

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE AMERICAN ENERGY, AMERICAN INNOVATION ACT OF 2008

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill reflecting my comprehensive energy plan, the “American Energy, American Innovation” Act of 2008. This bill reflects my effort to really put everything on the table to address rising energy prices, our dependence on foreign oil, and our need to respond to the climate change challenge.

While in Colorado in August, I stood with Senator SALAZAR to embrace the bipartisan process and principles of the so-called Gang of 10—now Gang of 20—energy proposal. But I believe that this proposal doesn’t go far enough and that’s why I’ve spent the last 2 months working on this “American Energy, American Innovation” plan.

Since then, while the Senate group has doubled in size, indicating the strong desire in Congress to achieve a compromise on energy legislation, the Senators have yet to introduce the legislation that they outlined in their principles.

And last week, the House passed a comprehensive energy bill (H.R. 6899) that includes an even stronger step towards a compromise, with provisions that will open up more of the Outer Continental Shelf to drilling and establish a national renewable electricity standard to mandate that 15 percent of our electricity be produced from renewable energy by 2020.

Along with these two provisions, that bill included several others from my energy plan and I voted for it.

However, we have not yet achieved an agreement in Congress on a compromise that can move through both bodies and get to the President’s desk. And, building upon the Gang of 20 proposal and H.R. 6899, I think my bill provides the next step in that process. That is why I am introducing this bill today, which I do not view as a final product, but more a step to further discussion on our energy policy and keep faith with the promise that I made to Coloradans in August.

My bill involves developing energy of all kinds—oil, gas, wind, solar, biofuels, nuclear. It’s a broad and pragmatic approach to solve our critical energy challenge. It reaches out to new partners and promotes new solutions. And my bill includes both short- and long-term efforts to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower energy prices, and protect our environment.

First, to deal with immediate problems with energy prices, my bill includes a provision bipartisan effort that will cut down on the manipulation of oil prices and increase transparency and oversight of the commodity markets. Estimates vary as to how much speculative trading on futures markets—as well as unscrupu-

lous market manipulation—affects the cost of oil. Some estimates say as much as \$30 to \$60 per barrel of oil can be attributed to unfair speculative market practices.

This provision will bring transparency to the commodities and futures market by implementing Commodity Futures Trading Commission, CFTC, recommendations to break out index fund and other data in energy and agricultural markets, and require detailed reporting from index traders and swap dealers. This is important because speculators have come up with elaborate and tricky derivatives that obscure the true value of commodities. It will curb excessive speculation by tightening regulation of foreign boards of trade that offer futures contracts in the U.S., and it will give the CFTC the authority and the means to crack down on manipulation in the energy market.

It will help us address gas prices in the short term by including a provision to release additional oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, SPR. This release would provide for a quick increase in the supply of petroleum in our consumer market and so could reduce the likelihood of further short-term increases in the price of gasoline and other refined products. And, it will do this in a way that is both cost-effective and protective of our national-security interests.

Under the bill, the Energy Department, DOE, would sell at least 20 million barrels of light grade oil now stored in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and sales would continue for 6 months or until 70 million barrels have been sold, whichever comes first. But the draw-down would not be permanent because the bill would require the Energy Department to acquire, through purchase (using money from the sales) or exchange, heavy grade petroleum for storage in the strategic reserve, to replace the light grade petroleum that would be sold.

Right now, slightly more than 700 million barrels of oil are stored in the strategic reserve—so the amount to be sold under the bill would be only about 10 percent of the amount on hand.

Importantly, the bill specifies that the amount of oil stored in the strategic reserve could not drop below 90 percent of the amount stored when the bill is enacted. The most recent data I have seen indicate that the reserve is currently filled nearly to capacity, so the bill will not cause a significant reduction in the amount stored.

But, Madam Speaker, this bill recognizes that short-term solutions and fixing past problems are not “silver bullets” for the factors that have led to the current high price of oil and products such as gasoline that are made from oil. We need long-term solutions as well.

First, we need to do all we can to move towards ending dependence on foreign oil and my bill creates a National Commission on Energy Independence to study technical obstacles and policy barriers and make recommendations on how to achieve this goal.

This bill also includes opening up new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS, to oil and

gas drilling. Specifically, the bill would end the current moratorium on OCS drilling and would permit leasing between 50 and 100 miles offshore if a State “opts-in” to allow it off of their coast, while providing protection for environmentally sensitive areas. I think this strikes a responsible balance between adding more drilling offshore and respecting State concerns—States should have a say about drilling activity affecting their beaches, lands and resources.

A separate provision in the bill deals with Federal lands that have been leased for energy exploration and development under the Mineral Leasing Act but where such activities have not yet occurred. While it is important to understand the reality that oil and gas exploration is a complicated commercial and scientific enterprise involving efforts not easily fitting within strict regulatory timelines, I think that this is a reasonable response to current conditions. In essence, it would bar the current holders of federal mineral leases—whether for onshore or offshore areas—from obtaining additional leases unless they are able to show that they are “diligently developing” the leases they already hold. The Secretary of the Interior would be responsible for spelling out in regulations exactly what would be needed to show such “due diligence.”

But we must reach beyond oil and gas. My bill includes provisions to advance clean coal technology, including carbon capture and sequestration technology. And I believe that nuclear energy will continue to be an important part of our energy portfolio, so we must move forward on building new nuclear energy facilities. My bill will help streamline the licensing process for these new plants and will give the Nuclear Regulatory Commission additional staff to ensure that these facilities are safe and secure.

As co-chair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, I understand the important role that both renewable energy and energy efficiency will play in meeting our energy needs. My bill also includes my proposal for a Renewable Electricity Standard—just like the one that has been so successful in Colorado. Under my plan, by the year 2020, utility companies will be producing at least 20 percent of our electricity from American-made renewable sources like wind and solar.

My bill also includes extension of critical renewable energy tax credits. The Production Tax Credit, PTC, in particular has been instrumental in promoting the creation of a renewable energy industry. An extended PTC will provide more market certainty and we must have an extension of this key tax credit before the current credit expires at the end of 2008. My bill extends the PTC for 4 years.

The bill also authorizes new clean renewable energy bonds, CREBS, for public power providers and electric cooperatives. This is a critical tool, especially for Colorado’s rural co-ops and municipal utilities.

Of course, the cheapest kilowatt of energy is the one we don’t use and energy efficiency also has a key role in addressing our energy

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needs. This bill will provide incentives for smart grid systems, as well as for energy efficient buildings. And it includes new energy efficiency standards for appliances.

Transportation is another area where we can do more to improve our efficiency. And my bill will move us forward by requiring that all new vehicles achieve 35 miles per gallon by 2015 and 50 miles per gallon by 2030. It also includes additional incentives for Americans to purchase high efficiency vehicles and for manufacturers to produce many vehicles that use alternative fuels.

Americans want fuel choice and my bill will require 50 percent of all new vehicles to be capable of burning various biofuels (in addition to gasoline) by 2012 and 80 percent by 2015.

We need additional incentives for fuel efficiency vehicles. It also includes funding for research and development focused on the major technological barriers to alternative fuel vehicles, such as advanced batteries, to develop the next generation vehicles. And it provides incentives for Americans to purchase these new vehicles that use alternative fuels or are more efficient.

And we must pay for this new energy policy. My bill does that by ending unneeded tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and closing tax loopholes.

In conclusion, let me again emphasize that we must all work together and bring everything to the table to address our energy challenge. This bill is a good draft to start with and I will continue to work with my colleagues to enact a comprehensive energy policy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower gas prices, and protect our environment.

SUPPORTING VETERANS IN  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Auburn, WA, the Auburn City Council and Mayor Pete Lewis for exemplary and steadfast support of the Washington National Guard. They demonstrated their patriotism and support for the military in their quick and sincere actions to create an event to honor the deployment of the 81st Heavy Combat Brigade of the Washington National Guard on August 19, 2008.

Auburn, located in the 8th District of Washington, the District I represent, is not unlike many communities around the country where budgets are tight and funds are allocated only after careful consideration. However, in this case, Auburn and its able leadership approved, without any hesitation, city resources to secure a location and provide funds to support a family BBQ with a festival-like atmosphere for deploying Guardsmen and their families. Hundreds of Guard families and Auburn residents showed up to participate in the event and enjoy the send off activities.

Auburn's action in this instance reflects a deep and great respect for service members and veterans and is the latest example of their steadfast commitment. Every November, Auburn hosts one of the largest Veterans Day parades on the west coast of the United States. Their Veterans Park is a permanent

reminder of the city's dedication and affection for veterans. Under Mayor Lewis and the current City Council, Auburn is taking the lead in Washington in supporting the military and our many brave veterans and I applaud their efforts.

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,  
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND  
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for this bill. There is no doubt about Iran's intentions any longer: they are determined to do everything they can to harm the U.S. and annihilate our ally, Israel. They are well on their way to developing a nuclear weapon and they will not hesitate to use it against innocent civilian populations throughout the Middle East. They have armed terrorists in the past, they have built up their conventional weapons, and now they are doing everything they can to obtain the ultimate weapon.

A nuclear armed Iran is a threat to everyone, everywhere and no one can afford any longer to sit back and wait for our allies to do the "dirty work" for us and disarm Iran. We, too, must act.

The time is long past due for us to pass these sanctions against that regime and stop their nuclear ambitions before they wipe our allies off the map.

HONORING KYLE THEODORE BUCK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Theodore Buck of Kansas City, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Theodore Buck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MR. DONALD "MAC"  
MACGREGOR

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bucks

County resident Donald "Mac" Macgregor. On July 4th, 2008, Mac retired after a 35 year career as the director of the Bucks County Youth Center. During those 35 years, Mac revolutionized the detention center and its program, setting a high standard for working with delinquent children requiring secure care.

Madam Speaker, Mac has served his community and has helped troubled children his entire life. In addition to serving as a Juvenile Police Officer with Upper Moreland Township, Mac also operated, along with his wife Bonnie, the first group home in Bucks County with 6 delinquent youths.

Mr. Macgregor came to the troubled Bucks County Youth Center at a time when his predecessors faced near riots within the facility. With his unique innovative approach that showed how respecting children can help them respect themselves, Mac turned he facility into a leading youth center that has helped many Bucks County kids turn their lives around.

In addition to bringing a new approach to troubled youth care, Mac also oversaw the construction and planning of the award winning Bucks County Juvenile Detention Center. This state-of-the-art facility has become a must-visit for all Pennsylvania municipalities who are looking to improve their youth detention facilities and programs.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Macgregor's commitment to working with troubled children is an inspiration to the Bucks County community and the nation as a whole. During his many years of service, he has created a new way of thinking about and treating delinquent youth that has changed countless lives for the better. I would like to thank Mr. Macgregor for his lifetime of dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DALE MYERS,  
U.S. AIR FORCE

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Dale Myers, United States Air Force. While serving on my staff as a Legislative Fellow during this Second Session of the 110th Congress, Dale has shown an exceptional commitment to duty in his daily pursuit of excellence. During his tenure here on the Hill, Dale worked on a myriad of legislative matters for me from developing draft legislation to staffing hearings and briefings.

A natural leader, Dale personifies his strengths while engaged in matters relating to taking care of our men and women in uniform. His contributions to my efforts on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will have a resonating impact on our military service members and veterans for years to come.

Further, Dale has made a positive and lasting impact on my staff by increasing their knowledge of the inner workings of the Department of Defense. In doing this, he has given them a greater appreciation and respect for the hard work and dedication exemplified by those individuals working exhaustively to support the men and women serving on the forefront of America's defense. As he transitions to his next Air Force assignment, I thank

Major Dale Myers for his numerous contributions and wholeheartedly wish him the very best of luck with his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CON-WAY FREIGHT'S  
DAVID MAY FOR BEING NAMED  
2008 ATA NATIONAL DRIVER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David May of West Seneca, N.Y., the American Trucking Association's 2008 National Truck Driver of the Year. David, a relay and city driver for Con-way Freight, should be proud of this impressive accomplishment and commitment to keeping our nation's highways safe.

The National Truck Driver of the Year award is the greatest honor a professional truck driver can achieve. In his 27 years on the road, David has driven over 1.4 million miles without getting in an accident. This is a great accomplishment for David, and we are proud to claim him as our own.

