Her knowledge of how local, state and federal government work together has proven to be a valuable asset to the Corps and its many projects. She has served with distinction and the highest degree of professionalism. Through her many contributions to the Corps of Engineers, she has consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and dedication.

In 1990, Carol started her work with the Corps as the Nashville District Commander's Secretary, supporting nine District Engineers, before eventually being promoted to Executive Liaison Officer.

While Carol is officially retiring, she will not leave the Corps entirely and has agreed to return part-time to train someone for her position. It has been a real pleasure working with Carol over the years. I congratulate her on a great career and wish her the best in her retirement. Thank you, Carol, for a job well done.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR.
ALBERT F. CAMPBELL

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, a distinguished preacher and spiritual leader in Philadelphia, the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, the pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, is observing a milestone that provides his congregants, his many followers and admirers along with friends and family, an opportunity to celebrate his long and productive ministry.

Pastor Campbell has been a rock in West Philadelphia, as a man of God, a man of the people, a leader of the community and a role model for all of those in his sphere.

He has presided over Mount Carmel Baptist—"a revolutionary church engaged in revolutionary services"—for 42 years, succeeding the Reverend Doctor Dennie W. Hoggard. A passionate and inspiring young preacher from Beulah Baptist Church of New York City, Reverend Campbell arrived in Philadelphia with his wife, Ruth Price Campbell, and their sons, Albert Jr. and Milton K., to step into the pulpit at Mount Carmel on May 22, 1966. Each year, a Sunday in late May is celebrated as the anniversary of his installation, and this year is no exception—with Pastor Appreciation Day May 25, 2008.

The measure of Reverend Campbell's greatness is evident upon a visit to the church, at 5732 Race Street, to the surrounding community and even to its Web site, which lists no fewer than 61 separate ministries. While the church dates back 126 years, it has grown immensely in the four decades plus of Reverend Campbell's pastorate.

The Reverend Campbell had directed and managed Mount Carmel in an inspirational manner while preaching the word of God to a "People in Pilgrimage," bound for the destination of which God said, "I will give it to you".

With a keen eye for management as well as a heart filled with the word of the Lord, Reverend Campbell has guided the Church to prominence in the faith and civic life of the City of Brotherly Love. His vision for Mount Carmel has encompassed all facets of the Church and its work. He has expanded Mount Carmel's ministries, its outstanding youth and educational programs, and its civic and community development outreach across West Philadelphia, impacting its neighbors, reaching out to those in need and to those searching for spiritual fulfillment. Musical programs have been a specialty, and in an especially proud moment, the Mount Carmel orchestra was once invited to perform at the White House.

And so upon this joyous occasion of the 42nd anniversary of his installation, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations, best wishes and continued success in the Lord's work to the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, my pastor and a pastor who has served tirelessly for the betterment of all Philadelphians.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAN J.
SMITH

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise in this chamber to mark the passing of a great American, Dan J. Smith. A resident of Los Angeles, Dan passed away on May 6, 2008, at the age of 57, leaving a legacy of service to this country. During the first term of President Ronald Reagan, Dan served as a Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Policy Development, where he worked on issues ranging from international trade to NATO defense. The principal achievement he should be remembered for is Executive Order 12320, which established the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Dan was the principal architect of the Reagan Administration's program to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies in supporting HBCUs.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Southern California, Dan was instrumental while still an undergraduate in founding the Norman Topping scholarship fund, a voluntary, student-financed program of financial support that still stands as a model for private community service. After receiving a masters degree from Occidental College in 1973, Dan spent his early career in banking and non-profit management. Still in his twenties, he was appointed by the Governor of California in 1976 to the State Economic Development Commission.

After leaving the White House staff, Dan founded his own higher education consulting firm, the Corporation for American Education, which he headed for 26 years. In the mid-1980s, he was instrumental in assisting Fisk University, one of this country's most-cherished HBCUs, in recovering from near insolvency. In 1997, at the request of California's Governor, he helped revise California's statutes overseeing private postsecondary and vocational education.

Dan was a writer, a deep thinker, a servant-leader, a devoted husband and father, and a friend. He was called early by his Maker, but his legacy lives on. America owes a debt to Dan J. Smith and countless other unsung heroes whose life's work represent the fabric of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1026, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club. I congratulate and thank the Club for its century of service to Members and their families.

When a Member is first elected, one of the first events his or her spouse will be invited to is a welcome at the Congressional Club,

bringing together both Republican and Democratic spouses in friendship as they adjust to their new lives in public service.

Throughout the year, there are social opportunities to get to know women and men from around the country and even around the world as the Club sometimes hosts events with the international community, such as the recent Diplomatic Parade of Nations. The Club also draws on its members' talents and energies for designated non-political, non-partisan service projects.

In a city that can sometimes be known for its political tensions, the Congressional Club offers a longstanding oasis of good will and friendship for Congressional couples and families which share a great deal in common. It is a tradition that has helped build a community for 100 years and I hope will continue to do so for centuries to come.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today both in recognition of May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge our shared obligation to do everything that we can to help the more than half a million children currently in our Nation's foster care system. I applaud the thousands of devoted adoptive parents in Ohio and across the country who provide children and youth in foster care with permanent, loving families.

Twenty-one-year-old Ashley Flucsa entered Ohio's foster care system at age 10. She spent the next 8½ years in foster care, longing for a family to call her own. "I wanted to have the same sense of security that children in non-foster families have," she recalls. "I wanted to have a place to go during college break and I wanted to be able to fully trust that I would always have a place to call home. I wanted a mom to shop with and a dad to someday walk me down the aisle. I wanted stability."

Today, Ashley is a nursing student at Lakeland Community College. Her foster parents, Yvette and Jim Goldurs of Cleveland Heights, are in the process of adopting Ashley. She hopes to someday become a nurse practitioner or a doctor, and she is very involved with the Ohio Youth Advisory Board, which allows her to share her experiences and advocate for reform on behalf of Ohio's children and youth who are still in foster care. Most importantly, she has found the permanent family that she longed for.

Currently, Ohio has more than 17,000 children living in foster care. In 2005, a quarter of these foster children were waiting to join adoptive families. They had to wait an average of nearly 4 years to do so. More worrisome still, many of Ohio's foster youth will never find the permanent family they need. More than 1,200 youth "aged out" of Ohio's foster care system in 2005 completely on their own, with no family to rely upon.

The Federal Adoption Incentive Program, which was first enacted in 1997 as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, encourages States to find foster children like Ashley permanent homes through adoption. The Adoption Incentive Program is due to expire this

year, on September 30, and should be reauthorized so that it can continue to serve as a vitally important incentive to States for finalizing adoptions for children in foster care, with an emphasis on finding adoptive homes for special needs children and foster children over age 9. I am proud of Ohio's success in finalizing more than 10,400 adoptions of children from foster care between 2000 and 2006, earning \$5.4 million in Federal adoption incentive payments, which are invested back into the child welfare program.

We need to help more foster children in Ohio and across the Nation join loving, permanent adoptive families. The Adoption Incentive Program is effective in encouraging more adoptions from foster care, and I look forward to seeing that it is reauthorized this year.

DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, H.R. 5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$10,590,000 to make Industrial Access Improvements at Main Gate 15 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mandatory vehicle access control at military installations is a Department of Defense (DoD) requirement per DoD Directives 5200.8 and 5200.8R. Based on a Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment conducted in October 2006, the entrance and guardhouse configuration at Gate 15 are inadequate for both industrial access and from a security/safety standpoint and require upgrading. This project provides for industrial access improvements of Gate 15 including the truck and private automobile inspection area, Pass Office Renovations and counter terrorism measures at Gate 15.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center Address of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, 1030 University Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23435, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$800,000 for research and development effort that will bring together the Modeling and Simulation community to define, implement, and utilize a set of standards that will guide the development of M&S capability for the foreseeable future. Standards will provide a more cost effective way to ensure simulation compatibility and reuse among the Services and the many types of simulations being developed to address

their problems. This action provides funding for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University to develop a set of modeling and simulation standards that will guide all aspects of DoD modeling and simulation design and development.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$722,000,000 for Virginia Class Submarine Advance Procurement/Advanced Construction. This funding will provide advanced procurement for the Block III procurement of the Virginia Class Submarine fleet. The funding can be used to accelerate the delivery at a rate of 2 per year beginning in FY10 rather than FY11.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$10,000,000 for Advanced Submarine System Development (ULMS). The requested funding addition will allow the Navy to proceed with Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSD) development in a timely fashion. This submarine class will serve as the replacement for the OHIO submarine class.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget for the LPD by \$1,800,000,000. In 2007 Congressional testimony, USMC leaders testified that a force structure less than 10 LPD class ships would put the USMC at significant risk in meeting commitments for global presence and to the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The \$1.8 billion in FY 2009 funding is for LPD 26 as requested on the Navy's and marine Corps' FY 2009 Unfunded Priority Lists.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA JAGUARS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate The University of Houston—Victoria (UHV) Jaguars softball team on an amazing inaugural season. The Jaguars completed the season with a 32–18 record and finished fourth in Region VI of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, missing the national tournament by one slot.

The Jaguars faced a strong slate of contenders in the regular season, including 14 nationally recognized opponents, nine of which fell to the Jaguars. The team also defeated NCAA teams Houston Baptist University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

“You’ve got to beat the best to be the best,” head coach Keri Lambeth always tells her players, and the Jaguars showed they are more than capable of competing with the best. On March 17, the softball team ranked No.4 in 18–team Region VI in the first season poll based on play, marking the first rating of a UHV sporting team. On March 19, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ranked the softball team No. 15 in the Nation. The team ended the season in the same impressive position.

The players didn’t just work hard on the field. Coach Lambeth demanded academic and civic excellence. The players were required to attend a number of study hall hours every week based on their grade-point averages. A perfect 4.0 required 10 hours, while anything less required increasingly more. The players also met with Coach Lambeth each week to discuss how their classes were going and what kind of grades they were earning. As a result, a third of the team is expected to hold a 4.0 GPA this semester, and most of the team members are expected to appear on the UHV Dean’s List for the spring semester.

As Coach Lambeth always tells her players, “We’re not just here to play sports. We are here for an education first and foremost.”

As part of their civic activities, the players participated in a mentoring program in which they tutored at-risk elementary school students in reading, and middle and high school students in remedial math. The players also served as role models and life coaches to these students. Many players put in hours above and beyond what was required by the mentoring program.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to formally congratulate the women of the Jaguars on their accomplishments, both on and off the softball field, in their historic first season. I would also like to insert the Jaguars roster into the of the team into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Jessica Salas, Erin Litvik, Samantha Campagna, Kristen Lindley, Curby Ryan, Lindsey Ferguson, Lauren Garza, Chelsi Fitzgerald, Kasey Voyles, Cayla Dluhos, Ashley Falco, Stephanie Lavey, Amber Scott, Whitney Damborsky, Brittany Faas.

RECOGNIZING DENISE JORGENSEN, FOUNDER OF OPERATION MINNESOTA NICE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Denise Jorgensen, founder of Operation Minnesota Nice, which provides comfort and support to the American soldier fighting for freedom abroad. It is vital that we not forget those defending our liberty, and Operation Minnesota Nice does its part by sending care packages to troops from Minnesota serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Two months into its mission, Operation Minnesota Nice built its ranks up to ten volunteers

and assisted 17 soldiers spread throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, they have 1,100 volunteers.

Perhaps the greatest contribution Operation Minnesota Nice has made to American soldiers is the inspiration they provide for others to start similar organizations. Floyd Olesen is one such individual. He and his wife started a local chapter of Operation Minnesota Nice in Becker, Minnesota, followed by another organization, Support Our Troops, headquartered in Elk River, Minnesota. Mr. Olesen clearly speaks with admiration for the work Denise Jorgensen has done.

Madam Speaker, we're able to enjoy the freedoms we have today because of the selfless sacrifices so many brave Americans made to secure them, and veterans in America today deserve our utmost respect. The acts of generosity of men and women like Denise and her army of citizen-volunteers are just a sampling of the generous acts of kindness taking place across America to honor the bravest among us. Thank you for your dedication and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE
SERGEANT JAY POUPARD

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Detective Sergeant Jay Poupard on receiving the 2008 Attorney General Special Commendation Award. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate Detective Sergeant Poupard on behalf of all of those who have benefited from his dedicated service to Charlotte, Michigan and his proven ability to protect the lives of its citizens.

Detective Sergeant Poupard is a member of the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The ICAC Task Force is a nationwide program designed to assist state and local law enforcement agencies increase their capability to investigate offenders who use the Internet or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. The program is made up of 59 regional Task Force agencies and is funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The fast, shrewd action of Detective Sergeant Poupard and Detective Spence of Florida and the effective information exchange between the ICAC Task Forces directly saved the life of an 8-year-old child. Detective Sergeant Poupard's skillful work and sharp sense of awareness also prevented further manufacture and distribution of child pornographic images. As a model to officers across the country, Detective Sergeant Poupard continues to carry out his duty to protect Michigan and the United States.

The 2008 Attorney General Special Commendation Award was presented to Detective Sergeant Jay Poupard of Charlotte, Michigan for his extraordinary work which saved the life of a young child. His superior performance is worthy of this honor and indicative of his continued commitment to high standards and thorough investigative work.

Madam Speaker, today I honor Detective Sergeant Jay Poupard for his esteemed serv-

ice to the Charlotte community. May others know of my high regard for his outstanding performance and dedication to protecting our children, as well as my best wishes for Detective Sergeant Poupard in the future.

THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the text of the U.S. State Department announcement this month regarding the strategic partnership between the United States and the Republic of Macedonia.

I urge my colleagues to review this document closely, and to remember the geostrategic importance of the United States' continued support for the Republic of Macedonia's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

We in Congress should also fully appreciate the great distance this young country has traveled—reforming itself politically, economically, and militarily—since the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

DECLARATION OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 7, 2008

The United States of America and the Republic of Macedonia are determined to expand and deepen the close partnership between the two countries based upon common goals, interests, and values. The two countries wish to enhance their strategic relationship through intensified consultation and cooperation in the areas of security, people-to-people ties, and commerce. The United States and Macedonia reaffirm their support for the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of states, the purposes and principles of the U.N. charter, and a unitary, multiethnic Macedonia within its existing borders.

Macedonia and the United States note that a democratic, secure and prosperous Macedonia, with friendly and constructive relations with its neighbors and as an active participant in regional and international economic, political and security fora, is vital to peace and stability in Southeast Europe.

In this regard, the United States continues to support Macedonia's security, stability and economic development.

In the interest of an intensified partnership, the United States intends to immediately provide additional assistance to Macedonia to help build prosperity, strengthen security, and foster deeper ties between our two countries.

Macedonia expresses deep appreciation to the U.S. for its assistance to date in helping the Macedonian people as they work to institutionalize and make permanent a democratic process that realizes our shared values of peace, freedom, the rule of law, and a free market economy. Macedonia also recognizes and reaffirms the support from the U.S. in reforming and strengthening its armed forces.

Building on our existing strong partnership in the fight against global terrorism and

promoting international stability, demonstrated by our troops serving together in Iraq and Afghanistan, our civilian and military officials plan to intensify their bilateral high-level contacts and seek increased joint training and exercise opportunities to enhance the interoperability of our forces, and strengthen our partnership in promoting international security and non-proliferation.

Sharing a desire to expand trade and investment, the United States and Macedonia will seek to enhance their economic ties and undertake additional measures to strengthen the competitiveness of Macedonia's economy and expand opportunities for United States and Macedonian businesses. The United States supports Macedonia's ongoing efforts to build a business-friendly environment attractive to United States and other foreign investment. Macedonia expresses its appreciation for the opportunity to utilize GSP to strengthen bilateral trade. Both countries encourage the further expansion of their trade relations.

Macedonia expresses satisfaction with the successful implementation of the USAID technical assistance programs in the areas of democracy, economic growth and education and reaffirms its desire for cooperation in these areas to continue.

The two countries also seek to build closer and more robust bonds between their citizens and will undertake practical measures to promote educational and cultural exchange.

The NATO Summit Declaration in Bucharest made clear that the Republic of Macedonia has met NATO's democratic, economic, and defense standards through its rigorous participation in the Membership Action Plan. The United States continues to work with our NATO Allies to maintain Macedonia's robust cooperation with NATO under existing mechanisms, while it awaits a membership invitation.

Both countries look forward to Macedonia joining NATO as soon as possible. Our intensified cooperation at this time will further strengthen Macedonia's readiness to take on Alliance obligations and responsibilities in the near future.

CONGRATULATING OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS OF NEW
JERSEY'S 11TH DISTRICT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students is participating in the 2008 Congressional Arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional!

We have 46 students participating. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First Place was awarded to Jessica Pester of Millburn High School for her work "Waiting." Second Place was awarded to Rebecca Bailey from West Morris Mendham High School for her work "Mark." Third Place was awarded to Kristen Capote from Parsippany Christian School for her work "Digital Camera."

I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name, and the title of their contest entry for the official record.

Boonton High School: Cathy Yang's "Self Portrait" (Honorable Mention); Elyssa Hunziker's "When I Was Seventeen;" Jennifer Vasta's "The Gift;" Steve McKeown's "Self Portrait".

Chatham High School: Anna Zamecka's "Charcoal Still Life;" Grace Oakley's "Global Fabric;" Michelle Mruk's "Miniature Eggplants and Egg".

Livingston High School: Jordana Geller's "Timelessness;" Kelly Keltos' "Carnival;" Victoria Xia's "Steel;" Wei Li Cheng's "Vanilla".

Madison High School: Alexandra Coultas' "The Luke Miller House;" Frank Wulff, III's "Valor;" Frederick Greis' "Elaine;" Kimberly Smith's "He loves me, He loves me not".

Millburn High School: Kelly Blumenthal's "Venetian Landscape;" Jessica Pester's "Waiting" (First Place); Jacqueline San Filippo's "Riding Shadows".

Montville High School: Christine Riccio's "Summer;" Grace Lee's "Spring Flowers;" Jennifer Eishingrelo's "Montville Farmer;" Michael Johnston's "Book Smart".

Morris Knolls High School: Elizabeth Westerman's Toy Trains;" Liana Kelly's "A Brighter Life;" Jennifer Engleson's "Sunburnt Lawn".

Mount Olive High School: Kristen Cignavitch's "Puzzle Portrait;" Laura Smith's "The Approach;" Olga Kazakova's "Belarus in America;" Rachel Tenenbaum's "Photography".

Parsippany Christian School: Austin Dimare's "Austin Splendor;" Kristen Capote's "Digital Camera" (Third Place); Samantha Dahl's "Go Fish".

Ridge High School: Christina Stillwaggon's "P.M.S.;" Frankie Cocuzza's "Untitled #3;" Lara Charavantes' "Purificacao" (Honorable Mention); Sojin Ouh's "Leftovers".

Roxbury High School: Christian Peslak's "Conscious Man;" Sam Knopka's "Self Portrait;" Bret Koblyka's "Self Portrait" (Honorable Mention); Jacob Mandel's "The Artist's Mindset".

Watchung Hills High School: Kim Delli Paoli's "My Vacation".

West Morris Mendham High School: Caitlin Aromando's "Intensity;" Elisa Cecere's "Elephant Eye;" Olivia Sebesky's "Jon;" Rebecca Bailey's "Mark" (Second Place).

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of fellow Americans walk through that corridor and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Baxter Springs, Kansas on their 150th anniversary. During the past century and a half, Baxter Springs and the state of Kansas have seen its share of ups and downs. Baxter Springs has lived through a handful of wars, including one that happened right on its own turf when the city was still just an infant. It has persisted through the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, drought, floods, feast and famine. With all of these challenges, some Kansas towns throughout the decades have not survived a century, much less 150 years.

A sesquicentennial is not an easy day to reach for any town and its citizens should be proud for their part in building and preserving such a wonderful community. I have been to Baxter Springs and seen firsthand the wonderful culture and the pride that has blossomed just off of historic Route 66.

Baxter Springs can be looked at by other Kansas communities as a benchmark for morality, patriotism and the spirit of hard work. While I wish I could be there in person to celebrate with them, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the city of Baxter Springs on a great 150 years. Here's to another great 150 years!

HONORING MS. CHERYL MOSIER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding teacher from my district, Ms. Cheryl Mosier of Columbine High School in Littleton. Ms. Mosier has been awarded the 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, an award given by the National Science Foundation to remarkable educators committed to enhancing the learning of their students.

Established by Congress in 1983, the Presidential award program recognizes extraordinary mathematics and science teachers in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories, and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools. This year Ms. Mosier was the Colorado recipient for this prestigious award.

An Earth Science teacher at Columbine High School, Ms. Mosier has over 15 years teaching experience. A Colorado native, Cheryl graduated from the University of Northern Colorado, and went on to complete a master's degree in teaching from Grand Canyon University.

Cheryl inspires her students in the Earth Sciences by teaching them lessons they can relate to everyday life. Cheryl won the PAEMST award for a lesson she taught on Spectroscopy. This was the same lesson Cheryl was teaching on April 20, 1999 when

tragedy struck Columbine High School after two gunmen opened fire inside the school, killing 12 students, and one teacher.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Cheryl, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST BRADEN J. LONG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Army Specialist Braden J. Long, 19, of Sherman, Texas, died in service to his country last year in Baghdad of injuries sustained when his Humvee came under grenade attack. Specialist Long was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division; Fort Riley, Kansas.

Braden's mother, Melanie Thrasher, said that her son wanted to be in the military since grade school and reported for basic training just a month after graduating from Sherman High School in 2005. His family and many friends, as well as his fellow soldiers in the United States Army, can attest to the dedication of this young man who chose to live his life in service to his country.

Specialist Long's wife, Theresa, recalled that he was respectful to all and always kept his word. If he said he could do something, he did it. Long met his future wife while both were students at Sherman High School. They were married Nov. 4, 2005, and were living in Fort Riley, Kansas, at the time of his deployment to Iraq.

In addition to his wife, Specialist Long is survived by his parents, Melanie Thrasher of Sherman and William "Bill" Long III of Arlington; one brother, William Long IV of Sherman; one sister, Michaela Thrasher of Sherman; grandparents, William Long Jr. of Florida, and William Euans, Susan Long, and Shirley Dickinson, all of Ohio; and one great-grandparent, William G. Long Sr.

Madam Speaker, words cannot express the gratitude we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom; it is a debt that can never be repaid. I pray that his family will find comfort in knowing that America will never forget the tremendous sacrifice he made while defending our country. As we honor America's fallen heroes on Memorial Day, let us pay tribute to the life of this dedicated young patriot, Army Specialist Braden Long.

