

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