David has served as a committed and influential leader by serving as America's Road Team Captain in 2005, the driver representative on the CDL Advisory Committee in Washington, DC, and as a participant in the 2007 National Conference of State Legislatures Summit. He has spoken with the public and colleagues about the importance of improving highway safety and has addressed numerous groups including legislators and school children.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to David May for maintaining such high standards and encouraging others to do the same. This remarkable accomplishment should inspire us all to pursue our goals with devoted persistence.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL A. EMORY

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long service of Mr. Neil A. Emory to Harnett County, North Carolina. On October 31, 2008, he will retire as County Manager, capping a public service career that spans three decades. Mr. Emory began his tenure as one of the longest serving County Managers in Harnett County history 15 years ago and has been serving the citizens of North Carolina for nearly 28 years.

Mr. Emory is a native son of Weaverville, North Carolina. He attended Appalachian State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Local Government Administration and went on to earn his Master of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

Neil Emory's innovative leadership and unique vision have benefited Harnett County in innumerable ways. Mr. Emory oversaw a period of tremendous growth in Harnett County resulting from the expansion of nearby Fort

Bragg, leading up to and continuing through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission process. His greatest accomplishments have been the many improvements to county infrastructure; the construction of a new county courthouse; the construction of new schools and the restructuring of the community college system; the expansion of emergency services; and an extensive update to the county mapping system. He accomplished all of this by working across party lines and through sound long-range planning. I remember working together in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran to address the needs of Harnett County's ailing communities.

Neil has worn many different hats during his career, but perhaps his most important jobs are being a husband to his wife, Elizabeth, and father to his daughter, Hannah, and his son, Taylor. Ever active in his community, Mr. Emory has served as the PTO president of the Harnett County School Board and is involved in numerous associations for county managers and public administrators. He was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow as a lifetime Rotarian and has also received the International County Manager's Association Award for 25 years of service to local governments. Mr. Emory has also found time to enjoy American's favorite pastime, serving as assistant coach of the Dunn All-Stars for the past 12 years.

Madam Speaker, Neil Emory exemplifies dedication, leadership and commitment. As a former county commissioner, I am proud to honor the career of Neil A. Emory today. I ask all of my colleagues to join my wife, Faye, and me in celebrating his 28 years of service to Harnett County and to the State of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF DR. EPHRAIM  
MCDOWELL

**HON. BEN CHANDLER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Ephraim McDowell, the Father of Abdominal Surgery, is one of the most well-known Kentuckians and physicians in American history. During a year-long celebration continuing through the end of 2009, Danville, Kentucky and the Sixth Congressional District will celebrate Dr. McDowell's contributions to the field of medicine.

Originally born in Virginia in 1771, Dr. McDowell's father, Samuel McDowell, served in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He was sent to Central Kentucky when Ephraim was 11 to serve as one of the first land court judges in the County of Kentucky.

Dr. McDowell received his early education in Danville and then returned to Virginia to study medicine under Dr. Alexander Humphries. Recognizing his great talent, Dr. Humphries encouraged him to travel to the University of Edinburgh, the seat of medical learning at the time. He studied there for two years, returning to Danville in 1795.

In December of 1802, Dr. McDowell married Sarah Hart Shelby, daughter of the first governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby. They had nine children, five of whom lived to adulthood.

On Christmas Day in 1809, Dr. McDowell performed the world's first successful ovarian

surgery. Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, a 46-year-old Green County housewife, had been told by other physicians that she was pregnant with twins. Using no anesthesia, Dr. McDowell removed a twenty-two and one-half pound tumor. Mrs. Crawford recovered in 25 days and lived for 32 more years, to the age of 78.

Throughout his career, Dr. McDowell performed many other surgeries, including one on future United States president, James K. Polk, who traveled from Tennessee to Kentucky for Dr. McDowell's expertise.

He was also an original founder of Centre College—a private, liberal arts school in Danville—allowing his legacies of education and ingenuity to remain alive in Central Kentucky's students.

Dr. McDowell lived until 1830. He died at his summer home, Cambus-Kenneth, of what is now believed to be appendicitis. Mrs. McDowell lived out her life at the home of one of her daughters. She passed away in 1840.

Dr. McDowell's residence, apothecary and office are preserved as a museum, the McDowell House, in Danville and are designated as a National Historic Landmark. This premier historical site will serve as a host for the year-long celebration to remember the most prominent surgeon west of the Alleghenies in the early 19th century.

HONORING RYAN PATRICK  
WILLIAMS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Patrick Williams of Platte City, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Patrick Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DIWALI

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights."

It is during this time that the Hindu people celebrate their heritage with festivals, fireworks, and worship.

I would like to acknowledge the thousands of Hindus in my Congressional District and their valuable contributions to our community as citizens of strong faith, families with deep

cultural roots, and business leaders of unmatched work ethic and ingenuity.

Diwali marks the Hindu commitments to faith, peace, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the celebration of Diwali and wishing the Hindu people of Illinois' Sixth Congressional District a peaceful holiday.

HONORING THE WORK OF  
SUPERVISOR TIM SMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize and honor Tim Smith, who is retiring after serving for 20 years on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Upon his retirement, Supervisor Smith will have earned the distinction of being the longest continuously serving supervisor in the county's history.

Supervisor Smith began his service to our country as a Navy radioman in Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam, he attended Sonoma State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science in 1976.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the staff of State Assemblyman Doug Bosco and continued as his district director when the Assemblyman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Supervisor Smith was elected to the Board in 1988. As Supervisor, he provided constituent services to 95,000 people in the Third District. The Board also sets the policy direction for the \$700 million annual budget and 3,500 county employees, works extensively with the legislative delegation on legislative and regulatory issues and serves on many regional and local agencies, commissions and boards.

Just a few of these agencies, commissions and boards include the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the National Association of Counties, the California Association of Counties, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

In his spare time, he has been a volunteer, advocate or fundraiser for many nonprofit organizations, including the Volunteer Center, United Way, Day of Caring, the Hate Free Community Project, the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, the Heart Association and the Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign.

Supervisor Smith intends to spend his well earned leisure time traveling with his wife, Suzanne, enjoying his hobbies of golf and fly fishing, and spending more time with his three children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Supervisor Smith leaves a distinguished record of public service and a lasting reputation as a problem solver who always had the best interests of the people of Sonoma County in mind as he worked on their behalf. We will miss our partnership with him but know he will continue to be a strong advocate for his community. It is appropriate that we honor and acknowledge him today for his lifetime of public service.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENTS AT  
ST. CATHARINE'S ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the innovative students at St. Catharine's Academy in the Bronx, NY, who have dedicated their time to raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Earlier this year, students at St. Catharine's Academy read a magazine article about the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the various humanitarian issues facing women in the country. St. Catharine's Academy is a unique all-girls school that strives to teach its students responsibility, compassion, social justice, collaboration and concern for women's issues. The students brainstormed and mobilized efforts to address the humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They organized fundraising bake sales to send money to Panzi Hospital in the DRC, a hospital dedicated to treating women who are survivors of rape and abuse. Through their efforts, the students raised \$5,600 to send to Panzi Hospital, which continues to treat over 60,000 women a year. The students furthered their efforts to mobilize the student body by creating a video highlighting obstacles faced by women in the DRC for the school's annual international show.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the students of St. Catharine's Academy for their work on raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in recognition of their contributions to their community, their vision and their innovation. May their efforts serve as an example for all of us to follow.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, over fifteen years ago, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act (PL 103-3), legislation that allows employees to take time off from work to care for a new baby or sick family member. Because of this landmark legislation, millions of Americans have been able to take unpaid leave without the risk of losing their jobs.

Today, I am introducing the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act. Building upon the success of the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, this legislation would allow more people to benefit from FMLA by allowing employees in companies with more than 25 employees to take Family and Medical Leave and would extend employee leave for workers to meet their family's needs. The legislation includes 24 hours of leave (during any 12-month period) for parents and grandparents to go to parent-teacher conferences or to take their children, grandchildren or other family members to the doctor for regular medical or dental appointments.

Currently, the FMLA allows qualified workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for newborns, seek emergency medical care for themselves, parents, children under 18 or legal spouse. My legislation would add commonsense enhancements to FMLA.

In 1997, this legislative measure was supported by President Bill Clinton. In February 1997, President Clinton said, "I call upon Congress to expand the family leave law to give parents an additional 24 hours of unpaid leave each year to take a child or an elderly relative to a regular doctor's appointment or to attend parent-teacher conferences at school. In so doing, we'll make our families stronger and our workers more productive, building the kind of country and economy we all want for our children."

On behalf of America's families, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in support of the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 29, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,034 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth

that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,034 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is September 29, 2008, 13,034 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. REHBERG. 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, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2008.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Army.

Project: Mariah II Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Development.

Amount: \$3,200,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is MSE Technology Applications, located at 200 Technology Way, Butte, MT 59701. The funding would be used for continued development of a true air hypersonic wind tunnel.

#### BUDGET

Task 1: Project Management.

This task includes program management, reporting, Risk management, ES&H, and Quality.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Task 2: Technology Integration.

This task includes technology and system integration, development of the overall Technology Development Plan, preparation of topical reports on technologies to be developed, and technology advocacy.

Estimated Cost: \$350,000.

Task 3: Facility Development.

This task includes the development of testing facilities at various levels. This includes Ultra-high pressure test facility development, pilot plant development and MSHWT development.

Estimated Cost: \$400,000.

Task 4: Gas Supply System Technology.

This task includes gland seal development, cross bore/check valve development/flow starting valve development, storage heater development, seal ring/clamp seal development, co-axial flow manifold development and gas supply system dynamic analysis.

Estimated Cost: \$950,000.

Continue development and evaluation of adaptable "Data Management" network interoperability services based on emerging commercial communications technologies and technology developed by MSU.

To: 12/10, Production (LRP) delivery system to Navy platforms—Development Location: AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Navy (MC).

Project: Marine Expeditionary Rifle Squad—Sensor Integrated, Modular Protection, Combat Helmet (MERS—SIMP).

Amount: \$1,600,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Computer Services, Inc., located at 648 North Jackson, Helena, MT, 59601. The funding would be used for the development of single system that incorporates communications, protection, and sensors for a combat helmet.

#### BUDGET

Contract Award.

Design Engineering (30 Days).

Production Engineering (60 Days).

Production of 15 Sensor Integrated, Modular Protection (SIMP/Prototype) Systems.

Includes ordering of components, unique component fabrication, system build and test. (180 Days) User Testing (30 days) Refurbishment and final delivery (60 Days).

#### COST BREAKDOWN

Program Management: 500

Design Engineering: 250

Human Systems Integration: 50

Production Engineering: 100

Production 15 Systems, Plus Spares/Components: 375

Design and Fabrication Ruggedized SIMP containers: 25

System Test Support: 25

Refurbishment and Repair: 25

Knowledge Management, System (KMS), data entry, customized access/retrieval, and system development: 250

\$ Total in 000s: 1,600

Task 5: Electron Beam Energy Addition Technology.

This task includes energy generation development; energy transport development, energy deposition technology development, and thermal & fluid Mechanics E-Beam/Fluid interaction development.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Task 6: Throat and Nozzle Survivability.

This task includes thermal and fluid mechanics throat/Nozzle survivability, heat protection analysis, Model development, validation and training.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Navy.

Project: Supportability Training Services Infrastructure.

Amount: \$1,600,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Advanced Acoustic Concepts, located at 910 Technology Blvd., Suite A, Bozeman, Montana 59718. The funding would be used for the development of system design and software for the supportability data management system.

#### BUDGET

FY09 Development and Testing Timeline, Date, FY09 Estimate (AAC/MSU), and Notes:

Milestone Demo 1 FY09—Initiate efforts to integrate sensors, data, control systems, weapons and platforms into the Supportability System, From: 10/08 To: 10/09, \$600,000, Development Location; AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Milestone Demo 2 FY09/FY10—Demonstrate operation effectiveness, From: 10/09 To: 04/10, \$500,000, Full-scale development demonstration showing all the capabilities of the Supportability system. Development Location: AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Milestone 3—FY09/FY10, From 04/10, \$500,000, Initial "Limited" Rate.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Air Force.

Project: Watchkeeper.

Amount: \$800,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is General Atomics, located at 1899 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 300, Washington DC. The funding would be used by multiple Montana subcontractors to focus on technologies for completion of motion sensing radar with day/night video capture and transmission capability.