CONGRATULATING MIKE GOTTFRIED ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MOBILE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Coach Mike Gottfried on the occasion of his

induction into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF). Begun in 1987, the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame was created by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce to recognize those sports figures whose accomplishments and service have greatly benefited—and reflected credit on—the city of Mobile.

Coach Gottfried, an Ohio native, was a successful head football coach at Murray State, Cincinnati, and Kansas, before going to Pittsburgh, where he had wins over Notre Dame, Penn State, and West Virginia. In 1990, he moved to Mobile at the urging of his brother, University of South Alabama athletics director Joe Gottfried, for what he thought would be a temporary stay on the way to another college football coaching job. Eighteen years later, Coach Gottfried is still a resident of Mobile and is considered by many, including Mobile's Press-Register, as "one of the city's leading citizens."

In the late 1990s, Coach Gottfried was approached by then Mobile Mayor Mike Dow and then Press-Register Executive Editor Stan Tiner to gauge whether a postseason bowl game in Mobile could be successful. Using his contacts as a former head coach and as a football analyst for ESPN, he began building support for creating a bowl game in Mobile. That bowl game became the GMAC bowl, a bowl that is repeatedly rated as one of the top 10 bowl games to watch each year. Due in large part to Coach Gottfried's efforts, Mobile, with the GMAC bowl and the Senior Bowl, joined Miami as the only cities in the country to host two major college bowl games every year.

Shortly after the founding of the GMAC bowl, Coach Gottfried and his wife, Mickey, founded Team Focus, a Mobile-based community outreach program that provides fatherless boys with role models and positive influences in order to build character and foster self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence. The program has grown rapidly, and today, there are camps in seven states and the District of Columbia. Last year, First Lady Laura Bush traveled to Mobile to commend Team Focus. She thanked all of the mentors for "trying to fill that void in the lives of these boys and being so successful at it."

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Coach Mike Gottfried has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. I know his family; his wife, Mickey; and his many friends join me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND
STEEL TOOL COMPANY ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and in recognition of 100 years of service and business in the city of Cleveland.

Founded in 1908, the Cleveland Steel Tool Company began as a producer of patented punches for the automotive leaf spring industry, the same year that Henry Ford introduced

his Model T automobile. For the past 100 years CST's products have been used in bridge, automotive, aircraft and shipbuilding industries and the company incorporated under President J.E. Doolittle, in downtown Cleveland on West 3rd Street. CST has been there since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and is now one of the leading manufacturers in the world of punches, dies, tools and specialties. CST has been able to stay true to its roots despite the demands of the new technological era. With an inventory of over 12,000 products, its equipment and staff provide the best service and technological expertise to its customers worldwide. Over 50 of its 100 years of service and business has been from the same plant location in Cleveland.

The community of employees at CST is comprised of engineers and a technical team who contribute their talent, trade and expertise within an array of roles, ensuring the collective success of the company and its clients. CST's team of engineers works tirelessly to create innovative solutions to the Metalworking industry and their ingenuity is the driving success behind CST's equipment design. The technical team works directly with CST's customers by providing support for their tooling application problems.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of all members of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and the individuals who live and work within our Cleveland community. May their individual and collective commitment to their work bring another 100 years of success for the Cleveland Steel Tool Company.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$3 million for electromagnetic inflight propeller balancing. The entity to receive funding for this project is the LORD Corporation, located at 2000 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16509. The funding would be used for technology to electronically balance C-130 propeller blades. This project will benefit the U.S. Air Force C-130E/H fleet by reducing maintenance workload, improving aircraft readiness and availability, and improving the reliability of engine mounted components on C-130 aircraft. Initial estimates by the Air Force indicate a potential savings of \$169 million over 10 years.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$4 million for Next Generation Intelligent 8 Portable Radionuclide Detection and Identification Systems. The entity to receive funding for this project is eV Products, a division of II-VI, Incorporated, located at 373 Saxonburg Rd., Saxonburg, PA 16056. The funding would be used for development of Next Generation Intelligent Portable Radionuclide Detection systems. This project will be beneficial because these materials and systems are used for the detection, monitoring, and fast efficient reporting of the illegal import and transport of nuclear devices, special nuclear materials, and radiological materials.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$5 million in the aircraft procurement for the Army

account for UH-60A utility helicopter upgrades. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army, located at the Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. The funding would be used for recapitalization and conversion of UH-60A to UH-60L helicopters as part of a UH-60A upgrade program. This project will be beneficial as it will result in significantly increased reliability, reduction in operating costs, and increased capability to Army National Guard helicopters.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and clause 9 of rule XXI, I submit the following statement for the RECORD.

The first purpose of the Federal Government is to provide for the common defense. In accordance with this responsibility, which I swore to do when I signed my oath of office, I offered several amendments in the House Armed Services Committee to H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009. One of the amendments I offered passed and I understand that Mr. SKELTON, Chairman of the Committee, is now considering it an "earmark", which I believe is an inappropriate application of the definition and one which could subject all budget designations in the entire budget which differ from the President's submitted budget in any way to be considered "earmarks." House rule XXI defines an earmark as something that is included 'primarily at the request of a Member,' and since the entire Committee considered and voted on my amendment, it was agreed to by the Committee, and not simply by one Member who by submitting an amendment, is merely offering it as a suggestion for the Committee's consideration. As such, the purpose of this statement is to describe what my amendment is and what it is not.

The American people are right when they say Congress has a serious problem abusing the legislative process to fund pet and pork projects with American taxpayers' dollars. As such, I opted to suspend my requests to authorization and appropriations Committees until the system is cleared up enough to restore confidence both to the taxpayer and to me. Until this year, I did submit requests to the authorization and appropriations Committees in order to receive funding for programs and projects that are worthy of Federal dollars. I have always supported transparency and have never shied away from detailing which requests I asked for and which requests were ultimately included in the bills.

Federal dollars should not be used simply to take from all taxpayers to pour into another person's coffers. In other words, Peter in New Mexico should not be robbed to pay Paul in Arizona, even if Paul lives in Congressional District Two, which I represent. Federal taxpayer dollars should be wisely used to ensure our entire Nation is served well. It was this principle that inspired me to offer three amendments in the Armed Services Committee.

One amendment, which passed in an en bloc amendment, restores \$6 million to the Joint Tactical Ground System Pre-Planned Product Improvement effort. I included an offset for the money as well. The offset is the Army's High-Capacity Communications Capability radio, which has approximately \$45 million more than the program can execute at this point in its acquisition life-cycle. This offset will not have a negative impact on the HC3 program.

For nearly fifteen years, the Army's Joint Tactical Ground System, or "J-TAGS," (Program Element: 0208053A) has stood watch over our forward-deployed forces by providing rapid warning of ballistic missile launches. JTAGS relies upon a direct downlink from Defense Support Program (or DSP) missile warning satellites. The Army intends to modernize JTAGS to process SBIRS data, but is underfunded to accomplish this upgrade for each of the JTAGS suites on a co-current timeline with satellite and sensor deployment. JTAGS is developed by multiple companies including Northrop Grumman in Azusa, California, Northrop Grumman in Boulder, Colorado, and Lockheed Martin in Sunnydale, California. The contract for the primary hardware is won competitively. The program offices are in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Huntsville, Alabama.

I have a letter from LTG Kevin Campbell, Commanding General of U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command that calls attention to the risks we assume by under-funding this important upgrade, which is also included with this statement.

This amendment is not parochial, wasteful, or frivolous. It is an example of the fruits of good government oversight and of prudent caretaking of the American taxpayer's hard earned money. This amendment is being conflated with Members' requests to fund pet projects to benefit private entities that have been squeezed into the bill without offsets, transparency, and frankly without regard to the true purpose of government.

I believe the Chairman's definition of an earmark is at best inadvertently overbroad, and at worse it is deceiving to the American taxpayer, who will be closely watching the authorization process to ensure their money is not being abused.

The annual defense policy bill has the potential to authorize around \$515.4 billion of the American taxpayers' money to be spent to protect the Nation and U.S. interests worldwide. We must demonstrate to the American people that we are worthy of such responsibility. Since the Speaker pledged that this will be, "the most honest, ethical, and open Congress in history," I think the Armed Services Committee ought to provide the tables of the House Report to each HASC Member's office at least 2 days in advance to the Full Committee markup so that we and our staff can carefully consider the contents.

The Committee has traditionally provided directive report language 2 days in advance to each HASC Member's office because such report language has the effect of law. The accompanying report tables however, which are often secret until after the markup is complete also have the effect of law. Oftentimes the tables of the House Report are altered in en bloc amendments during the Committee markup, rather than the actual text of the bill. These changes are made to language we

have not seen and can add or take away funding for various projects, essentially circumventing the open and public means of amending the text of the bill. I would submit that if this Democratic controlled Congress is interested in truly reforming the earmark process, and since it is claiming to do so by calling my amendment an earmark, we should reassess what the problem actually is. The problem is wasteful spending in a secret, dishonest way without oversight. Truly restoring confidence in the taxpayers begins by shedding light on the report tables. This would be a step in the right direction.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S.
ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND/ARMY FORCES STRATEGIC COMMAND,
Huntsville, AL, May 5, 2008.

Hon. TRENT FRANKS,
House of Representatives, Longworth Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FRANKS: I would like to thank you and the members of the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces for inquiring on the needs of our Nation's requirements for assured theater ballistic missile warning. I also view early theater missile warning as a critical need for our forward deployed forces.

As you state in your 1 May 2008 letter, the capabilities provided by the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) are essential to meet the Warfighters needs. It is important that we ensure unhindered execution of the JTAGS block upgrades and modernization, so that we can take advantage of the new Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS).

The Department's Fiscal Year 2009 JTAGS funding reduction of \$6 million has resulted in an increase of technical and schedule risk and caused the reprioritization of program scope. Specifically, this reduction will cause an approximately nine month delay of essential block upgrades impacting JTAGS integration into the SBIRS architecture.

Assured missile warning for our deployed forces remains an essential warfighting requirement. We appreciate your support in ensuring our men and women are provided every advantage for their protection.

Sincerely,
KEVIN T. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Commanding.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

Name of Earmark and Amount: Advanced Drivetrains for Enhanced Mobility and Safety—\$2.5 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.
Account Information: Army, RDTE, PE 0603005A, Line 33.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Eaton Automotive, 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Earmark Description: This request is for funding for the final phase of an on-going three phase program between Eaton and the US Army. Eaton has successfully worked with the Army for the past two years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HMMWV to improve the vehicle safety. The Phase I and II work was structured to first

adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HMMWVs. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May 2008. Military-hardened side-to-side systems will be subsequently developed and delivered in 2009. This Phase III funding request is for a center coupler to provide full active 4x4 torque management to military vehicles.

Earmark Budget
Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers—15%—\$375,000.
Materials—modifications to transfer case and addition of differential—25%—\$625,000.
Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests—10%—\$250,000.
Labor—Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software—50%—\$1,250,000.
Total—\$2,500,000.
Total Phase III project cost: \$3,500,000.
Federal funds: \$2,500,000.
Eaton internal funds: \$1,000,000.
Percent matching funds = \$1,000,000/\$3,500,000 x 100% = 29%.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, per House Republican earmark disclosure rules, I submit the following to be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Requesting Member: Congressman DENNY REHBERG.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.
Account: MILCON, Army National Guard.
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montana Army National Guard.
Address of Requesting Entity: 1900 Williams St., Fort Harrison, Montana 59636.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$621,000 for the construction of the Miles City Readiness Center. This is the first year authorization of a multi-year construction project. Specifically, funding for this project includes:

Item	Cost (in \$1,000s)
Primary Facility	10,134
Readiness Center	6,326
Flammable Materials Facility	20
Controlled Waste Facility	60
Unheated Metal Storage Bldg	551
Unheated Enclosure/Vehicle Storage	1,977
Circulation and Access	75
Support Facilities	1,872
Electric Service	125
Water, Sewer, Gas	200
Steam/Chilled Water Distribution	10
Paving, Walks, Curbs, Gutters	568
Storm Drainage	50
Site Imp	836
Information Systems	54
Antiterrorism Measures	29
Est. Contract Cost	12,006
Contingency (5%)	600
Subtotal	12,606
Supervision, Inspection, Overhead (3%)	378
Design Contract Not Used	0
Contract Commission (1% Primary Fac)	101
Total Request	13,086

The existing Miles City Readiness Center was originally constructed for an Armored Cavalry Unit in 1957 and consists of 8,481 square feet of administrative, training, supply and arms vaults, locker rooms, classrooms

and drill floor. The facility is a concrete masonry structure constructed on a single floor. As a result of Force Structure Transformation, the current unit occupying this facility is the 260th Engineer Company, for which the facility is improperly designed and grossly undersized.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the MILCON, Army National Guard account. Matching funds are not required as the Montana Army National Guard is a unit of the Government of the State of Montana.

HONORING DENNIS AND MEGAN DOYLE, FOUNDERS OF THE HOPE FOR THE CITY RELIEF ORGANIZATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis and Megan Doyle, founders of the Hope for the City relief organization, and recent recipients of an honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Based in Edina, Minnesota, Dennis and Megan started Hope for the City in 2000 as a means to fight poverty, hunger, and disease by utilizing America's corporate surplus. Since its humble beginnings, Hope for the City has donated approximately \$400 million in the wholesale value of goods, including products from top retailers, medical companies, and food distributors. Their impact not only touches those locally, but stretches across the Nation and around the world.

The Doyles' service and sacrifice to their fellow man exemplifies the finest of American character and provides inspiration to us all. Not only is their founding of Hope for the City a triumph in itself, but the tidal wave effect their efforts have had on increased charity and service throughout the Nation is also to be commended. Hope for the City has developed an extensive national network of partner agencies that provide services to those who need it the most in their local communities.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to honor the selfless service of Dennis and Megan Doyle to the most vulnerable among us. Their efforts will continue to inspire others locally and throughout the world to do their best to assist their fellow man.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCHESTER DRUG COURT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rochester Drug Court for 14 years of service to the community and to drug courts around the country during National Drug Court Month. Over 2,100 drug courts in the United States provide an alternative to incarceration for non-violent, drug-addicted offenders by combining intense judicial supervision, comprehensive substance abuse

and mental health treatment, random and frequent drug testing, incentives and sanctions, clinical case management and ancillary life skills services. The tireless efforts of the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment providers, rehabilitation experts, child advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement representatives, correctional representatives, pre-trial officers and probation officers that are involved in drug courts provide substance abuse offenders with the much-needed chance at long-term recovery and productive lifestyles.

I have seen firsthand the impact of drug courts in my state, where drug court programs have enhanced public safety, saved taxpayer dollars and, most importantly, saved lives.

The first drug court in New York State was founded in my congressional district in Rochester, New York in 1995 and I have been a supporter ever since. In 1997, I was honored to be one of the drug court's first graduation speakers.

To date, New York State has opened an additional 200 drug courts. Rochester alone has had over 1500 graduates from its court and over 100 babies have been born drug free.

As we face a growing population of drug-addicted offenders in the American justice system, we must expand our efforts to bring treatment to a larger number of those in need. According to a recent study by the Urban Research Institute's Justice Policy Center, approximately 1.5 million drug-involved offenders should be diverted to drug court, which would generate \$46 billion in savings to American taxpayers. Armed with this study as well as our existing research that drug courts work, reduce recidivism, and save lives, we must work on taking drug courts to scale.

If society is truly going to save the lives of the addicted, break the familial cycle of addiction for future generations, have a substantial impact on associated crime, child abuse and neglect, reduce poverty, alleviate the over-reliance on incarceration for the addicted, and reduce many of the public health consequences in the United States, drug courts must be taken to scale. There is no greater opportunity for systemic social change in the American justice system. There is no greater opportunity to heal families and communities.

Again, congratulations to the dedicated drug court professionals and graduates in Rochester and across the country on a job well done.

IN HONOR OF GOPAL RAJU

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gopal Raju, a visionary who bridged the American and Indian communities through journalism and activism.

Mr. Raju arrived in America from India in 1950. He sought to connect the Indian-American community with India. Mr. Raju launched the news weekly, *India Abroad* in 1970. He served as publisher for 31 years. Mr. Raju's journalistic reach spread to other media endeavors including *Desi Talk*, *Gujarat Times*, and *News India-Times*.

Mr. Raju was active in philanthropic work for his home country. He started the Indian Amer-

ican Foundation to accelerate social and economic change in India. The foundation works to increase access to education, health care, and employment opportunities for Indians in India.

Throughout Mr. Raju's life he sought to empower the Indian-American community. He founded the Indian American Center for Political Awareness (IACPA) in 1993. Mr. Raju built this organization to encourage participation in the political process. The IACPA developed the Washington Leadership Program, which gave university students the opportunity to intern on Capitol Hill and develop a broader understanding of public policy.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Gopal Raju. His legacy will continue to enrich the lives of many.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO POLICE OFFICER DARIN MILLER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to one of the Sacramento Police Department's finest and bravest officers. Sacramento Police Officer Darin Miller is being awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for his heroic actions during a robbery at a Rite Aid pharmacy in Sacramento. As his law enforcement colleagues, friends and family gather to honor Officer Miller's bravery, I ask all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

On Halloween evening last year, Officer Miller was dispatched to what was described as a robbery in progress at a local pharmacy. While enroute, Officer Miller was informed that the suspect had stabbed one store employee and taken another one hostage. As the first on the scene, he knew that he must take quick action to ensure the safety of all involved. What followed was a display of courage and heroism in the face of adversity.

Upon his arrival at the store, Officer Miller was confronted with a chaotic scene. Store personnel directed him to the pharmacy, where the robbery was unfolding. As he arrived in the pharmacy, Officer Miller saw a victim who was bleeding from his head. Knowing the severity of the situation, he quickly found the suspect who was holding a large knife to a woman's throat.

Having already seen a previous victim, Officer Miller knew that this woman's life was in imminent danger. He carefully maneuvered himself into the tight quarters of the pharmacy, within a few feet of the suspect. At this time, the suspect was using the woman as a shield, and did not respond when Officer Miller commanded that he drop the knife. Carefully waiting until the suspect moved his head slightly, which provided a clear sight, Officer Miller then fired a single round at the suspect who fell to the ground. He then provided immediate medical attention until medics arrived on the scene.

Officer Miller's sound judgment and quick actions helped bring an end to an extremely dangerous situation and likely saved the life of an innocent woman. As a 4-year veteran of

the Sacramento Police Department, Officer Miller leveraged his previous experience and training to resolve the situation, and as a result of his actions lives were saved and further injuries averted.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sacramento Police Officer Darin Miller who is most deserving of the Silver Medal of Valor Award. His swift actions embody the courage and bravery we entrust in our law enforcement. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the lifesaving efforts of Sacramento Police Officer Darin Miller.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUTS
OF VERNON AND ROCKVILLE,
CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Girl Scouts of the towns of Vernon and Rockville, Connecticut. After years of hard work and dedication, young leaders from Troop 10141 and Troop 10735 have achieved the honor of the Bronze and Silver Girl Scout Awards. These young women have not only identified and investigated issues in their own communities, but they have taken the time to create, develop, and implement projects that address these areas of concern. These young women have selflessly given their time, knowledge and resources to their communities, and their work is truly deserving of this wonderful recognition.

These young women are truly the emerging community leaders of tomorrow. Andrea Notman, a Bronze Award recipient, orchestrated a winter clothing drive, while another recipient of the Bronze Award, Larissa Flynn, distributed paper grocery bags that were decorated in honor of Earth Day. Amy Eitelman and Jackie Ose, both Bronze Award recipients, collected recyclable materials and used the proceeds to purchase a willow tree to be planted in their community. Kathleen Hills, a Silver Award recipient, organized and ran a town wide Girl Scout fair while Emily Piro, another Silver Award recipient, helped to organize and manage a camping weekend for local Brownie Girl Scouts.

Jillian Eitelman, another Silver Award recipient, created the "Green Angel Fund" in memory of Diane Lloyd, a former troop leader. The fund offers support to leaders who wish to further their scouting knowledge. An additional Silver Award winner, Sarah Nolan, created a presentation about the history of Girl Scouting and delivered the presentation at several area meetings. Amiee Roberge, another Silver Award recipient, created care boxes of toiletries and toys and donated them to the residents at a local battered women and children's center. Alexandra Banks, another Silver Award winner, helped to transform an old music room into a computer lab at the Saint Bernard School in Connecticut. Alexandra also coordinated the creation of a preschool from a former house at this same school.

Cheyenne Sweeney, Shannon Lipe, Mary Leigh Enders, and Elizabeth Courtney, recipients of the Silver Award, researched, created,

and distributed 1,200 brochures regarding breast cancer awareness. They also made and distributed 1,200 key rings with informational cards describing the sizes of tumors. Each of these diverse projects helped to address a specific need that these young women discovered within their own communities. These awards are a tribute to their hard work and perseverance, and I am honored to recognize them today.

The Girl Scouts and leaders of Troops 10141 and 10735 deserve the highest accolades for all of their enthusiasm and commitment to enriching the lives of those in their surrounding communities. Their display of social consciousness, personal conviction, and strong leadership is a tribute to the Girl Scout mission and the ideals that the organization encourages and promotes. It is a privilege to stand here today and applaud all of their hard work. I ask all my colleagues to join with me and the people of Connecticut in congratulating them for this honor.

REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON
UNDER PRIME MINISTER FOUAD
SINIORA

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and yield myself as much time as I may consume.

With this resolution, we affirm our support for the legitimate government of Prime Minister Fouad Siniora and condemn the actions of Hizballah that recently provoked the most severe sectarian conflict in Lebanon since the miserable 15-year civil war that ended in 1990.

As we meet this morning, the fate of Lebanon hangs in the balance. Will Lebanon belong to its secular, pro-Western majority—or will it fall to Iran and its proxies? Terrorist Hizballah, showing contempt for legitimate authority and employing violence against Lebanon's most progressive forces, has made a strong bid to prove that the answer to that question is that pro-Iranian forces will dominate Lebanon. That is why it is important for this body to go on record—forcefully—as backing the Prime Minister Fouad Siniora's democratically-elected government. We cannot win the battle for the Lebanese—they must do that themselves—but we can at least demonstrate our solidarity.

When the government sought to assert its sovereignty by taking on Hizballah's illegal, private intelligence network, Hizballah responded by taking over parts of Beirut by force, shutting the major roads to the airport and initiating sectarian violence throughout Lebanon.

