

has bestowed their Award of Merit, Award of Distinction, Master Board Member Award, Master Diamond Award, Master Platinum Award and the President's Award of Recognition on Peggy.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of Peggy Tortorice. The students of Genesee County owe her a debt of gratitude for her vision, commitment, and dedication to improve the climate of learning. She has provided an example and inspiration to educators everywhere and I wish her the best as she enters this next phase of her life.

RECOGNIZING EUROPE'S BLACK POPULATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing Europe's Black population and expressing solidarity with their struggle.

On April 29, 2008, I chaired the U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, "The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics" which focused on the more than 7 million people who make up Europe's Black or Afro-descendant population.

Despite their numerous contributions to European society, like African-Americans here, many Black Europeans face the daily challenges of racism and discrimination.

This includes being the targets of violent hate crimes, many of which have resulted in death. Existing inequalities in education, housing, and employment remain a problem and racial profiling is a norm. Few Black Europeans are in leadership positions and political participation is also limited for many, providing obstacles for addressing these problems.

In an effort to raise public awareness of these issues at the national and international level, the Black European Women's Council, BEWC, was launched on September 9, 2008 at the European Union's headquarters. More than 130 Black women from across Europe came to "insist on the recognition and inclusion of Black Europeans economically, politically, and culturally."

This resolution supports BEWC's fight for equality and urges European governments to implement recently introduced anti-discrimination legislation and other plans of action, including a fund for victims incapacitated as a result of a hate crime.

Given the history of our own country, an increase in transatlantic cooperative efforts between our government and European governments, U.S. and European based civil rights groups, and within the private sector would also provide useful partnerships and assistance in combating racism and discrimination abroad and at home.

This resolution therefore also calls on the U.S. government to increase support for public and private sector initiatives focused on combating racism and discrimination in Europe as part of our efforts to support global human rights.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this Resolution Recognizing Black Europeans and encourage them to review the

statements and submissions from the Helsinki Commission's Black Europe Hearing at www.csce.gov. Additionally, I would like to submit the following background materials on Black Europeans for the official record.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, and in addition to the projects I have already listed in the record for the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Funding for these requests was contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTDE, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Printpack, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Printpack, Inc. 2800 Overlook Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30345-2024.

Description of Request: The budget request includes \$21.9M in PE62786A for Applied Research of new warfighter technologies of which \$5.3M is allocated for Joint Service Combat Feeding Technology. The \$1,680,000 added to this account will be used to develop new and innovative packaging and processing technologies for the Warfighter's combat rations. These funds will result in the ability to provide greater variety and more nutritional rations with longer shelf-life and reduced production costs.

The objective of this effort is to develop advanced thermal processing techniques based on the utilization of non-foil materials for military ration packaging. The importance of developing non-foil packaging materials will serve as a precursor to the next stage of the R&D effort which will investigate new and enhanced thermal processing techniques; specifically, Enhanced High Pressure Processing (EHPP) and Microwave Sterilization (MW) technologies. The EHPP and MW processing technologies have numerous advantages over conventional thermal processing; however, these processes cannot be used on current foil packaging because they cause blistering and flex cracking of the foil packaging material. Therefore, to achieve the advantages of advanced EHPP and MW processing, it is essential to use state-of-the-art, non-foil packaging materials. The development of advanced, non-foil packaging materials and utilization of innovative EHPP and MW processing techniques will result in the provision of rations with the following beneficial and enhanced qualities: greater variety, better taste, more nutrition, longer shelf-life, lower overall production costs, environmentally friendly, less volume and waste. The FY09, effort will consist of three stages and is budgeted as follows: Stage 1: Blistering (\$0.14M), Stage 2: Flex Crack Resistance (\$0.26M), Stage 3: EHPP & MW Trials (\$1.7M).

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTDE, Defense Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Institute of Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: Georgia Institute of Technology, GTRI Cobb County Research Facility, 7220 Richardson Road, Smyrna, GA 30080.

Description of Request: The \$5,000,000 appropriated for Advanced Surface-to-Air-Missile (SAM) Hardware Simulator Development will reinvigorate the simulator development process and provide a simulator that can be used for electronic warfare (EW) development and testing while the simulator community revives its ability to develop and field SAM simulators. The funding will be used for research and charged to the Department of Defense at pre-negotiated rates. The overall initiative would be conducted in two phases. Funding is appropriated for an initial 18-24 month effort termed Integrated Technical Evaluation and Assessment of Multiple Sources (TEAMS) and Simulator Design. Managing the effort will be the CTEIP arm of the Defense Resource Management Center (DTRMC), while DIA/MSIC will execute the program as part of their responsibility for advanced SAM systems. Subsequent phase will develop the actual simulator device for use in DoD-wide testing of Aircraft Countermeasures.

One of the by-products of the collapse of the Soviet Union is that Russian SAM systems became available for purchase through FME/FMA programs. This has been a boon for the EW and test communities (DTE & OTE) in that they have been able to use actual SAM systems, as opposed to SAM simulators, to develop and test EW equipment and tactics against Russian SAM systems. While providing the aforementioned benefit, the availability of actual Russian SAM systems has had the negative effect of curtailing development of SAM simulators. At the same time, the Russians have continued to develop advanced SAM systems. Further, the Chinese have continued their development of advanced SAM systems, and other, third-world countries have been purchasing and modifying Russian SAM systems. Intelligence estimates are that these advanced and modified SAM systems will not be available for purchase by the U.S. in the foreseeable future.

The result of the above is that the U.S. EW and test communities are hampered in their development of EW equipment and tactics against advanced Russian and Chinese SAM systems, or against modified, third-world, SAM systems. This is particularly troubling because these threats are critical requirements drivers for many U.S. acquisition and upgrade programs including the JSF, AWACS, EF-18G, AARGM, J-UCAS, F-22, and JASSM. While it is believed that the simulator development community will recover its ability to field simulators of advanced SAM systems, such recovery will take a long time. Also, unless action is taken soon, the recovery will be hampered by the fact that the corporate knowledge needed to develop threat-representative simulator designs is being lost through retirement and personnel shifts.

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