#### BUDGET

The final RDT&E phase/segment requires completion of the system software, downsizing and packaging the equipment, final development of the ASIC chip, and demonstration of the Watchkeeper system in real environment.

	2Q FY09	3Q FY09	4Q FY09	1Q FY10	Subtotals
Labor .....	1.0	0.8	0.85	0.9	3.55
Materials and Services .....	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.8
Admin. ....	0.175	0.15	0.15	0.175	0.65
Subtotals .....	2.275	1.55	1.5	1.675	7.0 (Total)

Note: Budget is based off the original request of \$7 million and will be adjusted proportionally to the secured earmark of \$800,000.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. 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, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Knox Address of Requesting Entity: 127 6th Ave. Ste 202, Fort Knox, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,320,000 for roof removal and replacement at Fort Knox, U.S. Army installation. The roofs on six barracks that house soldiers at Fort Knox are in need of being replaced or repaired. This project request has the support of the Fort Knox Garrison Command and would repair the roofs on buildings 1479, 1480, 2371, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2381.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Owensboro Medical Health System Address of Requesting Entity: 811 East Parish Ave., Owensboro, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for plant-based vaccine research at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center. The Owensboro Medical Health System and the University of Louisville have partnered to place university researchers in hospital labs to further explore plant-based technologies. Research at the facility has already begun to create significant achievements by using the proteins from tobacco to create potential life-saving vaccines. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of Army RDTE. As certified by the Owensboro Medical Health System, the organization will provide at least 5% in matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: FEMA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Commerce and Tech Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 W. Broadway, Campbellsville, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$750,000 for Predisaster Mitigation for the County of Taylor. The regional industrial park attracts businesses to the Campbellsville/Taylor County area. The park faces significant water problems and is in need of earthwork to control erosion as well as storm water man-

agement assistance. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Emergency Management Agency account. The Executive Director of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Industrial Development Authority has certified that as the requesting entity it will provide matching funds of 5% or more above the statutory requirements. The committee report language incorrectly stated that the funds would go to the City of Taylorsville, KY and not the requested location of the County of Taylor, KY.

#### HONORING JESSE DAKODA JEPSEN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse Dakota Jepsen of Kearney, Missouri. Jesse is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1397, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jesse has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jesse has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jesse Dakota Jepsen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### SUPPORT OF OUTRAGE OVER HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the September 12, 2008 article, "Outraged by AIDS Epidemic" by Virginia Fields, president and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. In this article Ms. Fields rightly expresses her frustration over the increased number of HIV/AIDS infections in African-American communities. The infection rate for African-Americans is seven times higher than Whites and is disproportionately higher than any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S.

With new information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that was released at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, I ask my colleagues to stand with me to take a stronger stand against this epidemic in our own country. It is inexcus-

able that with the funding and resources that we have that the HIV/AIDS cases in the U.S. have risen over the past three decades. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, the U.S. has spent 19 billion dollars on the initiative to fight HIV/AIDS abroad. In addition to PEPFAR we need to establish a plan that would include adequate funding and resources to assist with prevention, education, and treatment to help combat this epidemic here at home.

Madam Speaker, it is time for us to openly address this issue that is affecting so many individuals and their families across our great country.

#### OUTRAGED BY AIDS EPIDEMIC

(By C. Virginia Fields)

I was not shocked by facts I learned at the recent International AIDS Conference, but I was outraged—outraged that, three decades into this epidemic, we are still seeing the kind of numbers we're seeing in terms of AIDS' impact on the black community.

At the Conference, which was held Aug. 3–8 in Mexico City, delegates learned that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now estimating the number of AIDS cases to be much higher than originally thought. Using more precise methodology, the agency now says there were 56,300 new HIV infections in the United States in 2006 rather than the 40,000 previously estimated.

With many problems, the black community is hit harder than the population as a whole, and AIDS is no different—in fact, this trend is greatly accentuated with AIDS. The CDC found that the infection rate for African-Americans was seven times higher than whites. Almost 25,000 new cases of HIV were measured for blacks in the reporting period. The new numbers "confirm that blacks are more heavily and disproportionately affected by HIV than any other racial/ethnic group in the U.S.," the CDC reported.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for black women between the ages of 25 and 34.

New York is a leader in the country in many areas and this is one of the unfortunate ones. The cumulative number of AIDS cases in this state was more than 177,000 through 2006, according to CDC statistics. That was more than 30,000 above California, which was in second place.

Now one would think that, given these numbers, the federal government would be doing all that it possibly can to fight this disease, and to target the funds where they are most needed. I wish that were true. In fact, when it comes to dealing with AIDS, the government seems to think it's more of a crisis overseas than at home.

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funnels resources to 15 countries with high rates of AIDS. While that is needed, what about our own citizens? There is no program to target resources with PEPFAR-like intensity at home. This is despite the fact that, according to a recent report by the Black AIDS Institute, black Americans, if they were a separate country, would have higher rates of HIV/AIDS than many of the third world countries the government targets for help.

One of the priorities of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS is bringing about a national AIDS strategy. This

emerged from a conclave NBLCA facilitated last October that was co-chaired by Rev. Calvin Butts, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, and Bishop T.D. Jakes, pastor of the Potter's House in Dallas.

The strategy would set goals and timetables and identify needed resources. It would make sure the 10 agencies that administer AIDS programs coordinate and communicate with one another. In short, it would be a road map about how we respond to the AIDS epidemic in the United States.

The United States requires countries that receive help under PEPFAR to have such a strategy yet the United States itself does not have one. More than ironic, that's tragic.

The impact AIDS is having on our citizens, especially those in the black community, is alarming—and it's getting worse. If we don't mobilize now and make sure that we're attacking this disease with as much energy, resources and intelligence as we can muster, we will someday wonder how we let such a disaster happen.

Despite all the bad news, there can be hope. I came away from the International AIDS Conference encouraged that we are determined as never before to fight the disease. I came away from the conference—and I think many of my fellow delegates from all over the world did, too—much more committed to this cause.

HONORING SANDRA POINDEXTER  
ON BEING NAMED MICHIGAN'S  
PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sandra Poindexter of Marquette, Michigan. Professor Poindexter has been named Michigan's Professor of the Year and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring her for this accomplishment.

Sandra Poindexter, who teaches information systems at Northern Michigan University, has been recognized as Distinguished Professor of the Year by the presidents of Michigan's 15 public universities. She is being honored for her sustained commitment to creating and infusing innovative teaching strategies and experiential learning opportunities into the classroom.

This special recognition for Professor Poindexter is the most recent of many she has received for her innovations to learning, which expand the classroom into the community and around the world. Some of her special innovations to learning include creatively integrating the Internet and notebook computers into academic environments, forming team-based and service-learning experiences and also fostering international education through student and faculty exchange programs and developing the International Information Technology Student Conference.

Northern Michigan University in the Upper Peninsula is committed to the high-quality, visionary teaching that Sandra Poindexter embodies and this special award celebrates her many contributions to the academic world.

Madam Speaker, as Sandra Poindexter accepts the honor of being named Michigan's Professor of the Year, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in congratulating her on this momentous

occasion. Teachers like her are always appreciated and I thank her for her contributions to education.

JOB CREATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 7110, the Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act. Millions of Americans are struggling to make ends meet during these extremely difficult economic times. The budgets of American families are being squeezed as the price of gas, food, housing and healthcare continue to increase, while wages are down and unemployment is up. The number of unemployed Americans is the highest it has been since 1992. The economy has lost jobs for 8 straight months, with 605,000 American jobs lost this year. Last month alone, 84,000 Americans lost their jobs.

In February, I was pleased to vote in favor of the first economic stimulus package when it passed the House. However, I was disappointed that, because of Republican opposition and the need to move the bill quickly, it did not include increases in unemployment benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid payments to States, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefits, or infrastructure investments, all of which would have a significant stimulative effect on our economy. As a result, a number of studies have concluded that the stimulus package only had a negligible effect on our economy.

Seven months later, the recession has only worsened. The crisis on Wall Street continues to expand, with the largest bank collapse in our Nation's history occurring on Thursday, and more and more banks coming to government, hat in hand, asking to be bailed out. The time has come to take care of the millions of working families across America who have been struggling for years under the Bush economy, before we swoop in to rescue Wall Street with billions of taxpayer dollars.

H.R. 7110 provides a critical additional 7 weeks of extended benefits for workers who have exhausted regular unemployment compensation, with workers in high unemployment States eligible for an additional 13 weeks of benefits. Studies have shown that extending unemployment insurance is one of the quickest forms of economic stimulus because workers who have lost their jobs spend those benefits quickly.

This package also provides a crucial temporary increase in Medicaid payments to States. These funds will help States offset the increased cost of Medicaid as more people apply for assistance while healthcare costs continue to skyrocket. While Governor Blagojevich is struggling to maintain benefits in Illinois, we have already seen other States cutting eligibility and services, and more reductions will occur if we do not provide increased temporary assistance. As we know from past financial downturns when we took similar action, increased Federal payments are not only important to the children, senior citi-

zens, persons with disabilities and others who rely on Medicaid but will stimulate the economy quickly and substantially as well.

Finally, this package also contains \$12.8 billion for our Nation's deteriorating highways and bridges; \$1 billion for repair and construction projects of public housing units; and \$3 billion to repair crumbling schools, including technology upgrades and energy-efficiency improvements, which likewise will have an immediate stimulative effect on the economy. These projects provide short-term benefit by putting people to work immediately—with funding, work can begin on many of them tomorrow—and they provide long-term improvements that will benefit Americans for years to come.

This is an excellent package, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in creating good jobs and providing assistance to those struggling in today's economy.

HONORING RAMADAN

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of introspection, fasting and spiritual renewal.

Throughout the entire 9th month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims demonstrate their devotion by fasting from sunrise until sunset. The month of Ramadan is also an important time for Muslim families and communities as they join together in expression of their devotion.

Many Muslims use this time to seek physical and spiritual renewal. In fact, more than 25,000 Muslims in my Congressional District observe this celebration to mark their steadfast commitments to faith, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the celebration of the month of Ramadan and wishing Muslims a peaceful holiday.

HONORING THE WORK OF DEAN  
STEVEN OLSON

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize Steve Olson, who has recently retired as Dean of Occupational Education and Economic Development at Santa Rosa Junior College, SRJC.

Dean Olson began his career as a Plant Science Instructor at SRJC in 1970, and was named Department Chair in 1974. Thirteen years later, he was selected as Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services. In this role he administered a variety of programs for the college including the Agriculture Department, the college's Shone Farm, international education, as well as Community Outreach and Development.

During his tenure at SRJC, he helped establish the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and the college farm. He also expanded course offerings to more than 50 sites

throughout Sonoma County, created a study abroad program for SRJC students, and developed an educational telecommunications program at the college.

Throughout his career, Dean Olson has been an active participant in many professional associations, serving as Vice President of the California Agricultural Teachers Association, CATA, President of the North Coast CATA, founding Chairman of the State Advisory Committee on Vocational Agricultural Education, a member of the California Joint Policy Council on Higher Education in Agriculture, President of the California Agricultural Leadership Associates, and co-chair of the Northern California Advocates for Global Education. His involvement in his community has also extended to numerous non-profit organizations including the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, the Sonoma County 4-H Foundation, Chair of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation, and Director of the Sonoma County Harvest Fair among others.

Over the years, Dean Olson has been recognized for his many accomplishments with such honors as the Friend of 4-H Award, the Rotarian of the Year Award for Northern California, the Friend of Sonoma County Agriculture Award and the Harold D. Bostock Lifetime of Service Rotary Award.

Madam Speaker, Dean Olson has had a long and distinguished career where he has been a model for his community and his profession. He plans to spend his retirement years with his wife, Elaine, and their 6 grandchildren pursuing their many hobbies. It is appropriate at this time that we honor Dean Olson for his many accomplishments and wish him well in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LEGACY AWARDS

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the 2008 Chester County Community Foundation Legacy Awards.

The Foundation annually recognizes members of the community who embody its mission of making Chester County, Pennsylvania a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family.