Hizballah fighters also shut down Saad Hariri's pro-government television station and torched the building housing Hariri's newspaper. They besieged the homes of Hariri and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, another pillar of the legitimate governing coalition under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora.

These actions were intended to deepen Hizballah's control of its state-within-a-state, to

intimidate Lebanon's rulers and thereby increase Hizballah's influence throughout the nation, and, most worrisome, to push Lebanon deeper into an Iranian-Syrian sphere of influence.

Unfortunately, Hizballah's violence worked, and the government backed down rather than risk civil war. At least for now, the government has abandoned its plans to close Hizballah's private communications network and remove a pro-Hizballah general who presides over security at Beirut International Airport. Perhaps the government will re-coup some of its losses during negotiations with Hizballah now taking place in Qatar—but it will not be easy.

Let me make two points. First, it is time to go beyond words. It is time for the United Nations Security Council to take specific actions in response to Syria's and Iran's flouting of Lebanese sovereignty in direct contravention of UN Security Council resolutions. Resolution 1701 forbids the transfer of arms into Lebanon without the consent of the Lebanese government. Resolution 1747, passed under Chapter VII, forbids Iran from transferring arms to any entity.

Iran provides training, equipment, and arms for Hizballah. Syria, at the least, facilitates the transfer of these arms. The resolution before us urges the Security Council to ban all air traffic between Iran and Lebanon and between Iran and Syria. It calls on all states on transit routes between Iran and Lebanon to implement strict controls. A total ban on commercial flights to and from Iran and Syria—such as that which brought Libya to its knees—also should not be ruled out.

Second, it is long past time for the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist group and treat it accordingly. The European insistence that Hizballah should be seen as a legitimate political party is now transparently undermined by facts on ground, including the more than 80 Lebanese who have needlessly perished in the fighting of the past week.

Legitimate political parties do not have an independent military capability. They do not initiate wars with neighboring states. And they do not engage in international terrorism.

Last week The New York Times quoted Israeli journalist Ehud Yaari as labeling Iran's growing regional influence as "a pax Iranica." Fortunately, there are brave men and women in Lebanon who want to resist this pax Iranica, and at their head, I believe, is Prime Minister Siniora and his government, even if their most recent effort to assert their sovereignty over the Hizballah terrorists has fallen short. Now is the time for us to affirm our support for him and his legitimate, democratically-elected government and to urge the international community to do likewise.

That is why I support this resolution, and ask my colleagues to support it as well.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOSEPH E.
HICSWA

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PASCHELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Mr. Joseph E. Hicswa. Mr. Hicswa is being recognized, with pride and gratitude, on Monday, on

May 19, 2008, by the Passaic City Democratic Club for his exemplary work as a member of the Passaic City Democratic Club and County Committee.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely erected body on earth, for he has a long history of untiring effort in support of bettering his community through the Club and Committee.

Joseph has always been a proud American, willing to do whatever was needed to defend and protect the freedoms and liberties that make this country so grand. He answered the call to serve our nation during World War II and did so nobly.

Joseph is a lifelong Democrat, who was introduced to the ideals of the party by his parents. As his mother and father taught him, the guiding principle of the Democratic Party is to help others who have less than you do, and to improve the quality of life for all Americans. He was drawn to support the party of his parents because of what it strove to accomplish.

It was Joseph's deep respect for the importance of civic involvement that led him to serve in an official capacity. When he went into the voting booth for the June 1988 primary election, he noticed that there was a blank space on the ballot. No one was running for the position of Male Democratic Committeeman in his district. He was disturbed by the fact that there was a job to be done for the party he believed in that was to go unfilled. He wrote his name in, won the election with that one vote, and has held the seat ever since, even winning against opponents in some of the races.

Once he became part of the Passaic Democratic Organization, as well as the Passaic City Democratic Club, his hard work and dedication led him to be appointed and elected to various leadership positions. He served a number of terms as the Sergeant-at-Arms. He has served as the Publicity Chairman and Program Coordinator since 1991. He served as Corresponding Secretary of the Club from 1997 to 2001, and as the Treasurer of the Passaic City Democratic Committee from 1992 to 1994. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Club since 2002.

Joseph is also an accomplished letter writer. He makes sure that his voice and the voices of Passaic's Democrats are heard. He writes regularly to local, state and federal officials throughout the area as well as newspapers. He also expands his communications outside the area, to world leaders like the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ambassadors, and foreign heads of state.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Joseph E. Hicswa.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, everyone associated with the Passaic City Democratic Club, all those whose lives have been touched by his work and his friendship, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of Mr. Joseph E. Hicswa.

HONORING JOHN B. CHEEK OF
HOMOSSASSA, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a soldier who fought bravely in one of the deadliest and decisive battles of the bulge. John B. Cheek, a resident of my district for the past twenty-six years and who lives in Homosassa, Florida, was born on August 7, 1923 in Oliitic, Indiana. Following the entry of the United States in World War II, Mr. Cheek joined the military, where he served from 1943 to 1946 in the United States Army.

Mr. Cheek served as a technician 5th grade in the Battery B 556th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. It was in this position that he fought the axis powers as a lateral tracker on 40 caliber and 50 caliber machine guns in Rhineland and Central Europe. During his three-year tour of duty, Mr. Cheek earned several medals for his service, including the good conduct medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European African Eastern Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Pin, and the Honorable Discharge Button.

A current resident of Homosassa, in Citrus County, Florida, Mr. Cheek has been married to Helen F. Goodwin for sixty-two years. He and his wife have three loving daughters, Carol, Sandra and Sue, one son, Ron, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Cheek has been a long-time member of the Disabled American Veterans and a proud member of the masons for many years, to this day remaining active in his community.

Madam speaker, members of the greatest generation and brave veterans like Mr. Cheek pass on from this life each and every day. Having fought the enemy in Belgium, France & Germany, it wasn't until recently that Mr. Cheek would discuss the war with his family and tell them how proud he was to have been a part of it. Like every soldier who has worn the uniform, Mr. Cheek feels honored to be an American that helped fight for all of our freedoms and defeat the Germans in World War II. Now is the time for Congress to honor his memory and recognize his accomplishments on the field of battle.

HONORING MAYOR ROSCOE
WARREN

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work and accomplishments of a distinguished community leader, Roscoe Warren.

Mayor Roscoe Warren served the citizens of Homestead, Florida as a public servant for over 26 years. From 1981 to 1989 he served as Councilman, from 1989 to 2001 he served as Vice Mayor and from 2001 to 2007 he served as Mayor of the City of Homestead. Additionally, he served the City of Homestead through his leadership as the City's represent-

ative in many organizations including the Florida League of Cities, Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development and the South Florida Water Management District.

Mayor Warren played a key role in bringing the City of Homestead out of the ruins of Hurricane Andrew and helped make it what it is today: a thriving, growing community of over 57,000 residents. His fundamental vision was to maintain Homestead's unique identity and to remember those pioneers who paved the way as well as properly providing for future generations of Homestead residents.

I am very grateful for Roscoe Warren's contribution to our community and honored to call him my friend.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION'S HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND MUSEUM PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 325, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program. This program is of special importance to the people of my state as it has preserved Mackinac's valuable history for generations to come.

From Mackinac's roots as an American Revolutionary War post, a battleground during the War of 1812, and a Civil War prison, Mackinac has been an important site in shaping American history. It was the Historical Preservation and Museum Program which restored the remarkable treasure of Fort Mackinac and opened its doors to eager and interested tourists in 1958. Now for 50 years, visitors have been able to step back in time and experience the setting of the old Northwest and frontier.

In addition to the undeniable preservation undertaken by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, I value the strong impact the program provides the tourism economy of Michigan. Mackinac is a tourist destination because of its beautiful scenery and captivating history, and has welcomed more than 10 million visitors to the Mackinac State Historic Parks since 1958.

The people of Michigan are blessed to continue to share stories from our state that shaped the nation. We recognize the vital role the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program has played in preserving our noteworthy history and conveying it in such an exciting way. The Commission's restoration and reopening of Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse in 2004, which further added to the rich traditions enjoyed on Michigan's waterways, is another example of history coming alive.

For these reasons and more the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program deserves recognition for 50 years of preserving Michigan history while working to make history accessible and engaging.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this legislation.

FRANK BUCKLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Frank Buckles, the last remaining American veteran of World War I. Mr. Buckles was born on a farm near Bethany, Missouri in 1901. Mr. Buckles lied about his age to enlist after turning 16, and fought in France and Germany. Later, in World War II he became a prisoner of war for 39 months after the Japanese invaded the Philippines.

Mr. Buckles' life represents the last of a generation that fought for our country to protect the freedoms that this country was founded upon. It is his service, and the service of those that he fought with that we will always remember and pay tribute to. Mr. Buckles is planning to honor his Commanding General John J. Pershing by visiting his boyhood home on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Frank Buckles, a true patriot that represents all those who have served to protect this nation. It is truly an honor to serve Mr. Buckles in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEROME L. SCHOSTAK

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate Mr. Jerome L. Schostak for receiving the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Detroit District Council of the Urban Land Institute.

In 1954, Mr. Schostak joined the commercial and industrial real estate development, management, and brokerage firm, Schostak Brothers & Co., which was founded by his father Louis in 1920. Jerome Schostak's leadership, ingenuity, and vision transformed the company from a brokerage firm into the national property management and development company that it is today.

Now, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Schostak Brothers & Co., Mr. Schostak is continuing the traditions and practices that have made him so successful. Still a family business, as three of his sons are now part of the firm, Schostak Brothers still follows the core values of serving both client and community. This is evident in their many philanthropic efforts, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The Urban Land Institute was founded in 1936, as a nonprofit research and education organization with the mission of providing responsible leadership in the use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. The Detroit District Council was founded in 1997, and has regularly sponsored programs and forums to encourage an open

exchange of ideas and experiences within the development community in Michigan. For the past four years the District Council has awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award to individuals for their work in real estate, commitment to the community, and demonstration of civic, charitable, and philanthropic endeavors.

Madam Speaker, for more than fifty years, Mr. Schostak has been a shining example of excellence in both the national real estate and local community. I commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, May 20, 2008, due to ground crew delays at Reagan National Airport and subsequent delays getting to the terminal, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 6081 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 331 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 6081, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Project Name: Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY RESERVE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot.

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$17.9 million for Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would consolidate three area Army Reserve facilities at the Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The project will provide a 300 member training facility with administrative areas, classrooms, assembly hall, arms vault, kitchen, equipment storage areas, physical training rooms, and maintenance facilities. LEAD has set aside 7.5 acres of secure federal land for construction of the Reserve Center. The Center will be constructed behind the Letterkenny fence and adjacent to 600 acres of federal land which are used for Reserve training. This facility will also meet all projected force protection and anti-terrorism standards. This project is included in the President's FY 2009 budget and the US Army Reserve Fiscal Year 2009 FYDP.

Project Name: Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$7.5 million for Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would modify igloo doors and provide concrete ramps to significantly increase productivity and enhance Letterkenny Army Depot's (LEAD) ability to rapidly and safely support mission requirements. Letterkenny is a major receiving, storage, maintenance, and shipping site for both tactical missiles and conventional ammunition. These munitions are stored in 902 igloos constructed in the 1940s to store low technology ammunition that could be carried by hand. 706 of these igloos have 4 foot wide single doors and a two step differential between the pavement and igloo floor. Funding for this project will modify approximately 100 igloos to 10 foot doors and provide concrete ramps direct from the pavement to the igloo. This project is in the US Army Fiscal Year 2011 FYDP. Letterkenny's munitions storage mission continues to grow and its need for upgraded igloos to meet this mission requirement is more immediate than programmed.

Project Name: Expeditionary Persistent Power.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, DEFENSEWIDE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$3 million for Expeditionary Persistent Power.

It is my understanding that funding will be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This program builds on the recent success and advancements in ground based power and alternative propulsion systems for USSOCOM as well as advancements in the ultra thin film solar and small wind driven regeneration systems. The power/propulsion system will use latest-generation, commercially available Li-ion polymer batteries storing power from wind, solar, and regeneration techniques.

USSOCOM has a continuing requirement for Expeditionary Power and Clandestine Propulsion Systems for ground, marine, and UV's for all operations environments and tactical scenarios.

It is also my understanding that approximately 55 percent of funding would be used for labor costs, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for materials, and approximately 5 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Pitt Street, Suite 300, Bedford, PA 15522.

Description of Request: Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1.5 million for Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to leverage and develop advanced artillery battle management technologies and to integrate these advanced technologies into the Army fire support modernization initiatives.

This program will help in Battlefield Damage Assessment (BDA) for target re-fire, to include target of opportunity avoidance due to weighted benefits of a current intel information resource that is supplying crucial tactical intel information. This effort will also decrease the time from target identification to firing. The program will also provide Theater Commanders with the intelligence to determine if a fire mission may affect critical infrastructures or resources (water and oil pipelines, power lines or support facilities) that are critical to the civilian population.

It is also my understanding that approximately 80 percent of funding would be used for staff, approximately 17 percent of funding would be used to design and implement a test facility, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Maritime C4ISR System.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1 million for Maritime C4ISR System.

It is my understanding that funding would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This project would be used to support C4ISR situations awareness for maritime protection activities. The Maritime C4ISR System is a comprehensive suite of sensor devices together with IP based network communications to support C4ISR situational awareness for maritime protection activities.

The system was conceived for port and coastal security missions requiring enhanced situational awareness, integrating and fusing existing sensors via IP. The Maritime C4ISR system allows the user to manage several complex and diverse tasks simultaneously through remote access, automation, information management, and the development or enhancement of decision aides to simplify decision-making and support defensive action by joint forces.

It is also my understanding that approximately 50 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 42 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 8 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mountain Research LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 25th Street, Altoona, PA 16601.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$500,000 for Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be focused on technology transfer and implementation to reduce the impact of legacy use of toxic chemicals, investigate alternative fuel use for non-tactical fleet vehicles, reduce energy intensity, implement alternative renewable energy technologies, support the design and construction of sustainable buildings, and improve Environmental Management Systems at the Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

The President signed E.O. 13423 on January 24, 2007, requiring Federal agencies to "conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities under the law in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner." Letterkenny Army Depot's unique mission, including manufacturing, depot level maintenance, and demilitarization, presents significant challenges to maintaining operations while achieving aggressive sustainability targets. Letterkenny Army Depot's leadership in technology implementation will not only benefit Letterkenny, but will also facilitate horizontal technology transfer to surrounding Pennsylvania military installations, other Army depots, and installations across the DoD.

It is also my understanding that approximately 57 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

THE DAILY 45: A MEASURE OF JUSTICE FOR A GRIEVING INDIANAPOLIS FAMILY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States and, sometimes, no matter how long it takes, some families do manage to gain a measure of justice.

Last week, on May 13, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the grieving family of 16-year-old murder victim Ryan Sampson breathed a small sliver of relief after determined police work led to the indictment of two suspected shooters, Samuel Fancher and Jerry Emerson. After nine months, since the July, 2007 gunshot to Ryan's head and torso in an abandoned building a few blocks from his home, his mother and grieving siblings are thankful for a measure of justice. Despite the survival of Ryan's friend, Leroy Moorman, who was also shot in the same incident, reluctant witnesses hampered the investigation.

In this case, unlike other unresolved murders that have afflicted Ryan's family, a brave informant finally came forward with credible evidence.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting for the RECORD the following project that has been authorized in H.R. 5658—the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction—Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms.

Address of Requesting Entity: 73549 29 Palms Hwy., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

Description of Request: Phase I of the Life Long Learning Center, LLLC, project at the Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms provides a facility to help Marines and their families fulfill their educational goals. The project will replace older, undersized facilities with a 17,000-square-foot, three-story building which will include classrooms, office spaces, a computer room and other supporting infrastructure. When completed, the LLLC will facilitate more than 40 higher education classes with an anticipated enrollment exceeding 1500 students per term. The Marine Corps supports this project as it would dramatically improve the quality of life for our soldiers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I believe funding to clean up the Hanford site in Washington State, and the Department of Energy's other Environmental Management sites across the country, is a fundamental federal obligation, not an earmark as it is labeled in this bill. However, because it has been so labeled in the Committee report, I voluntarily submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. The \$10 million programmatic increase provided for in the bill will be used for the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program at the Hanford Site in Fiscal Year 2009. The entity to receive the funding is the U.S. Department of Energy located at 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. The Federal Government has a legal and moral obligation to clean up the massive wastes and contamination it created at Hanford during the Manhattan Project, World War II and the Cold War. Funding to clean up Hanford is not a luxury sought by myself or my constituents, it is an essential responsibility of the United States government. The over 500-square-mile Hanford site is the world's largest and most complex environmental cleanup project, and the Federal Government must keep its commitment to clean it up. No matching funds are required.

CONFERENCE REPORT H.R. 2419,
FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND EN-
ERGY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF
HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I would like to make a few brief comments to clarify the fruit and vegetable provisions that were in the conference report.

In this and previous Congresses, Madam Speaker, I have cosponsored legislation to allow farmers who grow fruit and vegetables for processing to opt out of farm programs on an acre-for-acre basis without limitation, changes that would reduce farm program costs and improve the environment by allowing more extensive crop rotations. I am very pleased that the farm bill conference report takes a step in this direction by establishing a pilot project to allocate 75,000 acres of new authority for the production of fruit and vegetables for processing in specified Midwestern states.

To administrate this pilot project, the conference agreement gives the USDA broad discretion. It does not specify a procedure for allocation of the pilot project acreage or other administrative matters, such as re-allocation of unused acreage allocations among states. However, the agreement does clearly state that USDA is required to establish rules to assure that this additional fruit and vegetable production authority will not be abused. For example, only fruit and vegetables under contract for processing are to be produced under this authority, and the USDA is to assure that all of the crop produced is delivered to a processor and that the quantity of crop delivered under the original contract (the contract in existence upon Farm Service Agency certification) does not exceed the quantity that is produced on the contracted acreage.

Furthermore, the effects of the pilot project and fruit and vegetable restrictions on the specialty crop industry, both fresh and processed, are to be evaluated. These restrictions are intended to protect the objectives of the pilot project, not to compel food waste or excessively burden Farmers with added regulation. Finally, the conference report includes an important statement of policy indicating that in the next recalculation of base acreage, fruit and vegetable production will not cause a reduction in a farmer's base acreage. While this is a small step in reducing restrictions on the production of fruits and vegetables, it is a step in the right direction, and I commend the conference committee for including it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

Name of Earmark and Amount: Cold Weather Layering System (CWLS)—\$4.0 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account Information: Navy, O&M, MARINE CORPS, PE BA01-1106N, Line 010.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Peckham Industries, 2822 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Earmark Description: The CWLS is part of the Marine Corps' Mountain and Cold Weather Clothing and Equipment Program, which provides lightweight, durable combat clothing that allows Marines to operate in all kinds of cold weather environments. It is the intent of the Commandant of the Marine Corps to provide warfighters with a "capability set" of clothing to facilitate expeditionary operations in mountainous and cold weather environments. The goal is for the CWLS to reduce the weight and volume that a Marine operating as dismounted infantry must carry to accomplish combat missions in those conditions.

Earmark Budget: Cost of Garments Per System (for Peckham/Polartec layer of system ONLY)—\$137.07; Test and build approximately 29,000 total systems—\$4,000,000; Garment Production—\$2,000,000; Materials—\$1,600,000; Quality Control/Fielding—\$400,000; Total—\$4,000,000.

The Cold Weather Layering System includes: 1 Polartec Windpro MARPAT Jacket; 1 Polartec Stretch Windpro Hat; 1 Set of Polartec PowerDry Silkweight underwear top and pants; 1 Set of Polartec PowerDry Grid long underwear top and pants.

BILL CASTOR: BROUGHT THE
WORLD TO HIS CLASSROOM

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, as Americans we begin our careers with lofty goals; the sky is the limit because in America it is "okay" to dream big. And when we retire, and as we look back over our lives can we say that we made a difference and left the world a better place? I can assure you Bill Castor can say that without hesitation.

After 39 years of teaching in public education, Bill Castor has been an inspiration to his profession, the community, and most importantly, his students.

Bill graduated from Lapel High School in May 1964, and in 1969 he graduated from Ball State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies, Sociology, American History, and Psychology. In 1973, he received his Masters degree in Social Studies Education from Purdue University.

As a young teacher in the 1970s at West Central High School, Bill taught my wife—then Joni Geyer. Joni always speaks fondly at the mention of his name.

Throughout his teaching career, Bill has taught both high school and middle school. His teaching assignments have included psychology, sociology, geography, government, and American history.

In his teaching career, Bill brought the world into his classroom. He knew how to bring history to life. Stepping into Bill's classroom was like stepping into the past as he incorporated his love for antiques in his lessons. Whether looking at an 1840s cabinet or a showcase of his antiques, history was not just read from a book in his classroom, but tangible items that students could see and touch.

Bill's sense of humor makes it easy to understand how he made such an impact on his students. Whether lecturing, involving students in a class project or discussion, or telling stories about the people and events in our country's history, his sense of humor was deeply woven throughout the classes that he taught, keeping participation and interest high for his students.

Bill's love for the liberties which make this Nation great are reflected in his efforts to honor the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. In that regard Bill organized Veteran's Day celebrations to make sure his students did not forget the people who spend their lives protecting our freedom. I have enjoyed participating in several of these activities honoring America over the years including the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Bill would do along with his fellow teacher, Jody Healy.

The staff and students Roosevelt Middle School will miss Bill Castor. The teaching profession will miss him. He has left behind a fine legacy. His pleasant and positive outlook on life has been a refreshing and motivating influence on the students and faculty of Roosevelt Middle School.

Teachers often say that the biggest reward that they get from their profession is when they "connect" with students. Bill Castor connected with his students on a daily basis. He set the bar high as he brought the world to his classroom and challenged his students every day. In short, he made a difference in so many students' lives.

Mr. Castor, you should be proud of your contributions to your students, your fellow teachers and your community. Thank you for being a part of the Roosevelt Middle School faculty.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Description of Request: This request is to provide funding for the final phase of an ongoing three phase program between Eaton and the U.S. Army. Eaton Corporation, which produces truck components in Galesburg, Michigan, has successfully worked with the Army over the past several years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HUMVEE to improve the vehicle safety. Phase I and II of the project was structured to first adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HUMVEES. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety by increasing mobility and stability on rough terrain and drastically reducing vehicle rollovers. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May

2008. Military-hardened systems will be subsequently designed.

The third and final phase of the program is to develop a front-to-rear transfer case to modulate the driving torque between the front and rear axles. In conjunction with the side-to-side system developed in Phases I and II, this will provide the soldier with the ultimate system for HUMVEE stability and mobility through complete 4x4 active torque management.

