

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MAYOR MARY ANN  
COURVILLE FROM THE DIXON  
CITY COUNCIL

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Mary Anne Courville who faithfully served in the Dixon City Council since 1996.

Mary Ann Courville, mayor for the city of Dixon, has served the community as a member of the Dixon City Council for 12 years, from 1996 through 2008. She was elected as a Council member in 1996 and was immediately selected as vice mayor, serving as vice mayor from 1996 until 2000. In 2000, she was the first Dixon mayor directly elected by its citizens to serve a 4 year term. She was re-elected as mayor in 2004.

During her leadership, first and foremost she insisted that the public be embraced and welcomed to participate in the deliberations and decision making process. She always patiently listened to their ideas and concerns and tried her best to make sure all viewpoints were considered. She has insisted that all who inquired were responded to, that they were provided access to documents and information critical to local governance, and were accorded the highest respect by the city's staff as well as appointed and elected decision makers.

Mayor Courville actively represented the citizens of Dixon and northern Solano County in the offices of our Federal and State leaders, regardless of political affiliation. She has been an active participant in numerous intergovernmental forums including: the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority, the Solano County Local Agency Formation Commission, Solano County Mayors' Conference, Solano Transportation Authority, Solano County Water Agency, and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. She championed local intergovernmental collaborative efforts including the Dixon-Solano Municipal Water Service, DSMWS, with the Solano Irrigation District, the Dixon Regional Watershed Drainage Joint Powers Authority with Maine Prairie Water District, the Dixon Resource Conservation District, and Reclamation District 2068. She has paid special attention to the needs of and opportunities to partner with other agencies serving the Dixon constituency such as the Dixon Library District, the 36th District Agricultural Association, Dixon May Fair, Dixon Family Services, and especially the Dixon Unified School District.

Her most notable collaborative effort was with the School District starting with joint meetings and modest physical improvement projects on and around school campuses. Her leadership efforts grew into multi-agency after-school enrichment programs, complex joint facility use agreements, and a jointly-funded COPS on campus program.

As a leader in the school bond campaign, and through development negotiations, the most spectacular accomplishment for Mayor Courville was the partnership with the School District in the development of the \$75 million new Dixon High School campus. Championing joint planning, land acquisition, and infrastruc-

ture improvements to serve the new campus, she was pivotal in complex multi-party negotiations which crafted a partnership that resulted in development of the state of the art campus, a massive water production and storage facility to serve the growing southeast Dixon area, a much needed storm water detention basin, and a 400 unit neighborhood, including a dedicated site for the development of senior housing. Her efforts helped secure a classic "win, win, win, win" outcome highlighting the best in creative local governance.

Mayor Courville was instrumental in improving public safety in Dixon. During her tenure, the Dixon Fire Department staffing was increased two-fold, including the addition of paramedic services. A new fire station complex was completed and much needed new major equipment was secured. She also helped grow the Dixon Police Department and insure that new technology and a community policing philosophy was brought to the department.

As mayor, she also focused her efforts on strong fiscal management, overseeing balanced budgets year after year while expanding services and maintaining prudent reserves. She was instrumental in expanding infrastructure, promoting economic development, and attracting new housing. A special focus of hers has been to bring passenger rail to Dixon, a vision that inevitably will be realized thanks to her.

Mary Ann Courville has been an absolutely dedicated leader of and booster for Dixon for the last 12 years. She has touched so many lives through her efforts and has brought welcome change and improvement to local governance and our physical environment. She has made it possible for Dixon's citizens to sincerely love calling Dixon their home. Her leadership will be missed, but Mayor Mary Ann Courville's legacy will be evident for generations to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction/VA, Department of Defense, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2800 Southwest Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66611.

Description of Request: Provide \$7,000,000 to construct a Support Facility to house the air control office, the range control office, and other functions important to supporting the increasing missions at Smoky Hill Range.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Defense, Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard, Operating Forces, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2800 Southwest Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66611.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 for the following training capabilities and enhancements for Smoky Hill Range: convoy assembly area/UAV launch strip; a universal UAV control system; and a range water tower.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Defense, Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard, Operating Forces, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saline County, KS, Road and Bridge Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 3424 Airport Road, Salina, KS 67401.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 for county road improvements to better allow the transportation of military personnel and equipment to Smoky Hill Range at Salina, KS.

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Account: Defense, Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard, Operating Forces, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Request: Provide \$400,000 to establish the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Mission Planning and Operation Center at Kansas State University at Salina, KS to train Guard personnel in UAS mission planning, aircraft operation, and development.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BOB INGLIS**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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