The following awards will be presented to those who have exhibited exceptional charitable commitment and dedicated community involvement:

Carol Ware Gates, Ph.D. of Christiana will receive the Jordan Award for Lifelong Philanthropy; Peg Anderson of Coatesville will receive the Thanks For Caring Award for community involvement; Herr Foods of Nottingham will receive the Corporate Social Investment Award; John A. Featherman, III, Esq. of West Chester will receive the Door Opener Award for introducing prospective endowment fund donors to the Community Foundation; and the West Chester University Relay for Life Student Committee will receive the Youth Philanthropy Award.

The Community Foundation will honor the contributions these recipients have made to

the community during the Annual Meeting and Legacy Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in Philips Auditorium on the campus of West Chester University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting all of the recipients for these well-deserved awards and commending them for giving so much of themselves while serving others and building a better Chester County.

INTRODUCTION TO H.O.P.E.

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my bill, the H.O.P.E. resolution of 2008: Honoring Organizers for Promoting Equality.

In every community across our Nation, the contributions of community organizers are woven into the fabric of our history. They have worked to ignite movements such as the Underground Railroad, farm laborers' rights, civil rights, and women's suffrage. Today, community organizers in my own city of Chicago fight for improved housing, adult literacy initiatives, equal access to quality healthcare, and fair and just immigration laws.

As citizens of the United States—a country founded on the principles of freedom and justice—we should not discredit the serious and historic responsibilities of community organizers. I believe that there is no greater responsibility than standing up to injustice.

The men and women who followed in the footsteps of César Chávez and were committed to speak out for the voiceless, who saw the work of Jane Addams and decided to champion an unpopular cause, or who heard the words of Dr. Martin Luther King and chose to stand firm against the status quo—these men and women know where true power lies. In educating and encouraging others to reject injustice and to demand change, organizers create better communities and a better country for us all.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude with these words from Thomas Jefferson: "Enlighten the people, generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day." Community organizers play an integral role in empowering people of every faith, gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation, and their efforts are worthy of more than a punch line.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Burnham Institute for Medical Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10901 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Description of Request: Recent world events have made abundantly clear the need for a deeper understanding of the molecular and cellular mechanisms employed by bacterial and viral pathogens that would facilitate the design of countermeasures to weaponized biological agents such as anthrax, ricin, smallpox virus, botulinum toxin or plague bacteria. Additionally, as evidenced by the ever-present threat of viral pandemics and the relentless rise of antibiotic-resistance, there is a clear and urgent need for the development of new families of therapeutic agents—antibiotics, vaccines, antitoxins and antivirals. Given the large and growing number of recalcitrant pathogens, the most useful new therapeutics are likely to have broad-spectrum efficacy; to target immutable elements of the pathogen or host; to be rapidly adaptable in the face of natural or engineered variants; and to be physically robust.

To assist the United States Army in protecting our soldiers against these growing threats, I secured \$2.4 million for the Infectious & Inflammatory Disease Center (IIDC) at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, which will build on its studies of diseases that result from a broad range of human pathogens. The work will define and characterize host responses to infection, including innate and adaptive immunity and inflammation, providing a molecular understanding of host-pathogen interactions. Over the next ten years, many antibiotics currently prescribed to treat bacterial infections will no longer be effective owing to microbial resistance. Drug-resistant strains of some pathogens, such as the bacteria that cause tuberculosis, and MRSA, have already appeared. Several deadly viral agents have also emerged, threatening both our soldiers in the battlefield as well as large civilian populations; and, except for some vaccines, few treatments for viral infections exist to date.

With regard to infectious diseases, a major goal of the IIDC is to discover, characterize and validate novel virulence factors and toxins from infectious agents, working closely with our bioinformatics group who annotate (attempt to assign function based on the DNA sequence) the rapidly expanding number of pathogen genome sequences. These combined studies facilitate the discovery of novel but conserved pathways that may be validated as targets for broad-spectrum antibiotics. Complementary strategies will be developed to produce drug-like compounds for further development, including High-Throughput Screening (HTS), 'in silico' screening, and the development and application of NMR-based fragment approaches (the Institute hosts "The San Diego Chemical Library Screening Center", one of 5 such centers nationwide). The IIDC will continue its well-funded studies of the most likely agents of bioterrorism, including anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*), smallpox (*Variola virus*), and plague (*Yersinia pestis*); but it will also expand its focus to the study of emerging diseases such as SARS, West Nile and Dengue Viruses, as well as preparing countermeasures to treat a possible influenza pandemic—should avian flu strain H5N1 gain the ability to transmit directly from person to person.

A major new focus of the IIDC will be to understand and exploit host responses to infection. Human cells provide the never-ending

backdrop in a contest between host-defense molecules and pathogen virulence factors that seek to subvert the host's innate and adaptive immune responses. Identifying the players and mechanisms of the natural host responses, many of which are common to a broad range of infections, may provide novel (host-targeted) leads for broad-spectrum therapeutics, the exciting possibility of naturally boosting innate immunity, as well as the discovery of novel adjuvants for vaccine design. Vaccine technology has developed little in the past 50 years. A high priority will therefore be the development of novel vaccine methodologies which employ robust single-chain antigen-adjuvant combinations that facilitate rapid production and modification in the face of engineered or mutant pathogens.

The IIDC is well positioned in that it already has much of the infrastructure in place to generate novel therapeutic leads; shortly, with the opening of our new facility in Orlando, FL we will have the additional capability of developing these leads through medicinal chemistry and pharmacology to phase I trials, the latter in collaboration with our clinical partners in Florida.

Additional funding made possible through this process to the IIDC will enable the expansion of our Center into a number of critical areas. Priorities include recruitment of new faculty members and their programs working in the fields of innate immunity, microbiology, and medicinal chemistry. Recruitment into these currently underrepresented areas within our Center will complement our existing expertise and further expedite the development of novel therapeutics.

Leveraged Funds—Based on the Burnham Institute for Medical Research's past successful record of leveraging seed funds, we estimate that \$3 million for additional scientists through this request will result in \$30 million in additional grant funding for the next 10 years at the BIMR.

Current/Future/Matching Funding—Private philanthropy for the San Diego, CA area has contributed to the current research work ongoing at Burnham's IIDC. Since BIMR scientists started focusing on the important area of research, the IIDC has secured nearly \$40,000,000 in competitive federal grants from a number of sources including the DoD and the NIAID. BIMR researchers and their research are very well respected throughout these federal agencies. Researchers in the IIDC will continue to seek federal grants through the traditional competitive process, this year through funding opportunities available from the DoD and the NIAID.

TRIBUTE TO PETER AND BETSY  
LOWE FOR RECEIVING THE 2008  
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AWARD

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CRAMER. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Lowe, Sr. of Huntsville, Alabama, for receiving the 2008 Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award. This award is given annually to the person or persons in the Huntsville community who displays

exemplary community leadership. The Lowes are distinguished community advocates and civic volunteers who have given countless hours to numerous community and state-wide organizations and boards.

Peter and Betsy Lowe have led efforts to nurture the cultural development of our region. Together they serve as co-Chairs of the Huntsville Museum of Art's "Masterpiece in the Making" Capital Campaign which is currently raising \$11 million for improvements to the museum's existing facilities and an endowment for the museum's long-term financial stability. In addition to her service to the Huntsville Museum of Art, Betsy has volunteered as a board member at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, the University of Alabama Huntsville Foundation, the Alabama Heritage Foundation and many other distinguished organizations.

Peter Lowe serves as the president of GW Jones & Sons Consulting Engineers, Inc., a highly regarded Huntsville company that specializes in real estate development, sales and appraisals. The Lowes are members of the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville and have three children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the leadership and dedication of Peter and Betsy should serve as a model for others to follow. On behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate them for being named the 2008 Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award recipient.

FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the efforts of the United States Marshals Service for its pioneering program to encourage hundreds and thousands of individuals wanted for non-violent felony or misdemeanor crimes to voluntarily surrender to the law in a faith-based or other neutral setting. The initiative was conceived and is administered by the Marshals Service in states that have particularly high numbers of fugitive warrants.

The goal of Fugitive Safe Surrender is to reduce the risk to law enforcement officers who pursue fugitives, to the neighborhoods and communities where they hide, and to the fugitives themselves. Authorized by Congress in July 2006, it is believed to be the first program of its kind in the Nation.

In Detroit, Michigan, where the majority of my constituents reside, Fugitive Safe Surrender took place in June 2008, under the leadership of Robert M. Grubbs, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan. Over the course of the four-day surrender period, more than 6,500 individuals with outstanding warrants took advantage of the opportunity to surrender to law enforcement and help pave the way for a more successful future for themselves and their families. The credit for this outstanding success goes to the many city workers, judges, prosecutors, attorneys, clerks, and community leaders who contributed their time, efforts and leadership to administering the program. I am proud to salute the leadership of Dr. Edgar Vann, pastor

of Second Ebenezer Church, who allowed the Marshals Service to use his beautiful facility and who devoted countless hours to mentoring government officials and fugitives during the process.

This brilliant initiative was conceived by Peter J. Elliott, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio, after the death of Cleveland Police Officer Wayne Leon at the hands of a wanted fugitive. He believes that "desperate people commit desperate acts." Marshal Elliott has helped lead the program in ten cities and has been urged by mayors from across the country to implement the program in their cities. As the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I applaud Marshal Elliott for his courage to 'think outside the box,' and his leadership in pairing law enforcement with communities in an amazingly successful effort to apprehend fugitives while giving thousands of individuals a second chance at life.

TRIBUTE TO POCAHONTAS AREA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the excellence in education in the Fourth Congressional District of Iowa, and to specifically congratulate Pocahontas Area Elementary School in Pocahontas, Iowa, for making the list of the 2008 No Child Left Behind, Blue Ribbon Schools.

The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Pocahontas Area Elementary School scored in the top 10 percent in Iowa with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

I consider it a great honor to represent Pocahontas Area Elementary Principal Lynn Moody, the teachers, students, school board members, and administrations of Pocahontas Area Schools in the United States Congress. I wish Pocahontas Elementary continued academic excellence as they provide a positive impact on future generations to come.

HONORING THE BUCKS COUNTY  
BAR ASSOCIATION

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bar Association of Bucks County for its 125 years of service and dedication to the legal professionals of Bucks County. In 1683, William Penn established the first courts in the county, holding an orphan's and common pleas court in Falls Township, Pennsylvania. Twenty five years later, in 1708, Bucks County appointed its first Deputy Attorney General. In 1812 the first "old" courthouse was built, followed by the second "old" courthouse in 1877. This second courthouse was demolished in 1960 to construct the courthouse we still use today.

In 1853, seventeen attorneys formed an organization of legal practitioners, creating the Association of the Bar of Bucks County. The organization was incorporated in 1883 and had grown to 40 members. They worked then, as they do now, to improve the welfare of the judicial system, the courts, the administration of justice and service to the public.

Now with more than 700 members, the Bucks County Bar Association has made huge advancements. It now has its own legal journal, the Bucks County Law Report. They also have established a lawyer referral program, Legal Aid Society, and mock trial and law day programs. What once consisted of just 40 members now has 30 committees within the organization. The Bar Association of Bucks County has come a long way since it was incorporated over 100 years ago.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Bucks County Bar Association and its service and dedication to the residents and legal professionals of Bucks County.

HONORING ALPENA, MICHIGAN'S  
STATE RUNNER-UP GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the players and coaches of the Alpena High School girl's softball team. They were Michigan state runner-up champs for high school girls' softball in Division I play and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring the outstanding Alpena Wildcats.

No one can fault the girls for being disappointed after their 14-inning 2-1 loss to the Garden City Cougars in the state championship game. After years of finishing the season at the district tournament, the Alpena High School girls' softball team finally broke away from that barrier and made it all the way to the State final in which they finished second. Their hard-fought advancement to the State Final is a source of great pride not only to the softball team and high school, but also for the Alpena community as a whole.

This championship run was a defining moment in girls' softball for the Alpena area. Head Coach Paul Marwede was quoted as saying "I've been proud of these kids from day one . . . I will be proud of them for the rest of my life." What this girls' softball team accomplished was extraordinarily special and will always be remembered for years to come.

I wish to congratulate each of the players and coaches on a memorable season. These players and coaches include: Rachel Gebauer, Aubrey Kowalski, Kursten Paczkowski, Leah Cox, Nikki Preuss, Alyssa Smith, and Rachel Brown, Allison Keen, Brandy Lancewicz, Kayla Paczkowski, Katie Prevo, Leah Ventimiglia, Head Coach Paul Marwede, assistant coaches Jason Barbeau, Louie Hoppe, Brittney Kirkwood and Christin Sobeck and trainer Brad Nash.