Financial Breakdown:

Funding Source Breakdown: Total Phase III project cost: \$3,500,000; Federal funds: \$2,500,000; Eaton internal funds: \$1,000,000; Percent matching funds = \$1,000,000 ÷ \$3,500,000 × 100 percent = 29 percent.

Allocation of Funds: 15 percent—\$375,000—Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers; 25 percent—\$625,000—Materials—modifications to transfer case and addition of differential; 10 percent—\$250,000—Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests; 50 percent—\$1,250,000—Labor—Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This program addresses a key military need for tactical wheeled vehicle stability and mobility. The technology will greatly improve soldier safety and survivability and mission effectiveness. Eaton Automotive is a commercial company serving non-military customers. Taxpayer dollars are requested for this program to adapt Eaton commercial technology to military vehicles.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF
BARRY H. GOTTEHRER**

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great leader, a great man, and a truly great American, Barry H. Gottehrer.

A Bronx native, Barry graduated from the Horace Mann School, Brown University, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

A well-known journalist, Barry worked as an author, sportswriter, and editor at various magazines, including Newsweek. In the mid-1960s, noted reporter Dick Schaap recruited Barry to lead a team of reporters at the New York Herald-Tribune in an examination of the rising crime and racial tensions that were plaguing New York City. The award-winning series, "City in Crisis," was credited with helping to elect John V. Lindsay mayor of New York in 1965.

Barry went on to join the Lindsay administration as a mayoral assistant, and he soon organized the Urban Action Task Forces, described in his New York Times obituary as "neighborhood-based groups created to anticipate local grievances and to quell unrest."

In a memoir, "The Mayor's Man," Barry described himself as "a white in a world of black and brown, a moderate in a world of revolutionaries, trying to bring change where change seemed needed most, trying to buy time until the change would come."

While serving in Mayor Lindsay's office, Barry created the precursor of the office to

promote television and film production in New York. He also instituted a summer jobs program for young people.

Following his tenure in the administration, Barry joined Madison Square Garden as a senior executive before joining MassMutual, where he served as senior vice president of government relations for many years. In 1996, Barry left MassMutual to work as an independent Washington-based consultant.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant, community leader, a friend to many, as well as a wonderful husband and father. Barry Gottehrer will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Patricia Anne Gottehrer; his children, Kevin Gottehrer, Andrea Kling and Gregg Salem; and his two grandchildren—as well as the many countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I wish to submit the following earmark:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Additional Defense Access Roads funding for Fort Bragg Access Roads, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc. Fort Bragg, NC.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request increases the Department of Defense funding authorization from the President's FY09 Budget level of \$13.24 million by an additional authorization for \$8.56 million. The increase is due to revisions to the original project necessitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds. NC DOT is providing additional funding for this.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Defense Innovation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC 28301.

Description of Request: The Partnership for Defense Innovation received an authorization for \$3 million for an expansion of the PDI Special Operations Forces Wireless Testbed by establishing a testing and evaluation assessment center. This added capability will provide rapid testing and assessment, modeling and simulation, software verification, validation and accreditation, strategic analysis and consulting, and provides built out laboratories and equipment bays designed for technical testing and assessment. Capabilities will include an indoor high-bay for vehicle modification and testing, a radio frequency testing chamber for evaluation of communications equipment, and environmental testing chambers designed to test and assess the temperature and humidity impact on equipment. USSOCOM requires testing and assessment of emerging technologies in net-centric operations. USSOCOM is facing a convergence of factors constraining military bandwidth. The reliance on the vast amount and types of data that the net-centric warrior requires for computing, communication, command & control, intelligence and surveillance is challenging. These different types of data are collected from a plethora of different sources and sensor types, which rely on different data transfer protocols that can affect the size of the files and thus bandwidth demands. The Lab will continue to problem-solve these issues while providing a proximate test bed for just-in-time new product tests and evaluations on WiFi battlefield solutions.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT&E, R=1 Line Number: 23; PE #: 1160401BB.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DropMaster, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3600 Abernathy Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

Description of Request: Provide a \$3.5 million defense authorization to produce a stealthy and expendable small payload system of aerial re-supply providing Special Operations Forces with immediate on-call logistical airdrop leveraging existing technologies to produce a scalable family of CopterBox units with precision guidance. Special Operations Forces have successfully used hundreds of unguided CopterBox units in Afghanistan and seek to replace depleted inventory. FY09 funding will supply current needs and produce a guidance system and a scalable family of precision-guided expendable airdrop delivery vehicles (EADS). Using FY08 USSOCOM appropriations, the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center is preparing to undertake initial certification drop-testing of CopterBox. Full FY09 funding will develop guidable variants and result in a self-sufficient program as certified EADS units are purchased in the ordinary procurement process.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Operations & Maintenance, Marine Corps, Operating Forces.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Longworth Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 480 E. Main Street, Candor, NC 27229.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$5,000,000 for Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. Acclimate flame resistant high performance base layers are designed to provide an increased degree of protection against potential exposure to heat and flame of a short duration. In a flash fire situation, Acclimate flame resistant base layers are thermostatic meaning they will remain physically intact when exposed to a short duration heat source. They will not break open, thus helping to minimize burn injuries as well as eliminating the intensified burns caused by the melting or dripping of other synthetic materials. The Marine Corps has a \$27.0 million "Unfunded Requirement" to provide, "modernized clothing and equipment that is more effective, lighter and more durable to support the warfighter in austere environments that have been identified in the Global War on Terrorism." The Clothing and Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG) program (including the Fire Resistant Desert Combat Jacket) has been funded to meet the Marine Corps' flame resistant apparel requirements with products like the Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. The \$44.9 million in total authorization provided by the Committee for the FROG program will be used to meet an ongoing requirement to procure sets of flame resistant crews and pants for deploying and training Marines, providing them with an added capability to meet their difficult missions. Longworth Industries will be eligible to compete for contracts within the \$44.9 million allocation.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Air Force RDT&E, PE 0603112F.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metals Affordability Initiative (MAI) Consortium.

Address of Requesting Entity: MAI Program Management Office Mail Stop 114-45, 400 Main Street, E. Hartford CT 06108.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization for \$14 million above the FY09 President's Budget Request for the Metals Affordability Initiative (MAI), an Air Force research program, whose mission is to maintain leadership in the strategic aerospace metals industrial sector by using technology innovation to maintain global competitiveness while improving performance and increasing affordability of weapons systems. This sector includes the entire domestic specialty aerospace metals industrial manufacturing base, representing all elements of the supply chain, which produce aluminum, beryllium, nickel-base superalloys, and titanium. MAI programs have accomplished 47 current or planned technology insertions into military systems. Many MAI programs impact sustainability of the AF fleet which consists of over 6000 aircraft at an average age of over 25 years. The technology developed is pervasive and applicable to other military systems. New programs will be directed at sustainment/life extension, fuel savings/energy management, "green" (environmental impact) and access to space. ATI Allvac of Monroe, North Carolina is a specialty metals member of the MAI Consortium.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Navy, O & M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Wilson Blvd. North, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$300,000 for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps., that when added to the \$1,700,000 in the FY 2009 budget request will fund the program at the full FY09 \$2,000,000 requirement. The program is focused upon development of youth ages 11-17, serving almost 9,000 Sea Cadets managed by adult volunteers. It promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation and instills qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment. Summer training onboard Navy and Coast Guard ships and shore stations is a challenging training ground for developing self-confidence and self-discipline, promotion of high standards of conduct and performance and a sense of teamwork. Funds will be utilized to "buy down" the out-of-pocket expenses for training to \$85/week as Sea Cadets are responsible for all program expenses. Military accessions related to this program are a significant asset to the Services: Over 2,000 ex-Sea Cadets enlist annually and an average of over 10% of USNA Midshipmen are ex-Cadets. Cadets will pay \$170 each for a two week training which is over 20% of the project cost. One of the units in this nationwide program is in Charlotte, North Carolina.

REMEMBERING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIFE OF JUDGE LARRY T. CRAIG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise along with Congressman LOUIE GOHMERT to honor today a distinguished County Judge and great American, Judge Larry T. Craig, of Tyler, TX, who recently passed away at the age of 71 on April 12th.

Judge Craig was born in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on July 20, 1936. After moving to Tyler in the summer of 1949, he attended Tyler public schools, graduating from Tyler High School and Tyler Junior College. Having served his country in the United States Naval Reserve, he was honorably discharged in 1963 and attended The University of Texas and the University of Houston, where he earned his bachelor of science in Pharmacy. For the next 25 years Judge Craig worked in retail pharmacy, with 10 of those years as the owner and operator of Craig Pharmacy. In March of 1972, Judge Craig married Barbara Jean Copeland, with whom he raised a family of five children.

Judge Craig continued his education and graduated from the Reserve Law Enforcement Academy at Tyler Junior College and the Police Academy at Kilgore College, where he was licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Education and Standards.

He was elected County Judge of Smith County in 1986, and was re-elected in 1990, 1994, and 1998. With four terms of service as Smith County Judge, he became the longest serving judge to hold that position.

It was an on-the-job learning process, and he admitted that lacking a law degree made judicial aspects of the job initially difficult. But he studied hard, read late into the evenings, and did his job well. Judge Craig consistently received high marks for his work on the bench in local bar polls, and of the three decisions he rendered that were appealed, all were eventually upheld by higher courts.

Judge Craig also served on several statewide boards, associations, and commissions, including the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Then Texas Governor George W. Bush appointed Craig and designated him chairman in 1995, where he would become the longest serving Chair of the agency after holding the post for five years.

Judge Craig will be remembered as a man of service and a gentleman, but above all, his memory will be honored by the commitment he made to "keep God and your family first and foremost." It has been said that Judge Craig "was the kind of man that made God proud," and we would concur.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in paying tribute to a gentleman, an outstanding public servant, and a great American—Judge Larry Craig.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I wish to make the following disclosure in accordance with the new Republican Earmark Transparency Standards requiring Members to place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to a floor vote on a bill that includes earmarks they have requested, describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: MilCon, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Air National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa, 50131.

Description of Request: Authorizes appropriation of \$5.6 million for the construction of a new Vehicle Maintenance Facility and remodeling of the existing Communications Facility located at the 133rd Test Squadron in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Updating facilities at the 133rd Test Squadron is of the utmost importance and highest priority for the Iowa National Guard. This project is approved on the U.S. Air Force Future Year Defense Plan (FYDP), and has been assigned the number HEMT039066. The facility is significantly short of space due to the expansion of the unit's mission, manning and resources. Since it is the only unit designated to test future Command and Control (C2) projects for the U.S. Air Force, the performance of the 133rd Test Squadron is vital to Air Force missions. A detailed financial

plan based on form DD 1391 required by the Department of Defense for military construction projects follows.

COST ESTIMATE

Item	U/M	Quantity	Unit cost	Cost (\$000)
Vehicle Maintenance/Comm Training Facility	SF	32,369		4,171
Vehicle Maintenance Area	SF	7,000	210	(1,470)
Age Addition to Comm Area	SF	2,600	186	(484)
Upgrade Communications Area	SF	22,769	91	(2,072)
Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Measures	SF	32,369	2	(65)
LEED Certification	LS			(80)
Supporting Facilities				864
Pavements	LS			(115)
Utilities	LS			(150)
Site Improvements/Parking	LS			(100)
Communications Support	LS			(100)
Pre-Wired Work Stations	LS			(130)
Temporary Trailers	LS			(220)
Demolition/Asbestos Removal	SF	3,270	15	(49)
Subtotal				5,035
Contingency (5%)				252
Total Contract Cost				5,287
Supervision, Inspection and Overhead (6%)				317
Total Request				5,604
Total Request (Rounded)				5,600

10. Description of Proposed Construction: New Construction: Reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab with steel-framed masonry walls and sloped roof structure. Includes overhead crane/hoist, all utilities, pavements, fire protection, site improvements, and support. All interior wall, ceilings, interior finishes and pre-wired work stations. Alteration: Rearrange and extend interior walls and utilities. Provide anti-terrorism force protection measures. Demolish three buildings (304 SM) and landscape the site. Air Conditioning: 60 Tons.

11. REQUIREMENT: 32,369 SF ADEQUATE: 0 SF SUBSTANDARD: 22,769 SF.

PROJECT: Vehicle Maintenance and Communications Training Facility (Current Mission).

REQUIREMENT: The base requires an adequately sized, properly configured, and environmentally safe vehicle maintenance facility for operations and training. Vehicles to be repaired and maintained include cars, trucks, sweepers, and snowplows. Functional areas consist of maintenance bays, paint bay, office area, parts/tool storage, battery shop, vehicle dispatch, fuel dispensing facility and wash rack. An adequately sized and properly configured facility is required for the operations, maintenance, and training in support of a 132-personnel combat communications squadron responsible for tactical communications-electronics systems. Functional areas include the command section, communication systems (i.e. satellite, base, and network), communications center, combat support, secure storage, deployment control center, classrooms, physical fitness center, dining area, and medical training.

CURRENT SITUATION: The vehicle maintenance functions are accomplished in a facility that has reached the end of its useful life. Facility maintenance and repair of the mechanical and electrical systems are no longer cost effective due to the lack of replacement parts. The facility is significantly short of maintenance, office, and training space due to the expansion of the unit's manning and resources over the years. Maintenance and repair oper-

ations on larger vehicles must be done outside because they do not fit in the small bays. The facility has numerous safety, health, and environmental hazards. The communications and electronics facility portion of this project will re-configure and renovate existing spaces while adding to the complex to alleviate facility shortfalls. Mission accomplishment and Status of Readiness and Training System (SORTS) levels are degraded as there is no adequate space to properly store civil engineering equipment, generators, and equipment assets to be deployable within response time criteria given winter conditions. The 133rd is accomplishing part of the test mission requirements in a facility on the other side of the airport driveway. This requires them to take valuable time and manpower to get to the support functions such as medical and supply items. The area is 12 percent short of the required space needed to support the mission. Several Control and Reporting Center (CRC) testing events have been located in building 102, which has been identified to be demolished. This facility requires roof repairs and electrical and mechanical upgrades to meet code requirements. The space is not functionally set-up to house a test squadron, which causes interruptions in training/testing requirements. They do not have the space to test, maintain, train and repair equipment that they are required to support. The office space is not properly configured. The Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) facility (building 101) is not functionally efficient as an AGE shop with its current layout. Equipment is stored outside due to lack of covered storage space. The administrative area is congested and not properly configured. The existing forced air heat system is inefficient and requires repair. The existing floor drains are not connected to an oil water separator. The majority of the base infrastructure system is over 40 years old and has been upgraded only as part of new construction. Parts of the system that have not been upgraded are deteriorated due to age.

IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED: Operations and training suffer from lack of up-to-date and adequate facilities. The overcrowded and antiquated facility seriously degrades the unit's capability to maintain a safe, operationally ready fleet, and severely limits the unit's ability to train. Continued safety and environmental problems with possible violations of federal and state environmental statutes. Quality of life is negatively impacted affecting morale, recruiting, and retention.

ADDITIONAL: This project meets the criteria/scope specified in Air National Guard Handbook 32-1084, "Facility Requirements" and is in compliance with the base master plan. These facilities are "inhabited" buildings and meet the standoff distance requirements. There is minimal threat and the level of protection is low so minimum construction standards have been applied. All known alternatives options were considered during the development of this project. No other option could meet the mission requirements; therefore, no economic analysis was needed or performed. The following buildings will be demolished as a result of this project: 101 (214 SM), 104 (45 SM), and 105 (45 SM) for a total of 304 SM.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AREA—7,000 SF = 650 SM.

AGE ADDITION TO COMM AREA—2,600 SF = 242 SM.

UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS AREA—22,769 SF = 2,115 SM.

DEMOLITION/ASBESTOS REMOVAL—3,270 SF = 304 SM.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club, founded 100 years ago as an official organization of the spouses of those of us serving in this House and in the Senate. I am very familiar with their great work, because my wife Betty Ann is an active member and presently serves on the Congressional Club's board.

The Congressional Club is host to one of the most important nonpartisan events that happens in Washington—the annual First Lady's Luncheon. It also hosts monthly lectures, children's parties, tours for charitable organizations and senior citizen luncheons.

The members of the Congressional Club realize the incredible opportunities and responsibilities they have toward national service. During World War I and World War II, the Congressional Club curtailed many of its social events so that members of the Club could roll bandages for the Red Cross, help provide for servicemembers' families and assist troops in transit to their service. At the encouragement of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the Congressional Club sold war bonds, using the proceeds to purchase two evacuation airplanes, one named *The Congressional Club* and one named *The U.S. Congress*, to airlift wounded troops from the battlefield.

The important role spouses play in the work we do is evident in one legend surrounding the establishment of the Congressional Club. According to the story, one wife knew her husband, a member of this body, planned to vote against the incorporation of the Congressional Club, so she came into the Capitol and distracted him outside the House Chamber while the House voted on and approved the resolution that allowed for the formal recognition of the organization.

Mr. Speaker, no one is quite sure whether that story is true, but it does help stress an important point with which few can argue: Congressional spouses play an instrumental part in the work we do. I am honored to join with you in honoring their work on this 100th anniversary of the Congressional Club.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KENNETH FLOWERS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career of Colonel Kenneth Flowers from Red Springs, North Carolina. With 26 years of active commissioned service, Colonel Flowers has served our country in a variety of diverse assignments. Now, as he prepares for retirement, I

ask that you join me in recognizing his long and honorable career of service.

Colonel Flowers' assignments have been extensive. He has served as Director of Open Systems Joint Task Force, an Army Staff Officer, Commander, Signal Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battalion Staff Officer, to name only a few. Colonel Flowers' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award. His hard work has benefitted his community and nation, and for that reason I stand today to express my deepest appreciation.

Colonel Flowers currently resides in Manassas, Virginia, and has been blessed with a wife and two children. He will be retiring from his current assignment to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration. I wish the very best for Colonel Flowers in his future endeavors, and I ask that you join me today in recognition of his impressive career of courageous duty and enduring public service.

CELEBRATING LIVESTRONG

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on May 13, 2008, communities in Connecticut and around our Nation collectively clad in yellow, celebrated LiveSTRONG Day. LiveSTRONG Day is a day of national reflection, where cancer survivors and disease awareness are recognized in an effort to raise funds to support cancer research and education.

Over a decade ago, one of the world's greatest athletes, Lance Armstrong, was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Although his prognosis was grim, he overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles to become a cancer survivor. With his disease in remission, he founded the LiveSTRONG Foundation, which has since connected communities around the Nation with the collective goal of promoting cancer research and education. The LiveSTRONG Day codifies the priorities of the foundation through national grassroots efforts.

In eastern Connecticut, LiveSTRONG Day was celebrated in a number of forms, from yellow fashions to a pickup game of hockey. Several years ago, my good friend and cancer survivor Nancy Brouillet gave me a LiveSTRONG wristband, which I am proud to wear and show my support for these efforts and broader efforts around the Nation. Through these simple acts, the eastern Connecticut community offered support to the cancer survivors in our community as well as raised awareness of the disease in our region.

Madam Speaker, cancer remains one of the widest sweeping diseases in the U.S. and around the world. Although much has been accomplished with disease research and treat-

ment, our Nation must continue to invest and support comprehensive efforts to find a cure for the millions that continue to suffer from this disease. The LiveSTRONG Foundation and the priorities of the annual LiveSTRONG Day have served and will continue to serve an invaluable role with achieving these necessary objectives and I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing these contributions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8.5 million for the construction of Phase I of a two phase Operations and Training Facility for the 177th Fighter Wing at the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The Facility will house key wing administrative functions to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University; (2) Waterfront Technology Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture.

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address

current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DoD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—Other Procurement.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Corp.—East.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6.0 million for Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS). BAIS is the U.S. Army's type standard tactical Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) system for physical security/force protection. The system uses Seismic/Acoustic Sensors (SAS) to detect and classify potential threats for forward intelligence collection or perimeter self-protection. To date, 773 systems plus spares have been fielded representing less than 10% of the Army's Acquisition Objective, yet approved fielding requirements for small unit protection and perimeter security exceed 8,933 systems. This \$6.0 million will provide 270 additional BAIS units to the Army.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Crozenville Road, Aston, PA 19014-0425.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.0 million for Improved Corrosion Protection for the ElectroMagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for the CVN-21 class of carriers. The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS configuration and the materials which will be used to construct it, in a catapult-like environment. This funding will continue the program from FY08 to develop design-specific corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Navy—Operations and Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Wilson Blvd. North Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Operational Funding. The program is focused upon development of youth ages 11-17, serving almost 9,000 Sea Cadets managed by adult volunteers. It promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation and instills qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment. Funds will be utilized to "buy down" the out-of-pocket expenses for training to \$85/week. A significant percent of Cadets join the Armed Services often receiving accelerated advancement,

or obtain commissions. The program has significance in assisting to promote the Navy and Coast Guard, particularly in those areas of the U.S. where these Services have little presence. Accessions related to this program are a significant asset to the Services: Over 2,000 ex-Sea Cadets enlist annually and an average of over 10 percent of Naval Academy Midshipmen are ex-Cadets.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I rise today to provide a description for how funds authorized in response to my requests submitted to the House Armed Services Committee will be allocated. In making those requests, I submitted a financial certification letter to Chairman SKELTON which accompanied my requests, and included the following information:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge these requests (1) are not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended to be used by any 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 should any of the requests I have submitted be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD describing how the funds in each of the included requests will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

In order to fully comply with these standards, Madam Speaker, I hereby submit a description of how the funds authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 will be used for the projects to follow.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
 Account: RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: THY Enterprises, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 440 Hillabee St., Alexander City, AL 35010 USA.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to continue research and development of the Next Generation of Tactical Environmental Clothing (NGTEC) being conducted with the AFSOC. Approximately, \$1,000,000 is for research and development of a lighter, quieter, waterproof material; \$400,000 for engineering and manufacturing; \$75,000 for laboratory analysis; \$25,000 for field assessment; and \$500,000 for risk and plan management. Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Special Tactics Teams and Combat Controllers operate in environments where the extreme effects of physical exertion over difficult terrain result in hypothermia and other related conditions that degrade mission effectiveness. Current clothing articles provided to our combat airmen do not offer the

best protection or prevention of these debilitating conditions. Recent developments in fibers research indicates that better materials can be made available for use in under and outer garments to greatly reduce the effects of moisture on the body. These capabilities, which now include a thermally efficient wicking concept, combined with water-proof and tear resistant fibers should produce a garment with superior protective characteristics. This technology is at hand, and THY's early prototypes have been field tested and found to resolve several of the shortcomings highlighted by troops from cold weather training exercises in Montana, and from the current combat theaters of operation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
 Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849 USA.

