

remaining CRS staff whom he has mentored or advised, who will carry on his tradition of service.

I am proud to thank Rick Apling publicly on behalf of this Congress for his many contributions to our Nation and, in particular, on behalf of students with disabilities.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR KENO  
HAWKER OF THE CITY OF MESA

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Keno Hawker, who is stepping down as Mayor of the great city of Mesa after eight years of extraordinary service. As a member of the Mesa City Council and as Mayor, Keno has been a tireless advocate for the residents of Mesa. Keno has taken his fiscally responsible approach to better the city he serves and has helped to enhance quality of life of the region we share.

Mayor Hawker has served his community well since 1986 when he was first sworn in as a city council member. The population of Mesa has almost doubled since then and, through his leadership, the city has continued to be a high-quality place to live and raise a family. Keno has also served the greater community as the Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council. He also served as Vice Chair, National League of Cities Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Steering Committee.

Additionally, he served as Chair of the MAG Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee, Vice Chair and as a member of the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee and the Governance Task Force. Keno was also instrumental in building the new Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, which is evolving into a major job center and reliever airport for our fast-growing region. Keno's hard work will spur economic growth and improve the quality of life for the people of Mesa for years to come.

I commend the citizens of Mesa for selecting such a deserving public servant. As a former Mayor of Mesa's neighboring city of Tempe, I understand the tremendous impact that a dedicated leader, like Keno Hawker, can have on their community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Keno Hawker's continued work and advocacy for the fine citizens of the city of Mesa and Arizona.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF  
AZERBAIJAN

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan, a fast growing young democracy which secured its independence in 1991 after the dissolution of the former Soviet Union. There are few countries in the world which gain a second opportunity for independence, like

Azerbaijan. This May 28 the Republic of Azerbaijan celebrates the 90th anniversary of Republic Day, the day the nation and people first gained their independence.

It was May 28, 1918 when Azerbaijan declared independence from the Russian Empire. The February 1917 fall of the tsarist monarchy in Russia had created favorable conditions for the development of national movements within its border lands. By establishing its independence, Azerbaijan, then the Democratic Azerbaijan Republic, became the first ever secular democratic republic in the world with a predominantly Muslim population. Although independence lasted only 2 years before Soviet forces invaded in 1920, the period was distinguished by nation building, the arts, education, and economic growth.

The Republic of Azerbaijan's re-independence in 1991 did not come easily. As independence fervor was sweeping through the former Soviet Republics in 1990, peaceful demonstrations were taking place throughout Azerbaijan. Tragically, on January 1990, then President Mikhail Gorbachev sent troops to Baku. Civilians were no match for the onslaught of tanks and fully armored military personnel. The excessive force resulted in more than one hundred and thirty civilian lives.

The Azerbaijani people eventually prevailed when the Soviet Union collapsed. On August 30, 1991, Azerbaijan's Parliament adopted the Declaration on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and on October 18, 1991, the Constitution was approved.

Located in a highly political, dynamic and sensitive region between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan is a confident member of the Council of Europe, United Nations, Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and participates in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Azerbaijan is a strategic partner to the United States, and cooperates with the U.S., both bilaterally and multilaterally, (through the GUAM framework (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Moldova) to prevent illegal trafficking and to secure borders Azerbaijani troops, like U.S. troops, are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan on behalf of their country and in support of the global effort against terrorism.

The United States recognized the sovereignty of Azerbaijan in 1918 and again in 1991. I applaud their leadership as a democratic republic and strategic partner in the region and worldwide. Congratulations to all Azerbaijani citizens, and Azerbaijanis around the world, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Republic Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and clause 9 of House rule XXI, I submit the following information for the record regarding my program requests in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009:

Title: Advanced Hypersonic Weapon Technology Demonstration.

Account: Army RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westar Aerospace & Defense Group, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 890 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville AL, 35806 U.S.A.

Description of Request: Provide funding for \$7,000,000 for the Advanced Hypersonic Weapon (AHW) Technology Demonstrator program for the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command to reduce risk and flight test validate critical technologies (hypersonic boost-glide, thermal protection, precision navigation, guidance and control, and secure 2-way in-flight communication) required to enable the successful execution of the emerging USSTRATCOM mission for prompt global strike. TPS technologies are viewed by USSTRATCOM as the key to executing the prompt global strike mission. The prototype C3 capability would provide missile launch command and control associated with flight test demonstration supporting critical test execution and flight safety. As a potential spiral for weaponization, AHW would provide a ground launched forward-deployed mid-term option to destroy time sensitive/high value targets at long distances with a minimal deployment logistics tail.

Title: Composite Rotorcraft Airframe Development.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GKN Westland Aerospace.

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

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$2M 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. 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, reducing costs. Further development is required to take full advantage of the savings that composite materials technology can offer.

Title: Close Combat Missile Modernization (Javelin).

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5500 County Road 37, Troy, AL 37081.

Description of Request: \$10M used to initiate obsolescence management of the guidance section of the Javelin Missile. The various efforts are divided between Raytheon and Lockheed Martin on a 60/40 work share arrangement. The 60/40 work share is divided