Madam Speaker, as the Alpena High School girls' softball team celebrates a memorable season and a second-place finish, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representa-

tives join with me in congratulating them on this extraordinary accomplishment. This truly is a time in these young women's lives that they will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE SONOMA COUNTY  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor and acknowledge the Sonoma County Medical Association, SCMA. The SCMA will celebrate its 150th anniversary on November 11, 2008.

Recently discovered documents place the first call to organize the forerunner to the SCMA on April 10, 1858, with the creation of a constitution and by-laws. The group went through at least 2 subsequent reorganizations, the latter being in 1888, which had long been considered by medical historians to be the original founding date of the organization.

From 1888 to 1910 the Sonoma County Medical Society, as it was then called, held monthly meetings around such topics as "The Emotions in Their Relationship to Disease" and "Bubonic Plague: Keeping it Out of Sonoma County." In 1906, the association elected its first woman president, Dr. Anabel Stuart. During both World Wars, 29 percent of the medical society's membership served our country in uniform.

Since 1951, the SCMA has had only 5 full-time administrators or executive directors. Josephine Quayle served as "general helper" until her retirement in 1963. She was succeeded by Norman Brown, who served from 1960 to 1982. Roger Brown served from 1983 to 1989, followed by Torn Wagner from 1989 to 2000 and Cynthia Melody from 2000 to the present.

Over the years, the SCMA has made numerous contributions to the health of Sonoma County. In 1962, the SCMA coordinated a "Knock Out Polio" campaign that resulted in 92.3 percent of the county's population being immunized. From the mid-1970s to the late 1990s, the SCMA created several other affiliated companies that helped increase medical services to county residents, including the Specialty Physicians Association and the Children's Health Network. And, in 2000, the SCMA returned to its roots as a self-sustaining, non-profit county medical association supporting physicians and their efforts to enhance the health of the community.

Madam Speaker, the SCMA has a long history of assisting physicians practicing in Sonoma County and of preserving the well being of county residents. It is appropriate that we honor this distinguished organization and its members for their past accomplishments and wish them well as they continue to work on behalf of the physicians and residents of Sonoma County.

U.S. TAIWAN RELATIONS

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the House recently considered and passed H.R. 6646, a bill that would require the Secretary of State to provide Congress with detailed briefings on any recent discussions conducted between the United States Government and the Government of Taiwan and any potential transfer of defense articles or defense services to the Government of Taiwan.

I was proud to cosponsor this legislation, which I hope will end a reported freeze on arms sales to Taiwan. The U.S. and Taiwan have enjoyed a positive economic and political relationship for several decades and it is our duty to make defense articles available to our allies, especially in the Asia Pacific region.

The U.S. Taiwan Relations Act states in Section 2(b)(5) that "it is the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character." The same Act specifies in Section 3(b) that Congress has a role in determining the defensive needs of Taiwan. Furthermore, Section 3(b) also states that any determination "shall include review by United States military authorities in connection with recommendations to the President and the Congress." Yet the administration has not reported any recommendations to Congress nor explained why arms sales to Taiwan have been delayed. Since Taiwan's legislature passed its arms budget last year, further inaction by the administration is unnecessary.

As twenty-four Members and I wrote in a letter to President Bush on July 31, "A secure and prosperous Taiwan requires the means to provide for its own self defense and the ability to engage its neighbors without fear of military intimidation." If we are serious about Taiwan's security, we must continue to permit the judicious sale of defensive weapons to our key ally.

H. Res. 6646 provides a framework for maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait by requiring the administration to consult with Congress regarding its arms transfer policy. I applaud the passage of this much-needed legislation.

HONORING BILLY JIM VAUGHN

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Billy Jim Vaughn as the Brentwood Rotary Club will present him with this year's Community Service Award on October 17, 2008.

For 73 years, Billy Jim Vaughn has served as Scoutmaster for Troop 1, thought to be the oldest continuous Boy Scout troop in the United States. With his love for nature, athletics, and above all other people, Billy Jim has been a part of Troop 1 B.S.A., as a scout and leader, for a total of 82 years. With the pride of a father, Billy Jim has inspired countless young men through scouting by providing the direction, purpose, leadership and teamwork skills needed to develop into strong individuals and community leaders. The entire

Brentwood community holds Billy Jim in the highest respect, and as a result of his dedication, the Billy Jim Campership Fund for Needy Scouts was established in his name.

Billy Jim's immeasurable impact on the community is not limited to the world of scouting, however. During World War II, Billy Jim served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, and he has developed a long record of service to the Nashville and Brentwood communities since that time. At Brentwood United Methodist Church, Billy Jim has taught 9th grade Sunday School for the past 54 years. Additionally, he has served on the boards of directors for American Red Cross, Hemophilia Foundation, and YMCA, among others. He worked at the United Methodist Publishing House for 44 years, and with Randstad Staffing Services for 30 years. He served as president of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, and has been recognized numerous times for his contributions to the business community.

Billy Jim Vaughn has set an example of service, leadership, caring, and civic participation that all would do well to follow. Madam Speaker, I congratulate Billy Jim Vaughn on this well-deserved award, and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his accomplishments. We congratulate Billy Jim and his family on this wonderful occasion.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Defense Innovation (Defense Security Technology Accelerator).

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC 28301.

Description of Request: The Partnership for Defense Innovation received an authorization for \$3 million for an expansion of the PDI Special Operations Forces Wireless Testbed by establishing a testing and evaluation assessment center. This added capability will provide rapid testing and assessment, modeling and simulation, software verification, validation and accreditation, strategic analysis and consulting, and provides built out laboratories and equipment bays designed for technical testing and assessment. Capabilities will include an indoor high-bay for vehicle modification and testing, a radio frequency testing chamber for evaluation of communications equipment, and environmental testing chambers designed to test and assess the temperature and humidity impact on equipment. USSOCOM requires testing and assessment of emerging technologies in net-centric operations. USSOCOM is facing a convergence of factors constraining military bandwidth. The reliance on the vast amount and types of data that the net-centric warrior requires for computing, communication, command & control, intelligence and surveillance is challenging. These different types

of data are collected from a plethora of different sources and sensor types, which rely on different data transfer protocols that can affect the size of the files and thus bandwidth demands. The Lab will continue to problem-solve these issues while providing a proximate test bed for just-intime new product tests and evaluations on WiFi battlefield solutions. A \$2 million add for this request was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Operations & Maintenance, Marine Corps, Operating Forces.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Longworth Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 480 E. Main Street, Candor, NC 27229.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$5,000,000 for Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. Acclimate flame resistant high performance base layers are designed to provide an increased degree of protection against potential exposure to heat and flame of a short duration. In a flash fire situation, Acclimate flame resistant base layers are thermostatic meaning they will remain physically intact when exposed to a short duration heat source. They will not break open, thus helping to minimize burn injuries as well as eliminating the intensified burns caused by the melting or dripping of other synthetic materials. The Marine Corps has a \$27.0 million "Unfunded Requirement" to provide, "modernized clothing and equipment that is more effective, lighter and more durable to support the warfighter in austere environments that have been identified in the Global War on Terrorism." The Clothing and Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG) program (including the Fire Resistant Desert Combat Jacket) has been funded to meet the Marine Corps' flame resistant apparel requirements with products like the Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. A \$1.6 million add was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: OPN Budget Activity 01, Line #19, Items Less than \$5 million.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IMO Pump.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1710 Airport Road, Monroe, NC, USA.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$4 million for the procurement and installation of Canned Lube Pumps (CLP) on four LSD-41/49 Class amphibious ships. This funding will purchase 16 CLP units to complete the LSD-41 class. Approximately, \$400,000 is for technical support for installation; \$2.8M for the CLP units and installation; \$600,000 for battle spares; \$200,000 for prototype ship board test for LHD class. The Navy has indicated that the total savings over the life of the LSD 41/49 class from installing the CLP is over \$33.1 million and the return investment to the Navy is 394 percent. This funding will complete the procurement and installation of the Whidbey Island Class. A \$2 million add was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT & E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and Northrup Grumman.

Address of Requesting Entity: UNC—Charlotte Campus in Charlotte, NC is the location of performance (where the work will be done): University of North Carolina—Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223 and Northrup Grumman, 7323 Aviation Blvd, Mail Stop 1105, Baltimore, MD 21040

Description of Request: Provide a \$3 million authorization for Superlattice Nanotechnology research for the Department of Defense to be performed at UNC—Charlotte. Most of today's compound semiconductor devices made from silicon (Si) and silicon germanium (SiGe) have high power capabilities, but are limited by defect density and other factors affecting yield, cost and performance. One of the most promising new materials is SiC, which is used to make high power radio frequency (RF), power switching, and high current switching devices for a multitude of DoD applications. Superlattice nanotechnology can mitigate the size, yield and performance limitations of SiC by utilizing atomic level control of the SiC-on-Si growth process. This will greatly reduce the cost and improve the performance of many of the desired SiC devices. Superlattice nanotechnology will form the structure for the next dimension in RF electronics (Radar, EW, communications), radiation hard electronics (satellite, special use), and power conditioning electronics (DEW, electromagnetic gun), enabling performance levels unachievable with today's technology. Request \$5.0 million be added to the President's FY09 Budget Request to continue development of silicon carbide (SiC) Superlattice Nanotechnology. A \$2 million add was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT & E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Protective Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: United Protective Technologies (UPT) 4600 H Lebanon Road, Charlotte, NC 28227 and their Locust, North Carolina facility.

Description of Request: Provide a \$2 million authorization for Non-Hazardous Infrared Anti-Reflective Coatings for Army Aircraft Sensors. An alternative coating to extend the service life of expensive and critical infrared range sensor windows is now available. This coating presents none of the health or environmental impacts found in other currently used Anti-reflective coatings. Prototype examples and early stage data of this new capability have been presented to the US Army and have received very positive feedback. Key features include unprecedented environment stability, and excellent abrasion and erosion protection. This coating may also be used on both flat windows and on dome-shaped configurations. This coating will increase the survivability of sensor windows and reduce cost of ownership through an increase in operation life and performance. Army provided Cost/Benefit analysis

shows that the windows of the AH64 Targeting Sensor Array (TADS/PNVs) are currently demonstrating a Mean Time between Unscheduled Removal of 5031 (PNVs) and 5495 (TADS) flight hours. With the current Operational Tempo AH-64's can be expected to fly approximately 100,000 flight hours per year (total fleet). Based on the damage seen on removed windows, a conservative estimate is that this coating will cut unscheduled removals by 50 percent, saving \$418,000/year for the Apache Airframe. Other Army airframes could show a savings amounting to an additional \$800,000 annually. \$1.2 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Combat Displays, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100-B Industrial Drive, New Bern, N.C. 28562.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$6,800,000 for development of environmentally sealed, ruggedized avionics displays for vertical lift systems and will be done in conjunction with the Center for Vertical Lift Excellence, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point, NC in support of technology to benefit our military aviators. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Navy RDT&E account. A \$4 million add was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Other Procurement, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Carolina National Guard for the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team (30th HBCT).

Address of Requesting Entity: North Carolina National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, Raleigh, NC and the SAASM GPS retrofit work will be done by Aerospace Communications Division, 2193 Anchor Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320.

Description of Request: Requested \$1 million to procure up to 200 Embedded SAAMS cards for installation on 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) radios before deployment to Iraq. The 30th HBCT NCARNG has been alerted for deployment to Iraq in second quarter FY09. This will be the second tour for the unit. The BCT has about 3500 men and women from the North Carolina National Guard, roughly a quarter of the total North Carolina National Guard. Many of the members of the unit will be conducting operations directly against insurgent forces. Installation of the Embedded SAAMS system into the existing radios of the 30th HBCT will provide the ground commander with increased situational awareness during operations, which will increase ground troop effectiveness and decreasing the risk of fratricide. The 30th HBCT are set to deploy to the AOR for the second time since 9/11 and this increased capability request will not be taken care of by the Army before they depart. This request will enable these North Carolina Guardsmen to be fully equipped for their deployment. This is a one time request to pay for the radio upgrade with SAASM GPS card. \$800,000 was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: OM, ARNG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Carolina National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: North Carolina National Guard, North Carolina National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, Raleigh, NC.