Description of Request: Earmark additional funds \$1,000,000 to PE 0203735A of the DoD Combat Vehicle Improvement Program for Auburn University in FY 2009. The DoD Combat Vehicle program provided funds of \$1,000,000 to Auburn University in FY 2008 to initiate the project. All of the \$1,000,000 requested will be used by Auburn University to research and develop sensors for the detection of oil breakdown in the Abrams tank and associated military vehicles. Since this is an ITAR DoD restricted project, no corporate or other non-federal funding is anticipated for this project. Total projected cost of the project is \$6,000,000. This research project benefits the public and non-profit segments of our economy (citizens and government). Implementation of condition based maintenance on military vehicles will improve vehicle readiness, reduce personnel injury, increase battlefield efficiency and result in a reduction of maintenance costs. No congressionally appropriated funding has been received by this project to date.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GKN Westland Aerospace.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3951 Alabama Highway 229, Tallassee, Alabama 36078.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for the development of a composite floor sub-structure to be demonstrated on the Black Hawk helicopter. Approximately \$75,000 is for program management, \$50,000 is for engineering planning, \$200,000 is for tooling, \$200,000 for design engineering, \$75,000 is for material purchase, \$500,000 is for generation of material mechanical property testing for use in design/analysis of the test structure, \$400,000 is for process development through part manufacture, \$500,000 is for structure testing.

Current and new helicopter designs are experiencing weight increases through the addition new electronic systems that enhance the performance and effectiveness of the aircraft. Recent DoD requested changes to the Black Hawk helicopter (H-60) includes Common

Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) and Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) configurations. Studies have identified the aircraft airframe as the area for potential weight reduction. Lightweight airframe development has been conducted in SARAP (Survivable Affordable Repairable Airframe Program) through the demonstration of a lighter, low cost cabin for the Black Hawk. As part of this technology demonstrator cabin, a floor sub-structure used thermoplastic composite materials to reduce the weight by almost 25% over the baseline metal structure while, at the same time, reduced costs. Further development is required to take full advantage of the savings that composite materials technology can offer. Work for this program will occur in Montgomery and Tallassee, AL.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
 Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Davidson Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 530 Discovery Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35806

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$10M to finalize development and validation of the Space Control Test Capability for the United States Air Force. Of the funds provided approximately \$5 million dollars or 1/2 of the available funding is for final development of a Monte-Carlo version of SCTC which will join the already developed closed-form version to give a new combined capability to analyze important transient command/control situations (e.g. satellite outages). The combined closed-form/Monte-Carlo version provides both closed-form steady-state and transient-event analysis capabilities builds upon Air Force selected analytical engines and is already in the hands of the users in support of Terminal Fury. The Monte-Carlo addition completes the required analytical suite. Approximately \$5 million dollars or 1/2 of the funding is for tool validation. When completed, the combined closed-form/Monte-Carlo SCTC tool is the only tool of its type and caliber in the Air Force analytical inventory. Completion of this combined closed-form/Monte-Carlo tool in GFY 2009 is needed to provide quantitative data support for acquisition decisions. The tool will provide decision time-lag and throughput data for combination steady-state and transient situations to quantify performance of alternative system implementations. The Air Force will use these performance predictors to make sound, quantitative-based acquisition decisions for upcoming space systems in areas such as OCS, DCS, SSA and communications now and in the future, providing additional AF funding to enhance operational capabilities as required.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Frontier Technology, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 75 Aero Camino Suite A, Goleta, CA 93117, for work in Alabama.

Description of Request: May it be noted for the record that a technical error was made and it is anticipated that the remedy will occur in the conference report. The correct Identification Number, 0603005A, Line 33 should be

substituted for the incorrect Identification Number that was originally given, 0206623M, Line 181.

The Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System identifies difficult to detect failure modes that must be serviced while the vehicle is undergoing maintenance. It models vehicle conditions to ensure that the vehicle is restored to an optimum state of operation prior to return to service. This cost effective technology can be modified for various military vehicles to detect problems not typically reported using threshold or trend systems. It can detect problems before they happen, preventing breakdowns in battlefield environments. The system will successfully verify that vehicles repaired at the Depot have been restored to an optimum state of operation prior to redeployment. The Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System provides the cutting edge, cost effective technology that can help ensure more rapid and reliable deployment of critical military vehicles during this period when our equipment is under extreme and extended use.

The funding for the program is broken into two components: system analysis, development, integration, validation and training, and field installation, optimization and support. The first incorporates salaries and O/H (FTI and Subcontractors, e.g. Auburn University), materials and supplies (sensors, communications and computer equipment), with a subtotal of \$3,000,000. The later includes site specific licenses and equipment (sensors, communications and computer equipment), salaries, expenses, and OIH (FTI and Subcontractors, e.g. Auburn University), with a subtotal of \$1,000,000. The total earmark is \$4,000,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
Account: Aircraft Procurement, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (ATK).

Address of Requesting Entity: 5050 Lincoln Drive, Edina, MN, 55436, for work in Alabama.

Description of Request: The RC-26B performs critical intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions in support of national disaster response by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Air National Guard, and in direct support of Special Operations Forces. The Air National Guard (ANG) operates a fleet of eleven RC-26B aircraft that provide support to individual states for disaster relief and counter-drug missions. The RC-26B platform provided excellent, real-time imagery during the 2007 extended fire season and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. As the demands for the RC-26Bs proven utility increased, non-availability of the platform have prevented ANG crews from performing their domestic assigned missions. Special Operations Command funded the modification of five RC-26B aircraft—to provide ISR missions in support of deployed operations. With five RC-26B aircraft deployed in support of missions outside of the continental United States, an availability vacuum at the state level has occurred. The remaining six RC-26B aircraft (from Mississippi, Arizona, Florida, Texas, West Virginia and New York) are not sufficient to support the disaster relief and counter-narcotics missions of both the ANG and DHS/CBP. Without additional FY2009 funding to

upgrade the RC-26B aircraft, the ability of the ANG to respond to future DOD ISR, DHS/CBP, counter-narcotics and disaster relief missions will be impaired, even as the demands for this low density asset increases. Maintenance work, operational and functional flight testing will occur in Montgomery, AL.

The program will provide improved military capability to fulfill an unmet requirement or need identified by the Department of Defense.

The \$3.0M funding is needed for concept development, design, integration and flight verification (one aircraft only) of the following technologies that would enhance the current Block 20 RC-26B performance and effectiveness. Specific capability improvements would include:

\$0.5 M—Incorporation of digital video recorders capable of recording the increased data rates associated with the new digital imagery;

\$1.75 M—Incorporation of new digital EO/IR frame camera capability to replace the obsolete cameras eliminated from the prior modification;

\$0.75M—Incorporation of a new high capacity down link system that can manage the transfer of the increased data flow from the airborne RC-26B to a ground station;

The above capabilities would need to be incorporated at the same time because of the large cost associated with the integration/installation of the aircraft subsystems identified above. Additional funding would be required to install this capability into the remaining Air National Guard fleet. Funding execution and expenditure plans shall be developed and approved by the responsible program manager for the Department of Defense, and Air National Guard, pursuant to applicable federal acquisition laws, regulations and guidelines.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Technologies Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1401 Eye Street, NW #600, Washington, DC 20005, for the Alabama National Guard.

Description of Request: The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter is an essential capability of the National Guard. It provides units in every state with a multi-mission aircraft for search & rescue, utility lift, disaster relief and medical evacuation. The Army National Guard (ARNG) is authorized 782 Black Hawk aircraft, but is short of this authorization by almost 100 aircraft. This shortage requires ARNG units to loan or transfer Black Hawks in support deployments, training or state missions, resulting in a higher usage rate of available airframes. Additionally, more than 500 of the 782 National Guard aircraft are older UH-60A models, with an average age of approximately 25 years. The Army is procuring over 1200 UH-60M Black Hawks for utility, special operations and MEDEVAC missions to replace the aging UH-60A from operational units by 2016. The Alabama National Guard uses these helicopters for disaster recovery. The funding may have a small manufacturing impact in Alabama.

The Army acquired 33 UH-60M Black Hawks by the end of FY07, and from FY09 to FY13, the Army plans to procure an additional 300 UH-60M Black Hawks (70 of those air-

craft are programmed for ARNG units). However, without an accelerated procurement of the UH-60M; the Army National Guard will be operating more than 400 UH-60A helicopters beyond 2020. The ARNG and the Active Army developed a program to support the continued modernization of the ARNG Black Hawk fleet. Unfortunately, this program is not fully funded. The ARNG plan is to accelerate the fielding of UH-60M Black Hawks by 10 aircraft per year. Although the Active Army has programmed UH-60A recapitalization for the ARNG with Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds, which includes an airframe life extension, fleet-wide product improvements and the replacement of components, the UH-60A to L upgrade is not funded. The UH-60L Black Hawk is more economical to operate and has 1000 lbs of additional lift than the UH-60A. The desired rate of UH-60 A to L upgrades is 38 per year. Funding the UH-60 A to L upgrade will significantly improve the Black Hawk fleet, and assure that ARNG units are ready, deployable, and available to protect our national interests both abroad and at home. This ARNG aviation initiative has been identified by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB) as FY09 "Essential 10—Top 25" unfunded priorities. The funding for this request is \$5 million. The UH-60L Upgrades are \$1.5 million each and include: UH-60L Improved Durability Gearbox; UH-60L Flight control upgrades; UH-60L (IVHMS) Integrated Vehicle Health Maintenance System; UH-60L Overhead rescue hoist provisions; UH-60L Overhead Rescue Hoist; UH-60L Rescue Hoist Cable Guard; UH-60L Digital engine control unit; UH-60L Hydro mechanical unit; UH-60L Signal data converter; UH-60L Cargo hook upgrade to 9000 lbs.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Honeywell International, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Columbia Road, Morristown, NJ 07962, for work in Alabama.

Description of Request: Conditioned Based Maintenance (CBM) is a set of maintenance capabilities and technologies aimed at performing "just-in-time" maintenance versus "after-the-fact" maintenance. CBM improves reliability by increasing predictive maintenance while decreasing corrective maintenance. Fleet Mission Readiness merges individual on-board reporting, diagnostics reasoning, and trend assessment with decision support tools that aggregate individual performance into fleet assessments. Honeywell estimates that the \$4 million requested for the "Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Conditioned Based Maintenance: Fleet Mission Readiness" project would be broken down as follows: 80% software engineering and development (\$3,200,000); 10% testing (\$400,000); and 10% evaluation and certification (\$400,000). The Army has already invested \$250 M to implement CBM for the Future Combat Systems (FCS) program to include Automated Reasoning software for the FCS fleet using Honeywell technologies. These same technologies can be spiraled into tactical wheeled vehicle fleets with a small investment to achieve the same 30% reductions in maintenance costs projected for the FCS fleet. This funding would

be used to adapt Fleet Mission Readiness technologies from FCS to the tactical wheeled vehicle fleet to provide timely and accurate information for the Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) personnel deployed around the world in support of the warfighter.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: MILCON, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman MIKE ROGERS.

Address of Requesting Entity: Anniston Army Depot, 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201.

Description of Request: This earmark provides \$1,463,000 for the Lake Yard Interchange. The funding will be used to construct an interchange and inspection building in the ammunition and explosives classification (Lake Yard) area of the Anniston Army Depot. This includes the move of ammunition classification from Turner Yard to the Lake Yard. Additionally, the site utilities will include electrical power, information technology, water, septic tank/field lines. The railroad track work will include new track for the interchange and spur.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman MIKE ROGERS.

Address of Requesting Entity: Alabama National Guard, 1720A Congressman W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109.

Description of Request: The \$200,000 earmark will be used toward Project #010263, a project currently in the Future Years Defense Program for 2012. In the FYDP in FY2012, the complete project is budgeted for \$15,267,000.00. The increase in total project cost is due to the updated DOD Facility Pricing Guide dated 2 July 2007. The updated FY09 cost is \$20,205,000. If the project is left in the FYDP for FY12, the cost will need to be revised to \$21.3 M. This project is for the Readiness Center Phase II of the Ft. McClellan Training Center. The construction will provide for an additional 112,375 square feet to the facility. Phase I is currently under construction 96,195 square feet for a total of 208,571 square feet when both phases are complete. The facility is required to house nine units with a required strength of 1,035 personnel. The 167th Theater Support Command will move from Birmingham to Anniston and be stationed in this facility when Phase I is completed in FY09. Phase II was programmed in the FYDP for FY10 and was pushed out last year to FY12. Nearly half (42%) of the 167th TSC administrative space in the facility is being built in Phase II. This space is critical for the 167th TSC in meeting the unit's CENTCOM mission and training objectives. If the project stays in the FYDP for FY12, it will be FY14 before Phase II is completed, five years after the unit moves from Birmingham to Anniston. This will have an adverse effect if personnel are not provided with adequate facilities to accomplish mission and training objectives. The lack of proper and adequate training, storage, and administrative areas could impair the attainment of required mobilization readiness levels for the unit and the daily support efforts for CENTCOM. The site

of the project is on federal property. Approved by the Joint Services Reserve Component Facility Board 6/27/07.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one project authorization request that I made and which was included within the text of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman CHIP PICKERING.

Project: Advanced, Long Endurance Unattended Ground Sensor Technologies.

Project Amount: \$4.2 million.

Account: Defense-wide (DoD); RDT&E; Special Operations Intelligence Systems Development.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Special Operations Command.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7701 Tampa Point Boulevard, Florida.

Description of Request: A significant challenge in modern military operations is the ability to achieve and maintain real-time battlefield situational awareness. Achieving battlefield situational awareness requires the ability to robustly and persistently monitor the movements of the adversary in near real-time across a wide range of operational environments including foliage, mountainous, and urban terrain.

The funding will continue the research and development of small, low power UGS technologies that support critical USSOCOM reconnaissance and surveillance missions by providing robust: (1) target detection, classification and tracking; (2) high bandwidth, covert communication of data, voice and video, and (3) data/information exfiltration via satellite communications (SATCOM) for displaying advanced visualization technologies. The proposed UGS capability will provide USSOCOM with the ability to relay critical, actionable intelligence from remote areas of interest to analysts and commanders worldwide in near real-time—ultimately allowing special operations forces (SOF) to think and react more quickly than the adversary. The proposed research program will also have applications in other areas such as border patrol.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2008 U.S. PHYSICS OLYMPIAD TEAM

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the members of the 2008 United States Physics Olympiad Team.

The International Physics Olympiad brings together top students from all over the world to compete in a rigorous routine of mental

gymnastics. To be considered for the U.S. team, students must first take a challenging physics exam. I am proud to say that the top 200 semifinalists included 3 students from Michigan this year. This exceptional group is further reduced to 24 students currently participating in a 10-day physics camp hosted by the University of Maryland.

As you might expect, this is not your ordinary summer camp but rather an intense boot-camp of teamwork, sharpening mental and communication skills. Five of these exceptional students will advance and represent the United States in a tremendous international competition in July in the 67th International Physics Olympiad July 20–29 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The 24 members of the 2008 team include: Kiranmayi Bhattaram, Tucker Chan, Sway Chen, Joseph, Zer-Yi Chu, Alesia Dechkovskaia, Yishun Dong, David Field, Edward Gan, Rui Hu, Gabriel Karpman, Brian Kong, Kevin Michael Lang, Dan Li, Andrew Lucas, Marianna Mao, Yoon Jae Nam, Anand Natarajan, Joshua Oremann, Thomas Schultz, Jack Z. Wang, James Yang, Alex Zhai, Danny Zhu, and Alex Zorn.

I commend the American Institute of Physics, the American Association of Physics Teachers and affiliated sponsors for organizing this annual event and fostering a passion for science in these students. Integrating science with real-world problems is critical to our national competitiveness. These students will become even more excited about applying physics to national and international challenges after they participate in the Olympiad preparation.

I know my colleagues share my pride in the achievements of these students. Their success is a testament to not only their individual determination, but also a group of exceptional teachers. These teachers often receive very little recognition for their work, so I hope each of the Olympiad finalists will make a point of thanking and recognizing the teachers that have guided them over the years.

I am very pleased that these students take time away from their purely scientific endeavors to meet with their legislators in Washington. Understanding how science fits into culture and politics are very important skills for a future physicist to master. I also hope that some of these students will consider running for public office and add their expertise to the policy world. I am very thankful for these future leaders and ask that you please join me in congratulating them on their wonderful achievements. We wish the top five the best of success as they represent the United States in Vietnam.

CONGRATULATING JIM TATE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MOBILE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Coach Jim Tate of St. Paul's Episcopal School on the occasion of his induction into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF). Begun in 1987, the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame was created by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce to

recognize those sports figures whose accomplishments and service have greatly benefited—and reflected credit on—the city of Mobile.

A graduate of The Citadel, Coach Tate spent five years in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and field artillery officer with a year's service in the Vietnam War. He also earned his master's degree from the University of Alabama.

Coach Tate, a Mobile native, was working in Georgia when St. Paul's headmaster, Rufus Bethea, recruited him to return to Mobile to coach the boys' basketball team. It was not until 1983, however, after interest in the cross country and track programs increased, that Coach Tate was named the full-time coach for both sports, boys', and girls' teams. That very same year, St. Paul's won its first state championship, the same year the first of 17 straight girls' cross country state championships was won with a team of all seventh-graders.

As coach of what Mobile's Press-Register refers to as the "most dominant girls' cross country program in the country," Coach Tate is an institution among American high school track and cross country coaches. In his 30 years at St. Paul's, Coach Tate has led the cross country and track teams to 75 state championships, including a national record of 17 straight girls' cross country state titles.

In 1999, Coach Tate was selected as the national cross country coach of the year. Twenty-five of his former athletes have gone on to compete at the collegiate level in either track or cross country, and currently, St. Paul's has 10 state record holders in track and cross country.

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Jim Tate has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. I know his family; his wife, Becky; their children, Lee, Luther, Leigh, and Ginny; and his many friends join me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile, the First Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Republican Earmark Guidance, I am including the following requests, which are authorized in H.R. 5658:

Project: Ballistic Missile Defense—Aegis.

Account: Research, Development, and Testing and Evaluation Ballistic Missile Defense Aegis.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.

Address of Requesting Entity: 199 Borten Landing Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Description of Request: Ballistic Missile Defense Aegis system provides resources to close the capability gap between current Sea Based BMD capabilities and the emergent BMD threats.

Project: Vehicle Common Armor Manufacturing Process (VCAMP).

Account: Army Research, Development, and Testing and Evaluation End Item Industrial Preparedness Activities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SMH International, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Technology Way, Suite 210, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

Description of Request: Vehicle Common Armor Manufacturing Process develops a common armor manufacturing process for force protection aimed at enhancing soldier survivability by reducing vehicle weight and speeding production.

Project: Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS).

Account: Army Procurement Physical Security.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System detects and classifies intruding personnel, wheeled, and tracked vehicles for forward intelligence collection or perimeter self-protection.

Project: Software Lifecycle Affordability Management (SLAM), Phase II.

Account: Army Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation Advanced Tactical Computer Science and Sensor Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: PRICE Systems, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 17000 Commerce Parkway Suite A, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

Description of Request: Software Lifecycle Affordability Phase II model enables the Army to determine which software lifecycle strategies design realizes the greatest number of capabilities at the lowest cost, following the best schedule.

Project: Advanced Propulsion Non-Tactical Vehicle (APNTV).

Account: Air Force Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation Pollution Prevention.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Motors.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100-400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: Advanced Propulsion Non-Tactical Vehicle will reduce the Air Force's dependence on foreign fossil fuel sources and provide an operational learning/execution roadmap for the eventual use of these technologies in the overall mission of the Air Force. An Air Force demonstration of two Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell electric vehicles at McGuire AFB will take place to include vehicle service, maintenance, spare parts, technician support and program management. The demonstration will also include the installation of a hydrogen refueling station at McGuire AFB.

Project: Large Diameter Precision Aspheric Glass Molding.

Account: Army Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation Weapons and Munitions Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Edmond Optics, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 E. Clouceser Pike, Barrington, NJ 08007.

Description of Request: Large Diameter Precision Aspheric Glass Modeling technology is key in developing a secure US manufacturing base for low-cost precision aspheric optics, thus eliminating the current dependence of the DOD on foreign sourced products.

Project: Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (VICE).

Account: Army Procurement Training Devices.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dynamic Animation Systems.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12015 Lee Jackson Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Description of Request: Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (VICE) provides a virtual environment within which small combat teams can be trained in current rules of engagement and tactics, techniques, and procedures. Six squad configurations of VICE will be procured for the NJ National Guard Joint Training and Training Development Center at Ft. Dix, which will improve the training for New Jersey Guardsmen and Reservists, as well as those from other States, mobilizing at Fort Dix and preparing to deploy into combat.

Project: Dismounted Soldier Millimeter Wave BTDRF Tag.

Account: Army Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation Sensors and Electronic Survivability.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sierra Monolithics.

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 W. Torrance Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Description of Request: Dismounted Soldier Millimeter Wave Tag, will significantly decrease fratricide deaths and add to battlefield awareness by allowing the dismounted soldier to interoperate with the deployed system.

Project: Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense.

Account: Defense Wide Research, Development, and Testing and Evaluation Ballistic Missile Defense Terminal Defense Segment.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Ltd

Address of Requesting Entity: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

Description of Request: Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense is a joint Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and Israel Missile Defense Organization (IMDO) program to develop and deploy a cost-effective, broad-area defense for the State of Israel against short range ballistic missiles, large caliber rockets, and cruise missiles.

Project: Unified Security Forces Operations Facility, McGuire, AFB.

Account: Defense Wide Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGuire Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: McGuire Air Force Base, NJ.

Description of Request: Unified Security Forces Operations Facility, McGuire Air Force Base, Fort McGuire, NJ. The facility is intended for joint use and will consolidate all security operations command and control at the McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Joint Base.

Project: Modification of Authorization for Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, NJ project to address handling of military munitions.

Account: Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Modifies the authorization for the Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, NJ project to address the handling of military munitions placed on the beach during construction at Federal expense.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY. Bill: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, NAVY.

