

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, I was not present for two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 626—"yea" Roll No. 627—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. PATRICK M.
GRACZYK

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk, Principal of Grandview Elementary School in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Mr. Graczyk was recently honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals as one of the recipients of the 2008 National Distinguished Principals Award. The award recognizes principals who establish high standards for character, teaching, and student accomplishment.

Mr. Graczyk was first nominated by his peers in Pennsylvania and then was chosen for the award by the NAESP Pennsylvania affiliate. In being chosen for the award, Mr. Graczyk has demonstrated his commitment to excellence, has implemented programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students, and has established firm ties with his community.

Mr. Graczyk works hard on behalf of the students, teachers, and families in his school district. He became principal of Grandview Elementary in 2002 and had previously taught for 5 years. During his tenure, the school has seen a rise in scoring on Pennsylvania's academic tests, including among students from low-income families. In addition to directly serving the needs of his school, Mr. Graczyk also helps to train novice teachers in addressing the needs of students from low-income families. Madam Speaker, Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk is truly deserving of the National Distinguished Principals Award and Pennsylvania is fortunate to have him among its fine educators.

RECOGNIZING THE DOUGLAS ODOM
FAMILY AS THE SANTA ROSA
COUNTY, FLORIDA FARM FAMIL-
Y OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Douglas Odom family for being selected as the Santa Rosa County 2008 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. Over four generations of involvement in agriculture has led this farm family to serve as a model of stewardship to society through a vitally important industry.

The Odom family is more than deserving of this year's award. Mr. Odom has been farming for 40 years and is a fourth generation farmer. He has passed on this invaluable knowledge to his children and grandchildren who help farm the 825 acres of cotton, peanuts, and wheat that make up the Odom's farm. The Odom family also owns and operates the Douglas Odom Flying Service which services crops in Northwest Florida and South Alabama. The company is one of the oldest and most active in the Southeast.

Every year, the North Florida Fair Association honors farm families in counties throughout North Florida that display leadership through farming techniques and agricultural production. The Farm Family of the Year award conveys the importance of farm families' contributions to some of society's largest needs including food, clothing, and building supplies. Recognition of their work, as conveyed by this award, encourages others in the community to become involved and support local agriculture.

On behalf of all residents of Northwest Florida, I hope this family tradition continues for many future generations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Florida.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, Florida 33620.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,500,000 to fund the Health Informatics Initiative. "Health Informatics" has been defined as a discipline that focuses on the use of information and information technology to support clinical care, health services administration, research and education. The University of South Florida (USF) has three graduate level schools that have been working together to develop a Health Informatics Initiative, including the College of Medicine, College of Nursing and College of Public Health. USF's inter-disciplinary efforts also include working with community organizations, including the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and Tampa General Hospital, to provide the most advanced educational opportunities for both its medical, graduate and students and postdoctoral trainees.

This initiative is an extension of the research, education and patient care missions of these colleges at USF and their clinical affiliates. Funds for this initiative will be used to enhance collaborative development of the program, stimulate employment of research faculty and staff, and expand common areas of

research interest in Health Informatics. These funds will also be used for research programs in Medical Imaging development; Software applications and database administration; Analyses of professional and consumer evaluations of current health informatics models; and Development of advanced training programs in Health Informatics.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in S. 3001.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

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 \$8.4 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: S. 3001

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 \$4.0 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: S. 3001

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