Description of Request: ARNG Soldier/Family Support: NCNG Family Assistance Center Pilot Program—Request \$2M to establish a pilot project in North Carolina of geographically disbursed Family Assistance Centers that will support the families of deployed service members living in rural areas and locations distant from military bases. Since 9/11, the North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) has experienced an unprecedented operational pace that includes mobilizing over 95 percent of the force. Current indications are that this pace will continue for the foreseeable future. These mobilizations have a significant effect on our families and children. One of the most vital lessons learned is that they experience this impact not only during the deployment, but prior to and especially after the service member returns. Family Assistance Centers (FACs) provide essential support and services to families of members of the NCNG and of all the other Armed Services. These services could include counseling, health care information, financial advice, employer support, legal support and guidance, crisis referral, community outreach, veteran affairs and more. Unlike the active component, NCNG families are not geographically centered near installations like Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson or Camp Lejeune, all of which provide these services to their members. Instead, NCNG families are spread throughout the state and in most cases cannot get to these installations on a routine basis or without some hardship. Establishing FACs across the state allows the NCNG to provide consistent and continuous vital support and services to the families of members of the NCNG and the Armed Services. Funding this program will significantly reduce the impact on families and will directly contribute to sustaining a strong North Carolina National Guard. \$1.6 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Parker Domnick Hunter (domnick hunter, Inc. A Division of Parker).

Address of Requesting Entity: 5900-B Northwoods Parkway Charlotte, NC 28269.

Description of Request: Request \$2 million for Nano Porous Hollow Fiber Regenerative Chemical Filter. Funding would complete live agent chemical testing of a nano porous hollow fiber regenerative chemical filter and evaluate incorporation of this breakthrough technology into an Individual, Self-Cleaning, Protective Mask. This program meets the military requirement to effectively protect the warfighter from the full range of chemical and biological agents. Current Individual Protection Equipment, provided to warfighters and first

responders for protection against chemical and biological weapons, has significant shortcomings including limited chemical protection ability and a significant logistics tail. The U.S. Army and Defense Threat Reduction Agency have made the development of novel technologies for use in advanced Individual Protective mask applications a priority objective. Nano porous hollow fiber filter is one such breakthrough technology. The hollow fiber filter requires very little energy to operate (10–20 watts vs. 8 kilowatts for a 50 cubic ft/min. unit), is lightweight (15 lbs. vs. 150 lbs. for a 50 CFM unit), and has a self cleaning capability. Initial chemical testing confirms protection ability. Further live agent testing in a U.S. military facility is required in order to complete the design for integration into next generation Individual Protective Equipment, thus equipping warfighters and first responders with complete chemical agent protection, eliminating the logistics burden of the current filter, and providing drastic life cycle cost savings. \$1 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC).

Address of Requesting Entity: Concurrent Technologies Corporation 150 Rowan Street, Suite 206 Fayetteville, NC 28301–4920.

Description of Request: Request \$5 million for Technology Infusion Cell (TIC). Under direction of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Program Manager Special Operations Technology Development (SOTD), provide deploying and deployed forces with ultra-responsive, independent evaluation, applied research, rapid prototype development and time sensitive critical information; compartmented as required. The Technology Infusion Cell serves as an ultra-responsive resource, tied to academia, science/industry to meet unique Special Operations Forces unit requirements and share concepts and information with DoD organizations and rapid deployment forces. The Technology Infusion Cell serves as an ultra-responsive resource, tied to academia, science/industry to meet unique Special Operations Forces unit requirements and share concepts and information with DoD organizations and rapid deployment forces. \$1 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: INI Power Systems.

Address of Requesting Entity: 175 Southport Drive Morrisville, NC 27560.

Description of Request: Request Soldier Portable Power Pack (SP3) for the 21st Century Warrior Sophisticated technologies that support modern military communications and weaponry are revolutionizing strategic and tactical combat operations around the world, but are also creating unprecedented demands for portable power. Advancements in telecommunications and electronic weaponry are

critical to a dismounted soldier's ability to leverage portable electronic equipment including laptops, GPS, night vision goggles, 2-way radios, laser-designators, chemical sensors, and other network equipment. The soldier's technological edge is rendered ineffective though without equally portable and sustainable power sources. Currently, primary batteries—based on 1960s technology—provide the majority of portable DC power for the dismounted soldier; major drawbacks are added weight, low power density and limited functionality. For example, in a typical 72 hour mission, up to half of the rucksack weight for a dismounted soldier outfitted with standard electronic gear is in batteries. This creates a logistical problem for soldiers who must prioritize either extra batteries or adequate ammunition and supplies. The ever growing power demands for the soldier's electronic gear aggravate this dilemma and as today's soldier becomes increasingly networked on the battlefield, portable DC power sources must provide much higher energy density than current state-of-the-art batteries are providing. The SP3 is also eco-friendly; byproducts are water and CO<sub>2</sub> and a 25W system operating continuously produces 5X less CO<sub>2</sub> than a soldier breathing in that same span. INI Power Systems proposes to build and field test, over a two year period, twenty five (25) of its prototype SP3 power systems for Army soldier portable applications. The systems are designed to meet the specific power, weight and reliability requirements needed for demanding military operations. The 25 watt power pack, engineered for communication and weapon system applications, combines methanol—a high energy density and logistically friendly liquid fuel—with INI Power System's revolutionary direct methanol Laminar Flow Fuel Cell (LFFC<sup>®</sup>) technology. Hybridized with readily available lithium ion batteries, INI's portable power systems yield instant and continuous power for mission critical needs and functionality well beyond what is capable with batteries alone. The INI power system, weighing just over 3 pounds (1.5 kg), is designed to provide continuous power for 72 hours through the simple exchange of 8 oz fuel cartridges (each weighing less than 0.5 pounds) yet providing 10 hours of constant power per cartridge even at full power load. \$1.7 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sierra Monolithics.

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 West Torrance Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA.

Description of Request: Request \$5 million for Advanced Radar Transceiver IC Development. This project was funded for \$800K in FY 2008 and is currently being used in the demonstration of the Digital Array Radar program. This application allows multiple frequencies to be scanned simultaneously and allows radar beams to be independently operated from the same platform. The net result is better target tracking, more time on target, higher probability of detection and better utilization of the asset. The FY08 funding allows two items, use of the existing commercial IP to demonstrate feasibility and basic architecture of the digital

section of the RFIC. To realize the complete potential of this technology the program needs to be fully funded to allow complete circuit design integration, fabrication and test for the RFIC. In particular a piece of IP must be developed to modify the frequency control of the commercial chip to one suitable for radar applications. This program leverages considerable commercial IP to gain a substantial gain for the government. The U.S. government benefits in several ways from this low cost enabling development. \$800,000 was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, AF.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Timken Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 693, Canton, OH 44706-0930.

Description of Request: Request \$2.4 million on for Hybrid Bearings. Standard aerospace bearings are not adequate for the demands of Joint Strike Fighter engine, or many of our existing engines with the new requirements placed on the weapons platforms, as well as continued high usage in extreme conditions. As a result, the Air Force has been working with industry to develop an improved bearing that is tough, corrosion resistant and can tolerate the high speeds and temperatures of the expanding mission requirements. The purpose of the project is to develop a high speed bearing for aerospace applications that will provide exceptional hot hardness, exceptional fatigue life, exceptional wear resistance, and exceptional fracture toughness. Defense applications would include the JSF main shaft bearing application, as well as other weapons platforms or devices requiring high speed bearings. \$1.6 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alliant Techsystems (ATK).

Address of Requesting Entity: 1215 South Clark Street Suite 1510, Arlington, VA 22202.

Description of Request: Request \$7.4 million for Individual Airburst Weapon System (IAWS). The Individual Automatic Weapons System (IAWS) is a 25mm shoulder-fired weapon that provides the U.S. infantryman—for the first time in a direct fire weapon—the ability to defeat enemy combatants in defilade and concealed positions. The system includes the rifle, target acquisition and fire control component, and 25mm high explosive precision air burst-ing (HEAB) munitions. The program currently is in ACTD, with several weapons systems having been delivered for demonstration. Additional funding is needed to continue development, and in particular to provide sufficient weapons systems and associated ammunition and test support for a complete user "field assessment" needed to qualify the system. \$1 million was included in the final bill for this project.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID YOST

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a southeastern Pennsylvania business leader whose talent and fiscal discipline should serve as a shining example for executives in these trying economic times.

David Yost is Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen, a drug distribution company located in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Recently, the magazine Business Week highlighted how Mr. Yost's no-frills management style has helped the company thrive.

At a time when the lavish perks of Wall Street executives grab all the headlines, the Business Week article noted that Mr. Yost answers his own phone at the office, flies economy class and limits his power lunches to a turkey hoagie with provolone cheese from a local deli. In addition, the article stated that Mr. Yost's salary is a fraction of his peers in the industry, while the company's profit margins exceed those of its competitors.

Although Mr. Yost is diligent about holding down expenses, he does not shy away from investing in the company. That is evident by the \$100 million dedicated over the next three to five years to improve customer service technology and the \$400 million used for enhancements to company distribution centers, the article stated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting David Yost for his exemplary leadership and for putting the interests of his company, his customers and his employees first. We also offer Mr. Yost and AmerisourceBergen best wishes and continued success in the future.

[Business Week]

AMERISOURCEBERGEN'S SCRIMP-AND-SAVE  
DAVE

(By Aili McConnon)

R. David Yost is acutely aware of tougher times ahead for his customers. Consumers are cutting back on prescription drugs to save money and retailers are struggling with less demand. But the AmerisourceBergen chief isn't worried. The balance sheet of the drug distributor, which acts as a middleman between drugmakers and retailers, is strong. Besides, Yost has been tightening his belt for years.

Even in an industry known for its razor-thin margins, Yost is remarkably cheap. He answers his own phone, flies economy class, and rarely strays beyond a shortie turkey hoagie with provolone from the local deli near his sterile industrial park headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa. Yost, 61, admits that his \$66.1 billion company could absorb the cost of getting him extra secretarial help and a more comfortable seat on planes, but that's not the point. "The leader is very important in controlling business costs," says Yost, whose headquarters lobby is decorated with plastic plants to save on watering.

While Yost's zeal to cut costs may strike some as absurd, his efforts have helped Amerisource thrive. And he thinks the current credit crisis won't swing the company off course. Not only has Amerisource held its own against rivals McKesson (MCK) and Cardinal Health (CAH), but leaner operations have helped it grow revenues 8% this year while the broader industry is growing half as fast. In the last quarter, Amerisource profits

increased by 30%, excluding one-time sales; McKesson's and Cardinal's were up 8% and 13%, respectively. Yost's total paycheck last year (including stock options) was \$4.8 million, less than half that of Cardinal's CEO and barely a sixth of McKesson's chief. "He is not flamboyant or flashy," says Banc of America Securities analyst Robert Willoughby, of Yost's inclination to be modest. Adds John W. Ransom of Raymond James & Associates: "At 1% margins, you have to be."

Now he's under even more pressure to watch the bottom line as his customers struggle to stay competitive. Amerisource relies heavily on smaller, independent chains that are fast being gobbled by big players, who may have contracts with the distributor's rivals. But Yost predicts volume will pick up over the long term. "The older we get, the more drugs we take," says Yost, settling comfortably into a 1970s-era plaid chair (the weathered green leather chair at his desk, which he inherited from the previous CEO when he took over in 1997, looks like a yard sale find).

George Barrett, the CEO of Cardinal's drug distribution arm, says that what matters in a leader isn't frugality but foresight. "I don't want our people to see me as cheap but instead very efficient and cognizant of the environment in which we compete," says Barrett. But Yost insists he can be all those things. While he pays competitive salaries to attract talent, he allows employees to fly business class only if they pay for an upgrade themselves. And they must book 30 days in advance to get the best price. Yost is also investing more than \$100 million over the next three to five years to improve customer service technology, and he paid \$400 million to spruce up company distribution centers and consolidate operations.

#### THE PAYOFF

Of course, new technology also brings new ways to save money. Plant employees now wear wrist bands connected to a thimble device on their finger that uses an infrared laser that reads the bar code of what they unload or pick up. Workers who move more product than average receive bonuses for the time they've saved the company.