Requesting Entity: MBDA, Incorporated. Address: 5701 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362.

Description of project: It is my understanding that this funding will be used for Phase II of a program to assist the U.S. Navy to develop innovative missile solutions for an Affordable Weapon System (AWS) capable of operating from ships. The Navy is looking for an AWS that can kill a variety of targets including mobile targets, time critical targets, and targets of opportunity such as terrorist leadership meeting facilities, mobile missile launchers, and weapons caches. In concept, AWS will defeat targets at stand-off ranges, rapidly completing the engagement phase by having the capability to loiter in a target area.

The \$5.8 million increase in this account for Phase II will be divided into two tasks. The funding approximately will be spent as follows: The first task will be used to determine the best materials for use in the AWS. This includes trade studies (\$600,000), hardware bench tests (\$900,000), and deployment tests (\$1,300,000). The second task will perform a feasibility study on the technical baseline being delivered within the stated time frame (\$1,300,000). An additional \$1,300,000 will be used for program management and oversight by Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR).

The intent of this program is to develop a low-cost, disposable weapon capable of being launched from U.S. Naval vessels. But it provides an additional benefit for my Congressional district and the state of California. Since 1986, the employment of high-technology aerospace professionals in California has declined dramatically because of the reduction in California-based aerospace programs and companies. This decline in the employment had a ripple-effect throughout the State and has lowered associated markets in employment, goods and services. A production contract award will bring 200 professional aerospace employees to the company and add significantly to the California base of aerospace professionals and aerospace production. MBDA has already increased its skilled work force by 10 percent due to the Phase I contract. Support for this program will work toward reversing this trend in California.

AIRLINE FLIGHT CREW TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2744, the Airline

Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act. I want to thank my friend and colleague from New York, Representative TIM BISHOP, for his strong leadership on this issue.

This bill corrects an oversight in the current version of the Family and Medical Leave Act, which did not take into account the unique circumstances of employment as a flight attendant or pilot. To qualify for leave under FMLA now, all employees must work a minimum of 1,250 hours per year, or 60 percent of what is considered a full-time work schedule in most industries.

For flight attendants and pilots, however, there is a different standard for full-time employment. Their hours are calculated purely on the basis of "in-flight" time, which does not include any time in between flights, time spent preparing for a flight, or periods when they are on "reserve" status in the event that someone cannot fly their scheduled flight. An average full-time flight attendant works 960 hours per year. Additionally, pilots are prohibited by the FAA from working more than 1,000 hours per year, which automatically disqualifies them from leave under FMLA.

The Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act will amend FMLA to reduce the hours-of-service requirement for flight crews, so that they will be eligible if they work 60 percent of a full-time schedule in their industry.

Airline flight crews have difficult jobs, and the number of "in-flight" hours that they work does not accurately measure all that they do. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2744, to give flight attendants a benefit that so many other American workers already have.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRISIS AND HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, millions are being swept away in a "silent tsunami." Drought and ever-climbing prices coupled with the mounting demand of nations unable to sustain themselves have wrought devastating food shortages from the Philippines, to Egypt, to our neighbor Haiti. Starving families turn to cakes baked of sugar, oil, and mud. Parents avoid eye contact with the children they cannot feed. Rioters, unable to afford even a loaf of bread, fill the streets. And this Congress is not deaf to their cries.

Not the product of a disaster or war, this crisis of unprecedented price increases will linger and spread without action. So far, an additional 100 million people are estimated to have been pushed into poverty. Hardest hit by its inability to provide enough food for its growing population, Haiti, in our own backyard, Madam Speaker, where over half the population lives on less than \$1 a day, is left to the mercy of the global community; and right now, USAID is delivering over 6,820 tons of food aid.

But more needs to be done. The dread, uncertainty, cruelty, and suffering of hunger have become a reality for too many for too long and I am proud of the work being done in this Congress to stem that tide. In just the past 2 weeks, we have added to and enhanced the tools in America's toolbox for fighting starvation.

The Farm Bill we just sent to the President's desk reauthorizes many of our most important programs for fighting hunger, addressing both the immediate demands of the crisis and recognizing the work needed for the long-term goal of prevention. In the face of this epidemic, it is all the more vital that President Bush sign these essential programs into law.

This bill extends until 2012 the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, allowing us to continue to respond to the unanticipated and unexpected crises that may emerge. I was happy to hear last month that President Bush ordered the release of \$200 million in emergency food aid from the Trust, but without replenishment, the benefit of this stockpile of cash and commodities will be unavailable to us in the future.

Hoping to create a bulwark against this spread of hunger and rising prices at home, many governments have been pushed by the fear of impending food shortages to the false hope of halting or restricting food exports. This beggar thy neighbor strategy will only make the situation worse and shows our need to promote long-term food production and security.

To this end, the just-passed Farm Bill has reauthorized \$2.5 billion for our vital Title 11 spending, with an additional \$850 million for this year in last week's supplemental. Our most powerful instrument, these dollars are administered by USAID every year to address global food needs. Yet in 2007, only 20 percent of this went to non-emergency development projects. The emergencies in countries like Haiti deserve an immediate response, but without longer-term diversified food production, conservation, and infrastructure projects, this crisis will only deepen, which is why this Congress mandated that no less than \$375 million a year be spent on these production, development, and security goals. The Farm Bill has implemented newer approaches, as well, including an authorization for a \$60 million pilot program for local and regional food purchases, avoiding deadly time lags in delivery and eliminating high transportation costs.

This crisis will not go away on its own, Madam Speaker, as every day more people are born into this world unable to eat. Let these programs in last week's Farm Bill be the launching-off point for our continued and deepened commitment to battling this crisis.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRISIS AND HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, rising food prices are fueling the global hunger crisis. The World Bank estimates that food prices have gone up by 83 percent globally over the last three years. This reality has hit home in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and oldest black sovereign state. It is sad to think of Haitians demonstrating and taking to the streets in order to call the world's attention to the fact ordinary people can not afford to buy food. As Haiti struggles to maintain its stability, rising food prices threaten the progress that has been made.

The recent removal of Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis is evident that Haiti's

political stability is in jeopardy. Also this month, 10 Senate seats in Haiti will be up for election. Originally scheduled for last fall, these elections had to be postponed after members of the country's electoral commission accused their leaders of embezzlement. In a country where political turnover has become the norm, President Préval's stability offers hope for Haiti. I urge the United States not to allow the current humanitarian crisis to become a political one as well.

Poverty is one of the greatest ills to plague mankind. Those who survive in poverty are under the constant threat of death. The debt forgiveness offered by the Jubilee Act will enable Haiti to address the issues of poverty, create opportunities for economic growth and establish sound governing practices. The Jubilee Act also promotes responsible development assistance by prioritizing grants over loans, which is an important measure to prevent poor nations from falling back into debt. Releasing Haiti from its onerous debt will allow the country to feed its own people and rebuild its struggling economy without the burden of diverting its scarce resources to fill the coffers of wealthy, multi-lateral financial institutions. The U.S. House of Representatives has gone on record supporting the immediate cancellation of Haiti's debt, it is now time for the President to make sure that this struggling nation is no longer held captive to its past and is put on a sustained path to development.

Haiti serves a wake up call to the potential looming global food crisis. It is taking an immense toll on the world's poorest people, who typically spend up to 80 percent of their income on food. After many years of working to end hunger and poverty, the United States and other developed nations must put forth bolder efforts to ensure progress is not lost in resolving global hunger.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

1. Project—Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) Clean-up at the Miamisburg Mound.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: DOE, Other.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg Mound.

Address of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg, OH.

Description of Request: \$10,000,000 is authorized for the Miamisburg Mound site in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miamisburg Mound site in Miamisburg, OH. The funding would be used by the Department of Energy for the Miamisburg Mound to complete the remaining clean up of Operable Unit I (OU-I).

2. Project—Integrated Electrical starter/Generator (IES/G).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,500,000 is authorized for an Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensor-less IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems.

3. Project—Security Forces Operations Facility.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, Mil Con.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,700,000 is authorized for a Security Forces Operations Facility in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base located at Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to house the operations of the 88th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron (88 SFS), which provides security and police services for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dearborn, MI.

Description of Request: \$6,300,000 is authorized for the Tactical Metal Fabrication System in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center in Dearborn, MI. The funding being requested will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System.

5. Project—Open Source Research Centers.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 is authorized for Open Source Research Centers in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the National Air and Space Intelligence Center located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. This funding will provide support to government agencies that are over-burdened with classified research requirements and do not have resources to meet the open source requirements. In addition, the program will support the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the Ohio Department of Homeland Security with Open Source Requirements as well as support Open Source requirements for the new Department of Defense Africa Command and the US State Department.

6. Project—Metals Affordability Initiative.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,000,000 is authorized for the Metals Affordability Initiative (MAI) in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. This funding will enable MAI to maintain leadership in the strategic aerospace metals industrial sector by using technology innovation to maintain global competitiveness while improving performance and increasing affordability of weapons systems.

A TRIBUTE TO KARL AND LINDA BENNETT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karl and Linda Bennett of Calabash, North Carolina, for their twelve years of service to the Calabash Fire Department as they plan to retire on June 30th. Mr. Bennett serves as the Calabash Fire Chief while his wife serves as Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary for the department.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bennett first settled in North Carolina twelve years ago, they were retiring from their positions as fire volunteers with the Ravena, New York Fire Department, where they met and eventually married. Gradually, however, they became involved in another full time profession with the Calabash Fire Department. Now, after twelve years of dedication, they are retiring from their posts and will serve simply on a voluntary basis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett truly are examples of enduring public service and hard work. I have worked with them through the years on several federal projects and programs to help the Calabash Fire Department, and I know personally the absolute devotion, admirable dedication, and awesome determination that they have demonstrated in their commitment. I stand today to express my appreciation for their active efforts to protect their fellow citizens. Madam Speaker, let us honor this couple's honorable dedication as their official service to the Town of Calabash comes to a close.

IN HONOR OF DEREK OLSON, FINALIST FOR MINNESOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Derek Olson of Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, a finalist for the prestigious Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. A sixth-grade teacher in the Stillwater School District, Mr. Olson's contributions to our children's education and our nation's future deserve the utmost recognition and respect.

Derek Olson is viewed by his peers as an innovator in his field, pushing the standards of learning for his students in ways that show he genuinely cares about each and every one of them. He is said to “really bring learning to life for kids,” and “likes to teach by example and experience,” rather than solely relying on a textbook.

Upon hearing the news of his nomination, Derek was hesitant to apply for not wanting to overshadow the great work of his colleagues. Derek went forward with the nomination in hopes that his recognition could bring to light the talent, commitment, and sacrifice of his fellow teachers in the district.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to stand today and honor Derek Olson’s selfless service and dedication to teaching America’s youth, our most valued treasure. I stand today and join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a long career of success and look forward to seeing all that he does with his God-given talents.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND THE
MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY
WAR SOLDIER PRIVATE MARTIN
MANEY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and the memory of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Martin Maney of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Each year on Memorial Day, our Nation honors the service and sacrifice of all veterans. On Saturday, May 17, 2008, in the Western North Carolina town of Barnardville, the memory of Private Martin Maney, a Revolutionary War Soldier, was honored by the dedication of an official Veterans Administration headstone. The unveiling ceremony was conducted by the Edward Buncombe Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Blue Ridge Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Private Martin Maney was a true American patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Knox in the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Foot. He fought in the Battles of White Plains, New York, Germantown, Pennsylvania, and Monmouth, New Jersey prior to being discharged at Valley Forge. Following his discharge, he enlisted with the North Carolina Militia where he provided personal security for North Carolina Generals who were receiving death threats from the Tories. Following his service, Private Martin Maney received the 294th Land Grant in North Carolina. He used that land to create a farm, where today the Maney cemetery exists and Private Maney has been laid to rest.

It is with great respect that I commend and remember this brave soldier who joined hands with countless other patriots to achieve American independence. I hope that today’s generation of young men and women will follow the shining example of patriotism and dedication to freedom modeled by Private Martin Maney and other Revolutionary War heroes.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SEC-
OND LIEUTENANT PETER H.
BURKS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand today to celebrate the life of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in defense of our Nation.

Second Lieutenant Peter H. Burks, 26, of Dallas, Texas, died November 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pete answered the call of service to his country in April of 2006 when he proudly enlisted in the United States Army. In October of that same year he was commissioned as an officer. Pete was no ordinary leader. He used his warm personality and keen sense of humor to inspire others. He received numerous awards, ribbons and medals, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Action Badge.

Pete’s parents have shared with my office correspondence which speaks volumes about the character of this fallen soldier. Last year he wrote to his mother, “Dad taught me how to reason, think logically and gave me a thirst for knowledge. You (Mom) gave me a fiery passion, a competitive streak, and most importantly, you taught me the importance of knowing the Lord.”

An excerpt from Pete’s emails to his fiancée, Melissa Haddad, includes the following: “I know that regardless of the circumstances, God is putting me EXACTLY where he wants me for the time being. I know that that is hard to swallow, but it is the truth . . . I will do my best and work to glorify God in all that I do. So long as I do that, I have accomplished the real mission that has been set out for me.”

Pete answered the call to duty, accomplished his missions to the best of his ability, and has now been called home to the Lord. He leaves behind his fiancée, Melissa Haddad; his mother Jackie Merck; father Alan and stepmother Laura Burks; sisters Ali, Sarah and Georgia Burks; brother Zac Burks; grandmother Irene Merck; grandfather Haskell Burks; other family members and a multitude of friends both within and outside the service.

Madam Speaker, Second Lieutenant Peter Burks was a true American hero. As we honor all of America’s fallen soldiers on this coming Memorial Day, let us pay tribute to this fine soldier and offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May God bless all those who serve in our Armed Forces and who defend our Nation around the globe, and may the memory of Peter Burks live forever in the hearts of all those who knew him and loved him.

IN HONOR OF AMIT ZUTSHI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Amit Zutshi, who passed

away on March 19, 2008 at the age of thirty. This young man enriched the many lives he touched.

Mr. Zutshi thrived as a student at the Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California. After receiving degrees in Information Technology and Business, he earned an MBA from University of Phoenix.

Mr. Zutshi worked for Microsoft and later worked with an e Commerce company in Santa Clara, California. He embodied the best of his generation. He felt it essential to help others. To honor Mr. Zutshi’s legacy, his family is starting the Amit Zutshi Foundation to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Amit Zutshi.

OPERATION EDUCATION

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, over 1,668,000 soldiers have been deployed in the service of our Nation in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 11. These veterans sacrificed every day for the well-being of our Nation. Whether they have seen active combat or not, all veterans share a common readiness to commit their all to the defense of the land they love. Their willingness to freely sacrifice their lives epitomizes what makes our country great. As a nation, we will always owe them a great debt.

Several months ago I attended a funeral at Arlington Cemetery. That day a 19-year-old soldier from Pennsylvania was laid to rest. He was in a Bradley fighting vehicle in Iraq when an insurgent threw a grenade down the turret.

It was reported that this soldier had time to get out of the vehicle before the grenade went off, and that is what he had been trained to do. Instead, he wrapped his body around the grenade as it went off, saving the lives of three other crew members.

In the Book of John 15:13 Jesus taught, “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” The young man laid to rest at Arlington that day lived an example of the love of Christ. He and countless other who had lived stories of bravery and heroism deserve our highest honor and praise. But so do all of our veterans.

That is why I was happy to recently see some developments back in my home State of Idaho that will greatly benefit the wounded warriors in my district. Through the hard work of many, including Karen White, the University of Idaho, located in Moscow, Idaho, recently launched a program known as Operation Education. The purpose of this program is to help veterans “severely and permanently wounded” as a result of their service to our Nation since September 11. Through the Operation Education Scholarship, the University of Idaho is able to offer financial support in areas from tuition and books to transportation and child care. They also offer internships and assist in job placement.

Education is one of the greatest commodities we can offer our Nation’s veterans. The skills they have learned in the Armed Forces

inevitably benefit them as they go on to future learning and higher education. Operation Education and other programs like it offer veterans the opportunity to continue pursuing their dreams and benefiting themselves, their families, and our Nation.

Not only is Operation Education open to disabled veterans, it is also available for the spouses of those veterans. Spouses of our soldiers are sometimes overlooked when we talk about the sacrifices that are made for our Nation. Those who stay at home while their spouses serve in faraway lands can sometimes do no more than pray and hope, trusting the fate of their loved ones to a higher power.

I am familiar with the experience of a young couple split up less than five months after being married when this young man was called to go to Iraq to train canines for the next nine months. Not only is that young Marine separated from his brand new bride, he will miss the birth of their baby in six months. He and his wife moved just weeks before he was called to Iraq, and she is left at home in a new area faced with the prospect of delivering her first child on her own. Neither this proud soldier nor his brave wife are unique in their situation, and other young military families have faced more dire circumstances. However, their situation epitomizes the sacrifices that our military families make—both those who serve in uniform abroad and those who serve less visibly in the home.

I honor those whose service in defending our Nation has required their lives. I have learned that it is the calling of some in our Nation's military to not come home. However, for those who do come home, the least we can do to show our respect for their service is to provide them with the opportunities they deserve. I commend the University of Idaho for making this program available, and I look forward to future developments that will bless the lives of our Nation's veterans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2366 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Provide an earmark of \$7.211 million for Project Number 57711 to construct a fire station at Fort Drum, New York. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Drum, located in Watertown, New York 13601. The funding will be used for military construction to help meet installation health and safety requirements.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O&M, Defense-wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization.

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Washington Street, Suite 302, Watertown, New York 13601.

Provide an earmark of \$800K for the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO). The funding will enable the organization, as part of the pilot program reauthorized and expanded in P.L. 110-181, to hire the necessary staff and conduct the required assessments.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trudeau Institute.

Address of Requesting Entity: 154 Algonquin Ave., Saranac Lake, New York 12983.

Provide an earmark of \$2 million for U.S. Navy Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Program. The funding will support the acceleration of studies of pandemic influenza vaccine research by developing and incorporating the use of bioinformatics (the use of techniques including mathematics, informatics, statistics) to solve biological problems associated with pandemic influenza vaccine and related issues.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clarkson University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 8 Clarkson Avenue, Potsdam, New York 13699.

Provide an earmark of \$2 million for nanostructured materials for Photovoltaic Applications. On a digital battlefield, scientific and technological superiority in land warfighting capability places a high premium on reliable and mobile communications systems. Lead acid batteries and diesel generators must yield photovoltaic (PV or solar cells) systems. Commercial and military efforts to achieve orders of magnitude increases in photovoltaic (PV or solar cells) device efficiency and decreases in cost have not been successful to date. This research project will develop novel PV technology (such as antireflective, antifouling and self-cleaning coatings for the solar cell applications) that will increase efficiency and reliability.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Broad Street, Kehoe 815, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.

Provide an earmark of \$1.6 million to study the use of drugs to reduce hearing loss following acute acoustic trauma. The project will study the viability of using pharmacologic agents to reduce the effects on hearing of an acute acoustic trauma such as that produced by blast exposure. SUNY Plattsburgh's Auditory Research Laboratory is one of the few laboratories in the U.S. dedicated to this type

of research. Acute blast exposure is a serious problem in current military operations, resulting in disability status for a large number of personnel. This project will provide an objective look at drugs that may reduce hearing loss.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Medical Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WelchAllyn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4341 State Street Road, Skaneateles Falls, New York 13152.

Provide an earmark of \$2.5 million for the Personal Status Monitor (Nightengale). The funding will enable WelchAllyn to further develop its smart sensing technologies which provide on-body sensing of physiologic parameters that can be relayed to a remote server by means of a series of wireless relay devices for notification in the case of critical or life threatening event. The research and development will provide DOD with mobile, wireless monitoring of patients and other personnel who would benefit from being monitored where traditional monitoring has not typically been used given high cost and weight of devices.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Syracuse Research Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7502 Round Pond Road, North Syracuse, New York 13212.

Provide an earmark of \$4 million for the Foliage Penetrating, Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Tracking and Engagement Radar (FORESTER). FORESTER is an airborne sensor system that provides standoff and persistent wide-area surveillance of dismounted troops and vehicles moving through foliage. Designed and developed to fly on the A160 Hummingbird unmanned helicopter, FORESTER is a one-of-a-kind technology providing the warfighter with all-weather, day-night target detection and tracking capability in real-time. The request will provide the funding necessary to transition FORESTER to the user community and apply the technology to additional platforms.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Magna Powertrain, USA, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6600 New Venture Gear Drive, E. Syracuse, New York 13057.

Provide an earmark of \$1.4 million for Torque-Vectoring Rollover Prevention Technology. With the use of commercially available vehicle simulation software, it has been demonstrated that torque vectoring technology applied to a Military HMMWV rear axle can result in preventing vehicle rollover incidents. This research and development project will demonstrate that commercially available torque-vectoring technology can contribute to safety, stability, and improved handling of the Army's Lightweight Tactical Vehicle Fleet.

CONGRATULATING THE PASCO
COUNTY LIBRARIES FOR OUT-
STANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker. I rise to congratulate the Pasco County Library System for being awarded the 2008 Library of the Year by the Florida Library Association. I would also like to recognize the Pasco County Library Cooperative for being one of a select number of library systems across the country to receive the We the People "Created Equal" Bookshelf from the National Endowment of the Humanities.

As a former college teacher, I know that there is no greater gift you can give than the ability to read and learn. It is exciting to see that libraries in Pasco County will receive this selection of "Created Equals" themed classic books and that the Pasco County System has been named the best library in Florida. Recognition by your industry group is quite an accomplishment and something that every employee in the system should be proud to have earned this year.

With the grant of books from the National Endowment of the Humanities, Pasco County children and adults of all ages can now have their eyes opened to the limitless ideas and dreams that can be found through reading and lifelong learning. Studies have consistently shown that children exposed to reading at an early age will perform better in school and throughout life.

Madam Speaker. It is truly an honor to have such outstanding libraries and library administrators in my district. The Pasco County Library System and the Pasco County Library Cooperative are to be commended for their commitment to learning and reading, and congratulated for the honors they have received.

HONORING DR. JAMES THOMSON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Thomson, a professor of anatomy in the University of Wisconsin's School of Medicine and Public Health, for the most recent accomplishments in his extraordinary scientific career.