If that sounds Orwellian to some, Yost doesn't much care. While the Amerisource chief may not be eager to spend a buck, he certainly knows the value a dollar holds for others. Amerisource has returned more than a third of its free cash flow to shareholders for the last two years and used the rest for core acquisitions. "The landscape is littered with companies that think they can do a lot of businesses well," says Yost, adding that he no longer trots out the cliché "stick to our knitting" because he fears it makes him sound stodgy. "We're focused on knitting faster, better, and more creatively than anyone else."

### DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, DBE, and the Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, ACDBE, programs that are vitally important components of the aviation programs we are extending today. These programs are aimed at remedying discrimination

to ensure that all American businesses have a fair chance to participate in the business opportunities available at our Nation's airports. The DBE and ACDBE statutes and regulations have been carefully crafted and narrowly tailored to meet the rigorous constitutional standards established by the Supreme Court in *Adarand v. Peña*. As a result, all of the U.S. Federal circuit courts that have considered the constitutionality of the DBE program since the end of the *Adarand* litigation have found the statute and corresponding Federal regulations to be constitutional.

The bottom line is that, despite the assertions of some critics, the DBE and ACDBE programs remain necessary. Discrimination against minority and women business owners continues to plague airport-related industries in both the traditional contracting arena and in the concessions context. Here in Congress, we see the academic and statistical evidence and we hear the stories of business owners that confront discrimination. We know that the evidence is compelling and abundant. For instance, disparity studies have been conducted across this Nation make clear that minority and women owned businesses receive far fewer contract dollars than we would expect in a discrimination-free market. Each disparity study is a little bit different, but most of them contain both statistical and anecdotal evidence of the ongoing existence of discrimination. When these studies are considered as a group the results couldn't be clearer: discrimination continues to be a problem for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American and Native American business owners and for women business owners. This is true in every airport-related industry and in every corner of our Nation.

Earlier this month, Don O'Bannon, chair of the Airport Minority Advisory Council, AMAC, testified in the Senate about the discrimination that airport-related businesses confront. His testimony revealed the severity of the bias that minority and women owned airport-related businesses continue to confront. At that same hearing Mr. O'Bannon also submitted to the record a few of the many disparity studies that have documented discrimination in airport contracting with statistical evidence. While these studies, from Dallas, Texas, the State of Maryland, Denver, Colorado, Phoenix, Arizona, Nashville, Tennessee and Broward County, Florida, represent only a fraction of the airport-related studies that have been conducted, they all tell the same story: discrimination still makes it impossible for our Nation's minority and women owned businesses to contribute fully to our national economy.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support the continuation of the DBE and ACDBE program and look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthening and improving these programs in the months ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO MASTER WAN KO YEE

#### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Master Wan Ko Yee, a permanent resident of the United States, on the occasion of the publication of

HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma, wherein Master Yee has been recognized within the traditions of his religion as the revered master and holy leader of Buddhism.

Buddhism is the world's fourth largest religion after Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, with over 6 million Buddhists in the United States and 360 million adherents of Buddhism world-wide. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma, is a book that contains testimonies and affirmations through written proclamations in accordance with Buddhist traditions in recognizing the primordial Dorje Chang Buddha.

Copies of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma were presented to the Library of Congress at a special ceremony I attended with many other Members of Congress and Buddhist Dharma Kings and Rinpoches from around the world. The book was provided to every Member of Congress as a reference source and is being placed in all Buddhist Temples and public libraries by The International Buddhism Sangha Association, a nonprofit organization headquartered in San Francisco, CA.

Master Wan Ko Yee, who was born in Sichuan, China, is now a permanent resident of the United States and resides in California. Like many in the history of our country, he came with his wife and two children, to this land where there is greater opportunity and freedom to teach and practice religion. Master Yee, who is preparing to become a citizen of the United States, stated, "The American people are kind and noble. People can freely believe in religion in the United States, a country that is spiritually wealthy, powerful and blessed."

It is not my intention by this statement to endorse one religion or religious leader over another. Rather I rise to congratulate Master Yee for his many years of selflessly contributing to relieving the suffering of human beings, furthering world peace and promoting spiritual enlightenment through his teachings of Buddhism. I join his peers in recognizing Master Wan Ko Yee as the true incarnation of the primordial Buddha and commend him for his outstanding contributions to his community, his new country, his religion and all human beings throughout the world.

#### HONORING COREY ALAN STORTS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Corey Alan Storts of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Corey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Corey has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Corey has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Corey Alan Storts for his

accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE NELSON FAMILY OF COMPANIES OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize and honor the Nelson Family of Companies, which has been selected as the Business of the Year by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Nelson Family of Companies is an independently owned group of businesses that provide a wide variety of full-time and contract staffing services as well as software and support services designed to facilitate workforce management.

The first of the "Nelson Companies" opened in 1970 in San Rafael. In 1989 a corporate office was established in Sonoma. The companies currently employ more than 300 people in 25 offices throughout northern California.

In addition to being a major employer itself in Sonoma and providing support services to other local businesses, the Nelson family has been an active participant in community organizations and events. Primary beneficiaries have been the Hanna Boys Center and Sonoma Valley Hospital. The companies have also been sponsors or supporters of the Sonoma Jazz Festival, the Charles Schwab Cup Champion's Tour event at Sonoma Golf Club, the Sonoma Wine Harvest Auction and Festival, the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association annual walk, the Blood Bank of the Redwoods annual blood drive, the Valley of the Moon Boys & Girls Club and the Valley of the Moon Teen Center and the Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance.

Madam Speaker, local businesses in the small communities throughout our two Congressional districts are much more than employers. They are the backbone of a support system for projects, nonprofit organizations and civic events that would not be successful without their involvement. No organization better exemplifies this commitment than the Nelson Family of Companies. It is therefore, appropriate for us to honor Chairman Gary D. Nelson and his leadership team and employees, both past and present, for their great work throughout the years.

HONORING MEECO, INC.

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize MEECO on their 60th anniversary. MEECO, Incorporated is a privately-held, fam-

ily-owned manufacturing business headquartered in Warrington, Bucks County, PA. They produce and sell quality gas analysis measurement tools to industries across the globe allowing them to efficiently and safely manufacture their products.

MEECO has played an important role as a small business in our Bucks County community and the world. They employ more than 3 dozen hardworking people from the Bucks County area and have succeeded through an approach that focuses on product innovation, global expansion, and progressive management and manufacturing practices.

MEECO shows no signs of slowing down after winning 2 R&D 100 Awards for its products from R&D Magazine, developing a highly successful, award-winning spin-off company called Tiger Optics and recently celebrated the strongest financial first half in the company's history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating MEECO, Incorporated for their success and their high business standards. I thank them for the work they do on behalf of our community and across the world.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During my tenure in Congress, significant progress has been made in calling attention to domestic violence and helping victims and families recover from these abuses. However, much work still remains to be done because senseless acts of violence are still taking place in our homes and communities. Tragically we were reminded of the need for greater efforts to combat domestic violence this past July when tragedy struck in my home State of Kansas. Today, I'd like to share with you the Jana Lynne Mackey story.

On July 20, 1982, Jana Lynne Mackey was born in Harper, Kansas. Jana was raised primarily in Hays, Kansas, where she was an active member of 4-H, an athlete, and a talented musician. But most of all she was a vibrant and caring young woman who fought for those whose voice could not be heard.

Following high school graduation, Jana completed a bachelor's degree where she discovered her passion—advocating for others. She went on to pursue a law degree at the University of Kansas with the goal of using education to further the cause of others. Jana tirelessly fought for equality and social justice through her work with countless local and national organizations. She was also an active volunteer at the Lawrence GaDuGi Safe Center, a facility that aids victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. But on July 3, 2008, Jana's body was found in an ex-boyfriend's home—her own promising life prematurely ended by an act of domestic violence.

All too often we think acts of domestic violence do not transpire in our communities or to

people and families we know. But Jana's story is evidence that no State, community, or family is immune to its far-reaching hands. Domestic violence is a problem that does not discriminate by race, gender, age group, education, or social status and its plague wreaks havoc on our increasingly-stressed healthcare network, our over-flowing criminal justice system, and our day-to-day life within our communities.

Domestic violence continues to impact communities in Kansas and across America. Each year nearly 4 million new incidences of domestic violence are reported in the United States, with many more unaccounted for due to fear and intimidation. Of those 4 million reported cases, nearly 100,000 Kansas women fall victim to domestic violence each year. Each day in America over 53,000 victims receive care through domestic violence programs, the programs Jana Mackey volunteered and advocated for.

Despite the harsh realities of domestic violence that loom, there is hope for a better tomorrow. It is my belief that with continued education, resources, and support, victims of domestic violence can overcome their condition. In the 69 counties I represent, it is that same belief that maintains and encourages the 9 domestic violence centers in my district. These agencies are vital to our communities as they raise awareness of domestic violence, advocate for victims, and provide victims with the support, resources, and care they desperately need.

Jana made a greater impact in her 25 years than many individuals do in a lifetime. While Jana's story is tragic, her example is a lesson and an inspiration for us all to be more active in the fight against domestic violence. This is why her family started the 1100 Torches campaign.

At Jana's funeral, 1,100 people were in attendance, which indicates the magnitude of her impact in the lives of others. In the aftermath of her death, her mother, Christie Brungardt, and stepfather, Curt, along with her family and friends, launched the 1100 Torches campaign to serve as Jana's call to action, that despite our personal politics, we can make a difference in the world and in turn make it a better place to live. It is the campaign's hope that through Jana's story, 1,100 people will be inspired by her to serve others and make a difference in their communities. I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to learn more about Jana's story and the impact of domestic violence by visiting the 1100 Torches campaign Web site at [www.1100torches.org](http://www.1100torches.org) and by learning more about this issue in your local community.

We are making progress in raising awareness and drawing attention to domestic violence, yet this is a problem that continues to impact our communities. We must not forget about these violent crimes that destroy homes and families, and devastate lives. This October, let us remember the victims of domestic violence and learn from their courage as we do our best to ensure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families.

Madam Speaker, I ask for continued support and assistance for domestic violence prevention programs.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL ROBERT T. DAIL

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime commitment of service to the United States of America, our Defense Department and our great United States Army by a true patriot, Lieutenant General Robert T. Dail, United States Army. On January 1st, 2009, Lieutenant General Dail will retire after 33 years and four months of dedicated and exceptionally distinguished service in the United States Army. In addition to his retirement, Lieutenant General Dail will relinquish responsibility as the 15th Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, DLA, after leading a Defense Agency that has become increasingly important to the Nation. The General's departure is indeed a loss for our Nation since over the last two years he achieved many remarkable accomplishments. I will highlight a few of them here:

The extraordinary success of our military servicemen and women in the field, engaged in defending our freedom during times of peace and in times of war could not be accomplished without the unparalleled logistics support upon which our military so critically depends. Through General Dail's leadership this support has increased to the extent that ninety-five percent of the materials used by the entire U.S. military is provided by the 22,000 hard-working DLA personnel around the globe. DLA has facilities in 48 states and 28 countries and each one is a source of pride for all of the DLA employees.

All of the fuel supporting our jets, helicopters, ships and tanks is purchased by DLA. The food, military clothing, and supplies needed to sustain our forces is all managed by the DLA workforce. The DLA Defense Distribution system, an integrated network of 26 distribution depots here in the United States and in overseas locations such as Kuwait, Korea, Japan, Guam, Italy, and Germany, is crucial to the steady flow of materials to our troops. These DLA depots constitute a national treasure in their own right.

Remarkably, General Dail guided DLA to record-setting levels of support for today's warfighters, our allies, and victims of natural disasters around the world, led DLA through a dramatic transformation of the Agency's enterprise business program, and extended the DLA enterprise across all of the Department of Defense. I would add that the Agency forged partnerships with industry, the military service materiel commands, and other Agencies in our Federal, State and Local Governments, and provided unprecedented support.

Thirty-three years ago, General Dail earned his commission through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1975. He received a Master's in Business Administration from Boston University, a Master's in Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master's in National Resource Management from the National Defense University.