Dr. Thomson is a world-renowned developmental biologist whose discoveries, in the words of Time Magazine, "have a potential that could be unlimited." Time recently named Dr. Thomson to its Top 100 list of the "World's Most Influential People." The honor is well deserved. A decade ago Dr. Thomson became the first person to isolate human embryonic stem cells and maintain them indefinitely in culture. As recognition for his discovery, he appeared on the cover of Time on August 20, 2001. Last year, in another breakthrough, Dr. Thomson developed a method for converting human skin cells to stem cells that appear to share similar properties to embryonic stem cells. At the same time, a professor at Japan's Kyoto University independently shared in the

breakthrough. Over the past decade, Dr. Thomson's work has opened new horizons in medicine and sparked new hopes for curing a vast spectrum of diseases.

Dr. Thomson's colleagues honored him last month by electing him a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences—one of America's most prestigious associations—which was founded in 1863 and charged by Abraham Lincoln with advising the country on scientific and technological issues. In this capacity he will continue to serve not only the scientific community, but the country as well.

This year, Dr. Thomson accepted an additional appointment as Director of Regenerative Biology at the Morgridge Institute for Research, the nonprofit side of the new Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery. He is the first member of the Morgridge Institute's multidisciplinary scientific leadership team and will continue his pioneering research at the Institute. In addition, Dr. Thomson is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dr. Thomson's latest achievements are in a long line of accolades, which include his receipt of the 2003 Frank Annunzio Award from the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, an independent Federal agency that gives the award to individuals who have improved the world through ingenuity and innovation. In 2005, Dr. Thomson was instrumental in the selection of the WiCell Research Institute—a private, nonprofit supporting organization of the University of Wisconsin-Madison—as the first National Stem Cell Bank. I was proud to join him in celebrating the announcement of that selection. As noted by the managing director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), Dr. Carl Gulbrandsen, Dr. Thomson "is really the reason why UW-Madison is the center of the universe for stem cell research."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. James Thomson for his extraordinary achievements. With a long career ahead, I wish him years of continued success, and I invite the Congress to join me in applauding him for his enormous contributions to developmental biology, which will shape the world and alleviate human suffering in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE
CRISISLINK HOTLINE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to support CrisisLink's efforts to save lives and prevent tragedies in the 8th Congressional District and throughout the National Capital Region. Their efforts to prevent suicide are worthy of recognition.

Since 1969, CrisisLink volunteers have provided invaluable, free, confidential crisis intervention services to anyone who calls their hotline. CrisisLink has played a major role in educating the community on how to recognize signs of depression and respond to the threats

of suicide. Last year, CrisisLink volunteers donated a total of 17,000 hours of their time, answered 30,000 calls, and saved the National Capital Region approximately 4 million dollars in ambulance, police, emergency room, and treatment costs for attempted suicides.

In addition to CrisisLink's regional hotline, volunteers also service the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, NSPL—1-800-273-TALK—and 1-800-SUICIDE. For NSPL, the help of Crisis Link volunteers is crucial. Answering calls to prevent tragedies are performed by volunteers and staff at CrisisLink as well as other independent crisis centers across the country.

It is a sad fact that 56 percent of all deaths in the U.S. are due to suicide. In comparison, homicides make up only 30 percent of all deaths. While distressing, these numbers would surely be higher if not for CrisisLink's volunteers who help individuals in a time of crisis, promote stabilization, and provide resources to empower people to help themselves. With 20 percent of suicides attributed to veterans and active duty military, crisis centers are working closely with the Department of Veteran's Affairs through the NSPL to answer calls from our service members in order to save lives and prevent tragedies.

I am very grateful to CrisisLink's current and former volunteers for all they do to serve the residents of Virginia's 8th District and our region. They are available 7 days a week, 365 days a year to help people when it is most desperately needed and there is nowhere else to turn. These volunteers give their time so that others may have the gift of time—time to survive a crisis, time to heal, time to live. I laud the efforts of these dedicated volunteers and thank CrisisLink for providing such a vital service to our community.

LAMAR MEN'S BASKETBALL
OUTSTANDING 2007-2008 SEASON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, during the 1970's and 80s the Lamar University Cardinals dominated Southland Conference basketball, at one point putting together 80 straight home wins, which is still the 7th longest home winning streak in NCAA history.

Lamar men's basketball continued this winning tradition with an outstanding 2007-2008 season. Led by first team all-conference performers Kenny Dawkins and Lamar Sanders, and All-Conference Honorable mention Darren Hopkins, Lamar Men's Basketball team and their coach Steve Roccaforte posted a 19-11 record. Earning its 12th conference title and first since the 1982-83 season. Coach Roccaforte guided the Cardinals to the title in only his second year at the helm, which ties him with legendary Lamar coach Billy Tubbs as fastest to conference championship in school history.

The effort and resilience shown by the Lamar Men's Basketball team and staff has been nothing short of tremendous. In a season that did not start as planned, the Cardinals never gave in. Lamar started the season with a disappointing 1-5 record; however, the self-confident Cardinals turned their season around. Coach Roccaforte said the turning

point in their season was a narrow two point loss to Big 12 conference power Texas Tech. With renewed confidence the Cardinals went on a tear winning 13 out of their next 14 games, propelling them to the regular season conference title.

On behalf of the entire Second Congressional District of Texas I would like to commend Lamar University Men's Basketball team hard fought season and congratulate them on a well deserved Conference Title.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM McCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM McCRERY (LA-04).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, FY2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

Account: Research and Development, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Distributed Infinity, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1382 Quartz Mountain Drive, Larkspur, CO 80118.

Description of Request: This \$3M authorization authorizes appropriations for continued research and development of the Cybercraft initiative, a cyber security utility that will ensure secure communications between warfighters over computer networks. Research is presently underway on Cybercraft at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome NY. Project is supported by the Air Force Cyberspace Command (P), Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, LA.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 5658: Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE #0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Battle Command Battle Lab, Mr. Jason Denno, Deputy Director, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The Constant Look system is a prototype biometric sensing capability developed for the U.S. Army to support MOUT (military operations in urbanized terrain). Its unique stand-off capability gives users an ability to support surveillance and special operations remotely. User comments from several demonstration tests included requests for enhancements to improve usability and extend the capability of the system in terms of what can be collected. The Constant Look Operational Support Environment (CLOSE) will provide that additional functionality by leveraging several proven off-the-shelf technologies—a stand-off digital col-

lection system and additional digital signal processing (DSP) to extract other types of biometric signatures.

The U.S. Army's ISR Battle Command Battle Lab at Fort Huachuca (BCBL-H)—responding to user requests—has developed and tested a stand-off biometric sensor system that allows traditional and special operations units to conduct surveillance and identify potential hostiles from a safe distance with a low probability of detection. To date, the majority of the effort on Constant Look has focused on the core collection system technology and the user interface has not kept pace with available commercial technology. CLOSE will remedy that by leveraging millions of dollars in commercial investment and integrating that investment into the Constant Look baseline.

CLOSE will provide CL users with a rapid capability to collect and model surveillance target facilities, including ingress and egress, from the same stand-off range as the CL collection system itself. Secondly, it will extend the DSP capability resident within the CL baseline to extract other types of Indications and Warning (I&W) data.

Description of matching funds: Not applicable.

Authorized Amount: \$4,000,000.

Project Name: Constant Look Operational Support Environment (CLOSE).

Funding Source: Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE #0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Detailed Financial Plan for Earmark: \$200,000, System Engineering; \$500,000, Immersive Camera System; \$900,000, Interior Tactical Blue Force Tracking, Sense-Thru-The-Wall Radar; \$1,500,000, Improvements; \$650,000, Biometric Databasing; \$250,000, Training, Testing, Delivery. Total: \$4,000,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for two project authorization requests that I made and which were included within the text of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$6,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Edwards Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., Edwards AFB, CA, USA.

Description of Request: This funding would complete construction of the main base runway at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. The funding will be used to complete paved shoulders on the runway and account for extra costs in the overall runway replacement project from items such as the stabilization of over 41,000 cubic yards of both unsuitable and unstable soil.

The main base runway, which supports almost every flight operation at Edwards Air

Force Base, as well as space shuttle landings when necessary, is over 50 years old and is rapidly degrading as a result of Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), a reaction between the cement and the aggregate that creates map cracking, scaling and spalling of the concrete. Emergency Foreign Object Damage (FOD) repairs have forced runway closures affecting 10 to 15 flights for each closure. No other runways at Edwards AFB can safely support the current and projected test operations without significant test mission delays, and temporary relocation of these missions is not feasible; however, many of the current and planned test missions can be supported by a temporary runway.

This project was programmed by the Air Force in 2003 for FY06, and was incrementally funded over 3 years (FY06, FY07 and FY08). After the project was programmed, the cost of construction materials escalated dramatically, eliminating all management reserve and resulting in a reduction in the planned scope of the project. Providing the final \$6,000,000 in FY09 will complete the project as originally scoped, avoid contractor demobilization and remobilization, and avoid reconstitution of the temporary runway to support this work, saving the government over \$4,000,000 in cost avoidance on the temporary runway alone.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$3,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aerojet-General Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 13222, Sacramento, CA 95813-6000, USA

Description of Request: This funding authorization will be used to return the Hydrocarbon Boost Technology Demonstrator program to its initial programmed funding level. This critical, next-generation liquid rocket engine development effort run by the Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards Air Force Base will not only provide the highest performing hydrocarbon engines ever developed in the United States, but also will provide higher operability, lower costs and greater safety with higher reliability than any liquid booster engine ever made in the U.S. and perhaps the world. A match is not required for defense research projects, but I was informed that during the past eight years, Aerojet has invested approximately \$30 million in internal research and development funding on this technology and intends continued support in FY09.

FORMAL DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs.

Address of Requesting Entity: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$7.836 million to complete construction of the Readiness Center Phase 3—London Joint Support Operations Center located in Laurel County, Kentucky. Of this amount, \$646,200 is scheduled for design cost and \$208,000 is for supervision, inspection, and overhead costs. This third and final phase of construction will include administrative space, aircraft hangar space, and paving for hangar aprons, taxi ways, and aircraft parking. Aircraft will include various fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, OH-58s, UH-60s, and a C-130. The project is required to fully house the Joint Support Operations equipment and personnel in one facility located in the vicinity of operations. Currently the operation is spread over several facilities approximately 100 miles apart. At the conclusion of this project, the unit will be able to respond quicker and in a much more efficient manner which will allow a greater return on investment funds spent on the operation.

HONORING WALLACE CARDEN,
WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
SURVIVOR OF THE NAZI BERGA
POW CAMP

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, on Memorial Day 2008, let us take time to reflect on the courage and indomitable will of a special group of World War II veterans: the survivors of the Berga POW camp.

Wallace Carden of Vestavia Hills in Alabama's Sixth District was one of the soldiers imprisoned in a cruel camp that simultaneously showed the worst of man's inhumanity—and the transcendent ability of the human spirit to endure and ultimately triumph.

Berga was a German concentration camp. Three hundred and fifty American soldiers were sent there after being captured during the Battle of the Bulge. Some were exiled there because they were Jewish. Wallace Carden, then just 19 years old, was detained simply because Nazi officers thought he looked Jewish.

The soldiers were ill-fed, heavily worked, and badly beaten; some were even killed. By day, they were forced to dig underground tunnels for weapons factories; by night, they shivered in squalid conditions, emaciated from hunger. But confronted with such inhumanity, these American soldiers persevered. They gave each other support, equally shared what little food they had, held faith in their country and God, and never allowed their spirit to be consumed by the evil and hate surrounding them.

Though physically separated from their brothers on the battlefield, the Berga soldiers honored America with their determination and will to survive. In the decades since, Wallace Carden and his fellow soldiers have provided important personal testimonials about Nazi brutality and prejudice, so that succeeding generations never forget the Holocaust and fully appreciate what it took for freedom to triumph during World War II.

Congressional Resolution H. Res. 883 rightly recognizes the service and sacrifice of the U.S. soldiers imprisoned at Berga, and I am a

proud cosponsor. Their story is an integral part of the history of World War II, and their conduct under the most extreme and trying conditions an enormous credit to themselves and their country.

For my part, I want to thank Wallace Carden for his service to his community and country. Alabama is proud of him, and it is appropriate that on this Memorial Day recognition is being bestowed on Mr. Carden as well as an entire group of American soldiers whose soaring spirit should continue to inspire all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was not present on May 20, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall No. 331, rollcall No. 332, rollcall No. 333, rollcall No. 334, rollcall No. 335, rollcall No. 336, rollcall No. 337.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
AMENDING THE FEDERAL CHAR-
TER OF THE GOLD STAR WIVES

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will amend the Federal charter of the Gold Star Wives of America to allow their officers to fully participate in the legislative process. This is a change that is long overdue and releases these advocates from the unnecessary and likely unconstitutional restraints in their charter.

The Gold Star Wives have a long and storied history of advocacy on behalf of the families of our Nation's fallen heroes. From World War II through today's current conflicts, these military widows and widowers have shaped the perception we have about families' struggle after the death of a loved one in military service. In doing so, they have risen from humble beginnings to become a force on Capitol Hill. Today there are more than 60 chapters nationwide that count more than 10,000 widows and widowers as their members.

The Gold Star Wives are hardly an idle group, winning key legislative victories to reinstate benefits for those whose second spouses have died, and improve medical and education benefits for survivors. They have consistently fought for and won increases in dependency and indemnity compensation affecting over 300,000 survivors who depend on that benefit.

It is toward the aim of helping the Gold Star Wives maintain their voice in Congress that I am introducing new legislation today that will allow all of the Gold Star Wives to freely advocate for the legislative matters that are most important to them.

When the Federal charter for the Gold Star Wives was drafted in 1980, it included a broad prohibition that none of the officers of the organization could influence any legislation in

any manner. Since the Gold Star Wives rely on the volunteer work of its board and officers, the prohibition particularly hurts their advocacy on behalf of military families.

Other patriotic and national organizations—such as AMVETS, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart—do not share this unusual restriction. I believe that this provision in the Gold Star Wives Federal charter is punitive, not practically enforceable and potentially an unconstitutional infringement upon the freedom to petition the Government. My legislation solution is simple—it will strike this single restriction from the Gold Star Wives Federal charter.

Madam Speaker, the Gold Star Wives is a top-notch organization that effectively advocates on behalf of military families. It is my intention that Congress pass this commonsense change to their charter and relieve the Gold Star Wives from this unnecessary and unconstitutional burden.

HONORING JOSEPH J. WALTERS
OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joseph K. Walters, a constituent from Brooksville, Florida, who served with honor and distinction during World War II. It was during an aerial battle over Belgium in 1943 that Mr. Walters' plane was shot down, and he was forced to parachute into enemy territory. As a result of the landing and damage from the plane, Mr. Walters was wounded in battle, suffering a broken arm and earning him his Purple Heart.

On the morning of August 17, 1943, SSG Joe Walters, a ball turret gunner on a B-17 bomber in the European campaign of World War II, had already flown 14 missions into enemy territory. This morning's mission was to bomb German ball bearing plants. Once the squadron took flight, they came under fierce attack from enemy gunners. Thankfully they were able to drop their bombs on the targets, but on the return flight to England came under attack and all 10 men in his airplane were forced to bail out.

Landing in a fruit orchard in Boris, Belgium, Mr. Walters was helped by local farmer Lambert Tilkin and his son, men who were part of the underground resistance and who were able to get Mr. Walters to safety. It was during this parachute landing that Mr. Walters suffered his broken arm. Thankfully his arm healed during the 109-day journey back to England, a journey that had him walking through France, over the Pyrenees and through Spain.

In addition to his Purple Heart, Mr. Walters has received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the World War II Victory Medal, The American Campaign Medal, The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, The Army Good Conduct Medal and the Honorable Lapel Button.

Madam Speaker, soldiers like Joseph J. Walters should be recognized for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present

Mr. Walters with his long overdue Purple Heart. He should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

CONGRATULATING STAFF SERGEANT MICHAEL BROUSSARD AND STAFF SERGEANT SHAYNE CHERRY

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate SSG Michael Broussard and SSG Shayne Cherry, winners of the 2008 Best Ranger Competition, a rigorous contest at Fort Benning, GA, between elite two-man teams.

Broussard and Cherry won a home-court victory, as they hail from Benning's 75th Ranger Regiment.

The Best Ranger Competition started out as a contest between the best two-man teams at Fort Benning in the early 1980s but quickly expanded Army-wide. It easily rates as one of the toughest, most physically demanding competitions in the world. Contestants endure extreme demands of their physical, mental and technical abilities as Rangers, and they must deliver at levels that far exceed the expectations of average soldiers.

Today, the competition pits the best of the best against each other. It's an honor to simply win a spot in the contest, making Broussard and Cherry's accomplishment all the more extraordinary. The event lasts 3 days and teams face elimination unless they complete all events, which include marksmanship, climbing a 60-foot rope and long, wet hikes. It's easy to see why of the 28 teams that entered only 16 finished all courses.

The pair took an early lead on the first day and never trailed again. Army Chief of Staff George Casey was on hand at Fort Benning to congratulate the winners.

Casey had high praise for all involved: "The men that have been through this competition . . . are a fitting example of what this Army stands for—about discipline, about mental and physical agility, about strength and about the warrior ethos."

Both SSG Broussard and SSG Cherry have been awarded many medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Award and many others.

Broussard, from Brentwood, CA, joined the service after high school in 2001. He has served two tours in Afghanistan and two tours in Iraq. He is working on his master's degree and plans to become a physician assistant after his military career. Broussard had competed in the Best Ranger Competition twice before.

Cherry, from Monroe, NE, has served since 2001 and has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan seven times. He and his wife Amanda have two children.

"We said to each other . . . we're doing this to win. Period," Broussard told the Army Times. "Everything just sort of clicked for us."

Sergeant Broussard and Sergeant Cherry have dedicated their lives to the service of this Nation and have dedicated years of their lives to fighting on the front lines of the war on ter-

rorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. With a combination of hard work, dedication and talent, they have proven on the field of battle and on the field of competition that they rank amongst the best soldiers in the U.S. Army—the greatest fighting force in the history of the world.

Madam Speaker, I call on the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and the people of Georgia's 3rd Congressional District in honoring the service and applauding the stellar achievements of Sergeant Michael Broussard and Sergeant Shayne Cherry. They are a tribute to Fort Benning, the U.S. Army Rangers, and the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the city of Laguna Niguel, located within the 48th Congressional District of California, for recently formalizing its Sister Cities Agreement with Al Qa'im, Iraq. This is the tenth Sister City relationship to be established between United States and Iraqi jurisdictions, and I see this as a clear sign to the people of Iraq that citizen volunteers within communities like Laguna Niguel stand beside them in their time of building a free and prosperous society.

The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower back in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and cultural understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact. The partnership between Laguna Niguel and Al Qa'im will be for the purpose of exploring and implementing mutually beneficial programs in the areas of government and business information exchange, health, education, cultural arts, and sports.

As a preliminary first gesture, the city of Laguna Niguel's Military Support Committee sent hundreds of soccer balls, uniforms and pumps to Al Qa'im to help the Marines deployed there build relations with the local citizens. According to their commanding officer, the city played an extremely important role in assisting the Marines in accomplishing their mission.

This is just an early indicator of many great things to come as the activities of their mutual cooperation agreement unfold. Mayor Farhan Tekan Farhan of Al Qa'im was recently quoted in Marine Corps News, saying that "this is a great occasion for Al Qa'im, and God willing, this relationship will prove to be a promising one."

I especially want to thank the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, led by LTC Jason Bohm, for initiating the program with Laguna Niguel and Al Qa'im, and the recently deployed Task Force 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, led by LTC Peter B. Baumgarten, for facilitating the official signing for the Sister City Program. I look forward to hearing and telling more about many other good things to come from this innovative program over the months and years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JON C. PORTER.

Bill Number: HR 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act.

Account: Procurement of Aircraft, Air Force (APAF).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alliant Techsystems, LLC (Nevada Air National Guard).

Address of Requesting Entity: ATK Integrated Systems, 236 Citation Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76106.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$5,000,000 to upgrade the Podded Reconnaissance System, also known as Scathe View, on the C-130H to provide ground and air forces critical real-time intelligence for domestic disaster relief operations and war fighter requirements. The Scathe View System has served as an important component of the Nevada Air National Guard in support of Homeland Defense and natural disaster missions. Specifically, \$1.7 million will provide for 2 additional Reconnaissance Pallets and \$3.3 million for the addition of a Tactical Information data link to provide near real-time multi-sensor, multi-source situational awareness and threat warning information broadcast to the war fighter in a common, readily understood format, all in sufficient time to permit action. Funding of Scathe View integration is critical to provide ACC with a tactical EO/IR surveillance and targeting capability can capitalize on years of investment in Group A modifications to the aircraft, mission systems and training. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air Force's Aircraft Modifications: C-130H account. This is the last year funding will be needed to complete the program, as the 2 additional pallet upgrades would complete the Katrina modifications for 2 additional aircraft, for a total of 6 of 8 aircraft and add the Tactical Information data link to all 8 aircraft.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION'S HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND MUSEUM PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to support H. Con. Res. 325, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958.

In 1958, the State of Michigan granted authority to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission to restore and interpret Fort Mackinac and other historical properties at the Straits of Mackinac.

The Mackinac State Historic Parks complex is one of the most successful historic site complexes in North America. The Mackinac Island State Park Commission helps bring tourism to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and aids the local economy. This resolution commemorates the restoration and opening of Fort Mackinac to the public in 1958.

As a native Michigander, I have always enjoyed the beautiful and abundant natural resource that is Mackinac Island. All of my visits to Mackinac Island have been rewarding and fulfilling.

I join my fellow colleagues, in honoring the accomplishments and creation of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, and to commemorate the 50th anniversary by supporting this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cytec Carbon Fibers LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7139 Augusta Road, Piedmont, South Carolina 29673.

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$3,000,000 to conduct research and development aimed at producing a domestic source of cost effective, high performance carbon fiber used to manufacture efficient manned and unmanned air and space vehicles for the military. Approximately, \$250,000 (8%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through modified polymer chemistry; \$200,000 (7%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through carbon fiber surface science for improved property translation in composites; \$250,000 (8%) to produce (pilot scale) and test 12k versions of phase I defined advanced PAN-based carbon fibers; \$200,000 (7%) to establish testing protocols with Greenville and York Technical Colleges; \$350,000 (12%) to generate meaningful preliminary composite data for use by target program managers; \$150,000 (5%) to establish training parameters for manufacturing and use of high performance carbon fibers; \$300,000 (10%) to begin scale-up of production/commercial capability; \$350,000 (12%) to produce multiple production-scale carbon fiber lots of selected 12k versions of advanced fibers; \$600,000 (20%) to initiate qualification/design allowable database test programs based on key military applications, and \$350,000 (12%) for Air Force Research Laboratory project management.

In an effort to reduce the Department of Defense's fossil fuel dependence, the DoD has recently given significant attention to lightweighting manned and unmanned ground

and air vehicles through advanced materials, such as composite structures, which are currently only available from foreign suppliers. The military has demonstrated a need for access to a lower cost domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Cytec Carbon Fibers will provide a domestic solution and utilize its carbon fiber expertise to develop and manufacture high performance carbon fibers in its Greenville, South Carolina plant to be used for military applications including J-UCAS, UCAR, Global Hawk, Predator, F-18 E/F, JSF and V-22 as well as missile and satellite components. The ultimate goal would be for Cytec to work with local technical colleges, such as Greenville and York Technical Colleges to establish a knowledge base on the manufacturing, testing, repair and efficient use of advanced composite materials. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials Account. Since 2006, Cytec Carbon Fibers has invested \$7 million to upgrade its R&D facilities and pilot plan capabilities.

HONORING STEVE L. BUTTS OF HERNANDO, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Steve L. Butts, a veteran from Hernando, Florida who has recently been recognized with the Saint Martin Award, a tribute given under the authority of the U.S. Army Quartermaster General.

At the age of 17, Mr. Butts enlisted in the Army, and was sent to Quartermaster School in Ft. Lee, Virginia, eventually rising to the rank of sergeant. Assigned to the 1st LOG Command in Vietnam during 1969, Sgt Butts then served with the 2nd LOG Command in Okinawa in 1970. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Butts was appointed to warrant officer and was commissioned at West Point Academy. In addition to his service in Panama, Germany, Italy, France, England, Ireland, Turkey, Afghanistan, Korea, Japan, Spain, Netherlands and Greenland, Mr. Butts was sent to Lockerbie, Scotland as part of the team investigating the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103, for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal 5th OLC.

For his two decades of service to the Army Quartermasters, Mr. Butts was recently honored with the Saint Martin Award for distinguished service to the military. Martin was a Roman soldier who served during the time of Emperor Constantine and who during a campaign in Gaul kindly gave half of his warm cloak to a beggar who had been ignored by the rest of his troops. That evening Martin was visited by the Lord, who praised him for his kindness toward the poor beggar. Today, Saint Martin serves as the patron saint of the Quartermaster Regiment and lends his name to the award recently bestowed upon Steve Butts for his lifetime of service to the Army Quartermasters. The award recognized not just his years of military service, but also his continued commitment to the men and women

who serve today in the Army Quartermaster units throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, it is veterans like Steve Butts who have served our Nation with honor and distinction and who deserve our praise and recognition. Completing his service and retiring from the Army, Mr. Butts continued to work with the Quartermaster regiments around the world, serving as an example for all men and women seeking to serve our great Nation. I congratulate Steve on his well deserved recognition and hope that he continues his service to the Quartermasters for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 331 through No. 337. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 331 on H.R. 6081, The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 332, on H.R. 6074, Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 333, on H. Res. 1144. Expressing support for designation of a "Frank Sinatra Day" on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 334, on Adjournment Resolution, Providing for the Memorial Day Recess, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 335, on H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare candidis, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 336, on H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 337, on H.R. 2744, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act, I would have voted "aye."

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PILGRIM VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The church, which was organized in 1908 in a three-room house by Reverend James Hardeman, has grown and become a candescent light in the community.

The congregation, which was originally located on Orr Street, has several times outgrown their buildings and therefore several moves have been required. The church is now located on South Riverside Drive. For years,

Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church has had an open-door policy towards the entire community, which has surely led to its continual growth in membership.

The church has been a cornerstone of the African-American community, providing a comprehensive drug abuse prevention program called Pilgrim Valley People Against Drugs, or PAD. The church has also provided sustenance for the needy, mentoring programs for the local children of the community, clothing giveaways, and college scholarships to its members seeking higher education.

Through the difficult times and the good times, Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church has always been a welcoming home for many in Fort Worth. Those who sacrifice their own needs for others are of the utmost moral excellence, and this church and its congregation are the epitome of selfless.

Madam Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church and their continual outreach towards the community. I would also like to thank the recently retired Reverend W. G. Daniels for his 36-year devotion and service to the church. It is an honor to represent such a civic minded organization and individuals the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

CELEBRATING THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF HIS EXCELLENCE NECHIRVAN BARZANI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome to Washington and to the U.S. Congress a close friend of the United States, Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq.

On the occasion of this important visit, I am also pleased that Congressman JOE WILSON of South Carolina has joined me to serve as co-chair and co-founder of the Kurdish-American Caucus.

America has no better friend in Iraq than Prime Minister Barzani and the country's Kurdish population. The Kurds have been among America's best allies in the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime and in supporting the transition to a democratic Iraq. Kurdish forces fight and die alongside U.S. troops in support of our mission in Iraq and are unambiguously grateful for America's many sacrifices in Iraq. They welcome a continued military presence in the Kurdistan Region as part of any redeployment of U.S. forces in the future, and offer their sincere friendship in the peace process. The Kurds are a model of stability and moderation in Iraq and have set themselves apart from the bloody sectarianism and factionalism that bedevils the political establishment in Baghdad today.

For those of my colleagues who have not visited the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, I would urge you to do so. My visit to Erbil earlier this year was an extraordinary lesson in how democracy can flourish in the Middle East. It is economically vibrant, peaceful and secure,

and pro-American. The Kurdistan Regional Government has seized the opportunity of liberation from Saddam Hussein to establish a government that is both a model for Iraq and a gateway to the rest of the country. This is not to say that there are no challenges ahead. However, with the inspired leadership of Prime Minister Barzani and his colleagues in the region, and his excellent representative in Washington, I am confident of a bright future. I invite my colleagues to join me in the Kurdish-American Caucus and to visit the Kurdistan Region of Iraq so they, too, can see how the ideals of a free and peaceful people can succeed even in war-torn nations of the Middle East.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, FY2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

Account: Research and Development, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Air Force Cyberspace Command (Provisional) which will administer funds to Louisiana Tech University, Ruston LA.

Address of Requesting Entity: Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City LA/Louisiana Tech University, Railroad Ave, Wylly Tower 1629, Ruston, LA 71272.

Description of Request: This \$4M authorization authorizes appropriations for continued research and development of the Remote Suspect Identification (RSI) initiative, a cyber security program that directly supports the Air Force's Cyberspace Command (Provisional) and the Eighth Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA. Funding will be utilized exclusively for research and development costs and well as associated administrative costs.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN E. TACKETT WEST VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to give my congratulations to the West Virginia Army National Guard, under Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett, for being the special category winner of the Army Chief of Staff Army Communities of Excellence.

The ACOE Awards are presented every year to recognize excellence in performance for installation management. The award recognizes installation improvement, innovation, groundbreaking initiatives, and dedication to efficiency, and effectiveness. The award also acknowledges support to soldiers, non-military employees, veterans, and military families who reside on Army installations.

The West Virginia Army National Guard, which has 32 units, is currently supporting

missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. It has been rated number one in readiness for the past 11 years.

The West Virginia Army National Guard has proven itself to be an elite, efficient military force. I am so proud that they have won recognition for their outstanding performance. Among their peer installations they have gained notoriety for their work in defending the homeland, and serving the American people at home and abroad.

I want to take this opportunity to thank and honor my fellow West Virginians who serve in the Army National Guard as well as all branches of the military. Their bravery and sacrifice exemplifies the best our country has to offer.

I encourage them to continue their hard work and am confident that they will continue to impress our Nation.

CLAY WALKER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it has been said that a real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune. Country music superstar Clay Walker has heard sour notes in his life before, but like a real leader he has stood strong and fought for what he believes is right. Because of his tireless dedication to fighting and finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis he has earned the title of Artist Humanitarian of the Year for 2008 by the Country Radio Broadcasters.

Clay was born in Beaumont, TX, where country music is king. He was given his first guitar at the age of 9. Only 7 short years later, he walked up to a local radio station with a tape of a song that he had written himself. The station went against its own policy of not playing self-submitted tapes because, as the DJ announced, it was "too good to pass up." After graduating high school he went on a tour of Texas and took a job as the house singer in a local bar where he was discovered by a record producer from a major label. The rest, as they say, is history. Walker has released 10 albums, with 4 having been certified platinum and two certified gold. He has placed more than 30 singles on the charts, including 6 number 1s.

Walker's musical career hit some unexpected turbulence in 1996 when he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, the leading cause of non-traumatic disability in young people throughout the world. Despite dealing with occasional side effects like tiredness and tingling in his hands, Clay has been able to live, work, and maintain his quality of life through daily treatments and a healthy lifestyle. He knows that everyone diagnosed with MS can not enjoy those comforts. So in 2003 he formed the Band Against MS Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to provide encouragement and education to those living with MS while also raising money to help find a cure for the disease. They have raised over a million dollars to fund research. He has also worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House, and Habitat for Humanity, among other charities. Walker was recently recognized for his selfless commitment

to helping others by the Country Radio Broadcasters as he was named their Humanitarian of the Year for 2008. He joins other recipients such as Garth Brooks, Vince Neil, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, and Reba McEntire.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I applaud my personal friend Clay Walker on his outstanding achievements. He personifies the spirit of Texas and Texas country music. He has faced the music and has tried to make the world a better to place to live, for those affected by MS and for those without.

And that's the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Provision: Title I APA line 020.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army National Guard Readiness Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 S. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA, 22204.

Description of Request: The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter is an essential capability of the National Guard. It provides units in every state with a multi-mission aircraft for search and rescue, utility lift, disaster relief and medical evacuation. The Army National Guard (ARNG) is authorized 782 Black Hawk aircraft, but is short of this authorization by almost 100 aircraft. This shortage requires ARNG units to loan or transfer Black Hawks in support deployments, training or state missions, resulting in a higher usage rate of available airframes. Additionally, more than 500 of the 782 National Guard aircraft are older UH-60A models, with an average age of approximately 25 years. The Army is procuring over 1200 UH-60M Black Hawks for utility, special operations and MEDEVAC missions to replace the aging UH-60A from operational units by 2016. The Army acquired 33 UH-60M Black Hawks by the end of FY07, and from FY09 to FY13, the Army plans to procure an additional 300 UH-60M Black Hawks (70 of those aircraft are programmed for ARNG units). However, without an accelerated procurement of the UH-60M, the Army National Guard will be operating more than 400 UH-60A helicopters beyond 2020. The ARNG and the Active Army developed a program to support the continued modernization of the ARNG Black Hawk fleet. Unfortunately, this program is not fully funded. The ARNG plan is to accelerate the fielding of UH-60M Black Hawks by 10 aircraft per year. Although the Active Army has programmed UH-60A recapitalization for the ARNG with Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds, which includes an airframe life extension, fleet-wide product improvements and the replacement of components, the UH-60A to L upgrade is not funded. The UH-60L Black Hawk is more economical to operate and has 1000 lbs of additional lift than the UH-60A.

The desired rate of UH-60 A to L upgrades is 38 per year. Funding the UH-60A to L upgrade will significantly improve the Black Hawk fleet, and assure that ARNG units are ready, deployable, and available to protect our national interests both abroad and at home. This ARNG aviation initiative has been identified by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB) as FY09 "Essential 10-Top 25" unfunded priorities.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Provision: Title II, RDA 0602720A line 22.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mezzo Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 716 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Description of Request: This is an Environmental Quality Technology initiative in the Pollution Prevention category that will address the Army's Unfunded need for additional CBRN soldier protection. The program will develop and test critical components for an Integrated ECS/CARS. Current chemical, biological, radiation, and nuclear (CBRN) air filtration systems rely on carbon filters to remove harmful agents from air being used to ventilate armored military vehicles. The program will provide the following benefits to the military: increased CBRN soldier protection; reduced operation and support costs over traditional filtration systems; reduced logistical burden associated with replacement of filters; and reduced dependence on global warming refrigerants.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Provision: Title II, RDA 0602787A line 26.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1505 Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA 71103.

Description of Request: The Biomedical Research Foundation in collaboration with Embera Neuro Therapeutics, Inc. are seeking federal assistance to develop a collaborative research plan with the Department of Defense to test the effectiveness of EMB 001 for treatment of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and related neuropsychiatric disorders. EMB 001 is a novel treatment for drug addictions as it is the only emerging drug that reduces the cravings of the addict for the drug; thus, works to cure the addiction through decreased need. It does this by diminishing the effects of the environmental cues that trigger the cravings for the drug in the brain that cause drug use or relapse to drug use. While most other medicines designed to treat drug and alcohol addictions typically only target the limbic system of the brain, Embera's approach targets the prefrontal cortex, which is a higher cognitive center than the limbic system. Embera's lead therapeutic patent-pending drug, EMB 001, developed by Dr. Goeders, is a novel composition of two off-patent, FDA-approved drugs with a long history of use and an established safety profile. Dr. Goeders, currently serves as the Head of Pharmacology and Director, Stress and the Neurobiology of Drug and Alcohol Dependence Training Program at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Provision: Title II, RDAF 0301555F line 4.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Cyberspace Command Louisiana Tech University.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 10348, Ruston, LA 71272.

Description of Request: "UNCLASSIFIED DESCRIPTION" Remote Suspect Identification (RSI) is a novel technology that uses mathematical models for identity verification over electronic networks. Aspects of this work have been commercialized in the private sector. Building upon recent collaborative successes with Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana, the Air Force has expressed strong interest in further development of the algorithms and associated software for military applications. This project will enhance the Air Force's capability to capitalize upon innovations from Louisiana Tech University's Cyber Research Laboratory, where ongoing research is helping to support the goals of the Air Force's Cyberspace Command (AFCYBER) at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, LA. This important Air Force initiative, driven by research at Louisiana Tech, has already benefited from valuable research expertise from the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate (Rome, NY), Sandia National Laboratories, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Provision: Title III, OMDW ba04-0100d line 260.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National World War II Museum.

Address of Requesting Entity: 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Description of Request: This request would provide a one-time permanent \$50 million authorization, subject to appropriations, for the National WW II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. On June 6, 2000, the National D-Day Museum opened in New Orleans. On December 7, 2001, the Pacific Wing of the Museum opened.

The National D-Day Museum was officially designated by the U.S. Congress as "America's National World War II Museum" in the final Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 108-87, Section 8134). A key reason for this national designation is clearly spelled out in the second Congressional finding of Section 8134 that "The National World War II Museum is the only museum in the United States that exists for the exclusive purpose of interpreting the American experience during the World War II years (1939-1945) on both the battlefield and the homefront and, in doing so, covers all of the branches of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine."

Approximately \$33 million in state funds and another \$40 million in private funds already available and pledged in matching state/local/private funding for other Pavilions of the WWII Museum. It is planned that a total of \$240 million in non-Federal support will match any future Federal appropriations. The State of Louisiana, which has already appropriated \$33 million towards the Federal \$50m authorization request, has also pledged to match dollar for dollar up to the total amount of the Federal Authorization, (the entire Federal million Authorization) if it is approved by Congress.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Authorized Amount: \$4,000,000.

Project Name: Combat Casualty Equipment Upgrade Program.

MN: Navy.

Funding Source: Procurement, Marine Corps.

PE Number: 0.

Line Number: 050.

Legal Name and Address Receiving Earmark: North American Rescue Products, 481 Garlington Road, Suite A, Greenville, SC 29615-4619.

Description of how money will be spent and why use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Provide Congressionally directed spending of \$4,000,000 to greatly improve field medical equipment that meets the stringent requirements of today's counter-insurgency combat operations and littoral warfare. Program objectives and value to the DoD are to reduce preventable combat deaths at the point of wounding, more quickly stabilize and evacuate casualties during the critical "golden hour" after the initial trauma, and improve survival and recovery times. Funding will be used to maintain existing equipment and improve new immediate-medical-care equipment.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Vehicle Paint Facility, Fort Eustis.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: HR 5658.

Account: U.S. Department of the Army, Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Newport News.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2400 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607.

Description of Request: Provide \$4.076 million to construct a Vehicle Paint Facility at Fort Eustis with paint booths to accommodate the preparation and painting of vehicles, equipment, components, helicopters, and modular causeway sections. This project is required to support the preparation for and painting of approximately 1600 pieces of vehicular equipment. Most of this equipment belongs to the 7th Sustainment Brigade, which is one of the Army's most frequently deployed units. If this project is not provided, Fort Eustis will incur negative mission impacts and will not meet Virginia Environmental Quality requirements. Current painting operations will have an elevated cost because existing facilities cannot accommodate oversized equipment. The facility is critical to rapidly prepare equipment for

deploying units in conjunction with time phased deployment schedules. In addition, the Deputy Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) certifies that this project has been considered for joint use potential.

The estimated contract cost is approximately \$3.0 million with an estimated contingency percent of 5 percent, supervision, inspection and overhead costs at an estimated 5.7 percent, design/build design costs at an estimated 4 percent and additional expenses for installed equipment.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Army, Military Construction account and the Department of the Army is the recipient of these funds. There is no matching requirement.

FEL Capabilities for Aerospace Microfabrication.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: U.S. Department of the Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson Science Associates on behalf of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12000 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23606.

Description of Request: Provide \$1.4 million for the expansion of the Free-Electron Laser program at Jefferson Laboratory through the USAF RDT&E Account. The FEL has delivered world-record levels of infrared light for development of defense, science and industrial applications. This joint project of the Aerospace Corporation and the Jefferson Lab in support of the Air Force Research Lab has demonstrated the use of kilowatt levels of ultraviolet light useful as a microfabrication processing tool to produce miniature satellite components. The completion of the ultraviolet processing capability will enable microfabrication techniques for production of miniature satellites at substantially lower cost and processing time than what is achievable with current technology.

\$11 million was appropriated for the UV FEL project in the FY 2001-FY 2004 period, as well as an additional \$1.6 million appropriation in FY 2008, which has allowed the hardware to be 90% completed. The FY 2009 request of \$1.4 million is needed to complete and commission this project. There is no matching requirement. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Marine Corps Base Quantico OCS Headquarters Facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Member initiated request.

Address of Requesting Entity: N/A.

Description of Request: Provide \$6.53 million for construction of the Marine Corps Base Quantico OCS Headquarters Facility located at Quantico, Virginia. The funding would be used to construct a single-story administrative headquarters building to consolidate Headquarters functions at Officer Candidate School (OCS). The facility will provide workspaces for 75 Marines responsible for coordinating the

administrative, educational, operational and logistics support required to conduct Officer Candidate training at OCS. The existing facility was built in 1945 and will be demolished once new construction is complete. Preventive and corrective maintenance, both routine and emergency, take place on a daily basis at the existing facility, consuming material, money and manpower. This project is listed on the USMC FY09 Unfunded Programs List. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Navy.

The estimated contract cost for the 13,250 square foot facility is approximately \$4 million with an estimated contingency percent of 5%, supervision, inspection and overhead costs at an estimated 5.7%, design/build design costs at an estimated 4% and additional expenses for installed equipment. The funds will be used for the OCS headquarters construction, technical operating manuals, information systems, anti-terrorism force protection, and supporting facilities (construction features, electrical, mechanical, paving and site improvements, demolition and environmental mitigation.)

There is no matching requirement. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Navy Military Construction account.

Electromagnetic Railgun Program: Directed Energy and Electric Weapon Systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Research and Development.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fredericksburg Regional Military Affairs Council.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Fall Hill Ave., Suite 240, P.O. Box 7476, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.

Description of Request: Directed energy and electric weapons systems and a laser weapons system are top research and development priorities on the Navy's FY09 Unfunded Program List. The laser weapons system is under development as a rapid prototype to serve as an adjunct laser weapon for the Navy's Close-In-Weapon System to counter rockets, artillery, mortar and unmanned aerial vehicles for ship and expeditionary base defense. The \$5 million requested for FY09 would accelerate development of this program by two years. The Navy's Joint Vision 2020 outlined an objective to develop directed energy weapons that provide unique capability against emerging asymmetric threats. Directed energy and laser weapon systems research and development, including high power free electron and high brightness electron laser technology, is consistent with this objective. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Navy Research and Development account. There is no matching requirement. Detailed finance plan below.

Effort	Activity/Company	Amount	Percent
Financial Admin, NAVSEA support, SBIR, etc.	NAVSEA	250,000	5.0
Program Management and SMEs.	PMS405	250,000	5.0
LASER WEAPONS SYSTEM (LWS).	NSWCDD	175,000	3.5
Program management support.	BTPS	75,000	1.5
Beam Director	NSWCDD	550,000	11.0
Optics analysis ...	PSU-EOC	200,000	4.0
Track systems	NSWCDD	200,000	4.0
Sensor and mount interface.	L3/BR	100,000	2.0

Effort	Activity/Company	Amount	Percent
System Integration	NSWCDD	400,000	8.0
Technical support	EG&G	100,000	2.0
Testing/Validation	NSWCDD	300,000	6.0
Setup and data analysis	PSU-EOC	200,000	4.0
Demonstration	NSWCDD	500,000	10.0
Technical support	EG&G	200,000	4.0
PROJECT GUILLOTINE	NSWCDD	375,000	7.5
Program management support	BTPS	125,000	2.5
Target development	ENV	250,000	5.0
Field testing Dahlgren	BTPS	200,000	4.0
Field testing Yuma	ENV	400,000	8.0
Data Analysis	BAH	150,000	3.0
		5,000,000	100.00

Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSB)/Undersea Launched Missile Study (ULMS).
 Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.
 Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Research and Development.
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: N/A.
 Address of Requesting Entity: N/A.
 Representative WITTMAN requested that the House Committee on Armed Services consider an increase in funding for Research and Development, Navy, to support risk reduction activities for the Undersea Launched Missile Study (ULMS) and the associated planned Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSB). Since SBSB is not yet a program of record, and is therefore pre-competitive, Representative WITTMAN did not request that any increase in funding be awarded to a specific recipient. Representative WITTMAN is pleased that the Committee recommends an increase of \$10.0

million to Research & Development, Navy, for this activity.
 Subsequent to the submission of the request, Representative WITTMAN was informed that the Navy would apply any additional funding above the President's Budget request for the Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSB)/Undersea Launched Missile Study (ULMS) to Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics. The Navy has decided to apply these additional funds to the shipyards for detailed concept work to perform the Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) for SBSB.
 Representative WITTMAN supports the Navy's decision to execute these funds in a manner which achieves best value for the Government. There is no matching requirement.