As a Transportation Officer, the General commanded at every level from platoon leader

to brigade commander. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington, D.C.; Director for Logistics at the United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Commanding General, United States Army Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Director, J-3/J-4, and Deputy Commander of United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He assumed his current position as the Director of DLA in August of 2006.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

In closing, I wish to commend General Dail for over 33 years of distinguished service to our Nation, protecting our freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. His departure is a great loss to our Army, but we are better for having him in our ranks. He leaves us with a Defense Logistics Agency that is indeed a world-class provider of combat capability and one that has been greatly improved under his leadership and through his dedication to excellence.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I express our appreciation of General Dail for his tireless service and constant support of the warfighter. His professionalism, expertise, and efforts showcase his patriotism, and his dedication to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. Though the following phrase is often used, I can say without reservation that it rarely as appropriate as it is in this case: LTG Robert Dail is truly a great American.

I want to personally thank LTG Dail and his entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and the contributions they have all made throughout his honorable and distinguished military service. I congratulate him on completing an exceptional and extremely successful military career and am humbled by his dedicated service to our nation. I wish LTG Dail many blessings and much success as he begins his future endeavors and embarks on new adventures.

HONORING DAVENPORT ONE

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Davenport One, the chamber of commerce and economic development consortium that represents businesses in Davenport, Iowa.

Earlier this year Davenport One received the American Chamber of Commerce Executives "Chamber of the Year" award for their community leadership, organizational strength, and positive impact on key community priorities.

Davenport One's leadership has been critical to job creation, small business development, and transportation and infrastructure planning in Davenport and the Quad City region. They have been strong supporters of projects that will benefit the entire community,

including restoring passenger rail service to the Quad Cities and the innovative "River Vision" urban flood plain management project along the Mississippi River.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Davenport One over the past year. This group of leaders is making Davenport a more sustainable and economically vibrant community.

BREAST CANCER PATIENT  
PROTECTION ACT

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Congresswoman ROSA DELAURIO's "Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2008," H.R. 758. On September 25, 2008, I voted in favor of H.R. 758, which passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 421-2. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

The numerous petitions and personal stories issued by Americans prove the need for enactment of Federal legislation to guarantee minimum and adequate benefits for patients with breast cancer. H.R. 758 will prevent hospitals from rushing women out of their facilities after undergoing a mastectomy the same day.

I would like to take this opportunity to make my vote in honor of the late Paula Renfro, who died 6 years ago due to breast cancer. Like many women in the United States, Paula was rushed out of the hospital a few hours after undergoing a mastectomy. Paula and her family were sent home with a few instructions to follow to change her wound and administer the strong medications provided to her. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will prevent hospitals from forcing families to complete the medical healing process of a loved one to cut costs and instead, allow family members to provide the emotional support to their loved ones so desperately needed during such times.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE  
D'HARNONCOURT

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Anne d'Harnoncourt for her contributions as an internationally esteemed museum leader and art scholar.

When Anne d'Harnoncourt passed away on June 1, 2008, Philadelphia and the world lost a highly accomplished professional and dear friend. As a graduate of Radcliffe College and the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, she began her illustrious career at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1967.

Anne d'Harnoncourt was dedicated to the city of Philadelphia, and as the director and chief executive officer of the Museum of Art

she worked tirelessly to preserve and enrich the art and culture of our city for nearly two decades.

In 1982, Anne d'Harnoncourt was named the director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and her intellect and her unique abilities lead to her becoming the chief executive officer in 1997. She was widely respected for her ability to connect the work of the museum with the broader public, and she presided over many successful efforts to engage diverse audiences at the museum.

She directed numerous successful touring exhibitions, and led major capital campaigns to enable the expansion and renovation of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, ensuring the museum's rightful place in the arts and cultural community of the Greater Philadelphia region and its place as one of the most esteemed arts institutions in the world.

Anne d'Harnoncourt's long-lasting and positive impact will continue to be felt in the arts community well beyond Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She served as a citizen member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and she was consistently recognized by her peers around the world for her meaningful, insightful, and intellectual contributions to her field through her numerous scholarly articles, books, and retrospectives on modern art and artists.

Had we not lost this devoted leader this past June, the international art community and the city of Philadelphia would have joined with Anne's family, including her husband Joseph J. Rishel, earlier this month to celebrate her 65th birthday.

Anne d'Harnoncourt will be sorely missed by all who knew her and her esteemed work.

#### HONORING PAUL NEWMAN

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, as you know America recently lost one of the greatest leading men the silver screen has ever known. At the request of one our Capitol tour guides, Albert Caswell, please submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a poem written by Mr. Caswell honoring the great Paul Newman.

A Good Man . . .  
 A Good Life . . .  
 Left burning ever bright . . . of which now so  
 stands this night!  
 Sunrise . . .  
 Sunset . . .  
 Day in . . . day out . . .  
 All in the moments that we have left . . .  
 All in our life's quest . . .  
 As all upon this our earth as left . . . all in  
 what our lives were about . . .  
 Just moments, are all we have . . .  
 To show our worth . . . to remind us all of  
 what it is that so comes first!  
 A Good Life . . .  
 To play our parts . . . our starring roles,  
 that which so touches all hearts!  
 Upon, the golden screen of life . . . as lie our  
 life's work of art!  
 As left behind, to so touch and warm so each  
 and everyone's heart . . .  
 As was your Paul, as was yours . . . but a  
 true fine work of art . . .  
 A great man of character, and heart . . .  
 A sheer work of art . . .  
 A loving Father, with a wife . . . who was  
 but the love of his life . . .

A giver, not a taker . . .  
 As upon each morning as he would wake here  
 . . .  
 But, his greatest beauty . . . be lie inside his  
 heart so wide . . .  
 Even, beating out those blue eyes!  
 As was his caring and compassion, as his  
 life's work to help others . . . a man of  
 action . . .  
 And, humble as the day was long . . . a private  
 man, who refused to play his own  
 song!  
 Do we give? Or do we take? All in these our  
 short lives we make!  
 Who will we touch, all in our life's wake?  
 A Shining Star, both on and off the screen  
 . . .  
 A Bright Light . . .  
 Touching all hearts as we have seen!  
 Acting out his life, was but The Great American  
 Dream . . .  
 A Cool Hand on the screen, but in life that  
 was not his theme . . .  
 And yet, Paul's great part!  
 Was but, what was so inside his heart . . .  
 Judge a man, all the while . . . but how he so  
 treats and loves a child!  
 As there, you will ever see . . . ever see  
 Paul's great smile . . .  
 For Newman's Own, is not no more . . .  
 Surely, he's up in Heaven . . . he's the  
 Lord's!  
 For his life, was but a fine race . . . which  
 was won . . .  
 Finishing First, in Heaven's Sun . . .  
 "Rain drops keep falling on my head"  
 So wipe those tears from your eyes . . .  
 Because Paul, was such A Good Man, and led  
 such A Good Life which lies!

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN AZERBAIJAN

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam, Speaker, I rise today to commend the formation of the Joint Working Group, JWG, in Azerbaijan. Consisting of representatives from a wide range of society and international experts, the JWG was founded in the spring of 2008 to improve and protect human rights in Azerbaijan by implementing international human rights standards.

The JWG is educating various strata of society on human rights issues, informing them about existing human rights violations, and have created a hotline and legal aid center, where services are free. It investigates complaints received on human rights violations and takes steps to restore citizen's rights and improve national legislative acts focused on human rights.

As a part of its ongoing responsibility, the JWG was asked to participate in the planning and execution of the upcoming Presidential election to be held in Azerbaijan on October 15, 2008. JWG will help to ensure that a free, transparent, and fair election is held in accordance with international standards. Extensive training with respect to election processes including gatherings and demonstrations is planned and ongoing for police officers, observers, and commissioners at all levels. The training is being conducted by internationally recognized experts. The training includes in-

structions to document and report all activities properly and promptly. The JWG has taken into consideration the inputs of numerous national and international entities who are concerned with many aspects of the election. These entities include the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE, and its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, ODIHR. JWG is coordinating large groups of international observers who will monitor the elections in the district of their own choosing and will cover all districts and precincts.

I applaud the work of all election observers and hope the Azerbaijani people will have an election that is fair and transparent.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. 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. This bill was the FY09 continuing resolution, and it also included a section titled, "Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act" as well as three of the annual appropriations bills for fiscal year 2009: the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Division C); the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (Division D); and the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act (Division E).

Within the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, I requested and the committee approved funding for the following projects:

\$1.92 million for the Lightweight Cannon Recoil Reduction from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. This recipient of these funds will be Software and Engineering Assoc, Inc., a small business computer software and engineering firm in Carson City, Nevada (1802 N. Carson Street, Suite 200, Carson, Nevada 89701). The firm specializes in developing computer software for the design and analysis of combustion devices. The funds being requested are to support the Army's Future Combat System (FCS), specifically for reducing the weight of the cannon system. The FCS has an operational requirement to be as close to 20 tons as possible so that it can be rapidly transported and still maintain the fighting capabilities of the 67 ton M1 tank that is one of the systems FCS is expected to replace. A new concept is needed for the 120mm cannon system for FCS. This program will enable a 40 to 50 percent reduction in the weight of the 120mm cannon systems that is necessary to meet the weight goals for the Manned Combat System (FCS version of a tank) and the 155 mm NLOS-C vehicles (FCS self propelled howitzer).

\$1.6 million for a Reconfigurable Tooling System from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. The recipient of these funds will be 2 Phase in Dayton, Nevada (located at PO Box 730, Dayton, Nevada 89403). The firm specializes in developing reconfigurable tooling systems (RTS) which can make or repair parts onsite. Systems are being used and tested at Army and

Marine Corps Depots currently, with positive results. This funding will provide Army and Marine Corps Aviation Commands repair capability in theater, so forces will not have to wait for the time-consuming supply system to provide parts. To alleviate this delay, a portable rapid reconfigurable tooling system is being developed that can repair the specific tool onsite. Aircraft would be able to be put back into operational status faster, giving the Theater Commander more assets to deploy. Two systems were previously delivered to the Corpus Christi Army Depot and Cherry Point Marine Corps Depot for evaluation and testing to facilitate the repair of rotary and fixed wing aircraft, and funds in FY 09 would be used to provide additional systems to the military depots and to provide training for personnel.

\$2.2 million for a Semiconductor Optical Amplifier for Responsive Space MPOI from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force account. The recipient of these funds will be OptiComp Company, a small business located in Zephyr Cove, Nevada (located at PO Box 10779, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448). The company's focus is the fabrication and production, solely for the Department of Defense, of optoelectronic laser and detector modules for use on avionic and space datacom platforms. These modules are used in a fabric to permit fault tolerant wideband switching between computers, sensors, and telecommunications links on the platforms. OCC has a full semiconductor clean room and fabrication facility and an extensive test and measurement facility to evaluate all devices prior to acceptance.

Within the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, I requested and the Committee approved a \$3 million earmark for the Cyber Conflict Research Consortium's Distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure Decision-making Exercises (DECIDE), a large, national university consortium that includes the University of Nevada, Reno (located at 1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89557). The consortia aims to help protect the nation from cyberattacks. DECIDE directly addresses the conclusions of a 2006 report from the President's National Science and Technological Council which stated the need to target Federal research and development investment in cyber security and information assurance needs. The Cyber Conflict Research Consortium anticipates the DECIDE Financial Services Model will be completed in 2009.

Within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, I requested and the Committee approved an \$11.375 million earmark for the Nevada National Guard for the Elko Readiness Center (located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, NV 89801). Rapid growth in Nevada requires that a new Readiness Center facility in northeastern Nevada be constructed to meet the needs of the Nevada Army National Guard. The current Elko armory was built in 1961 and does not meet the security or operational requirements for the current mission. The state of Nevada is already providing funds to assist with design.

HONORING MICHAEL W. SMITH

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Michael W. Smith on his rich 25-year career and innumerable contributions to contemporary Christian music. He will be recognized next Sunday, October 12, as the Nashville Choir hosts "A Light for the City 2008"—A 25th Anniversary Celebration of Michael W. Smith. With many special guests, including Rev. Franklin Graham, Max Lucado, Amy Grant, Bill and Gloria Gaither, Jordin Sparks, Wynonna, Ricky Skaggs, Melinda Doolittle, Phil Stacey and Michael Tait, the Nashville Choir will pay tribute to Michael W. Smith and thank him for his contributions to the Nashville community and indeed the entire globe.

Not only has Michael W. Smith garnered significant accolades as a recording artist and song writer, including 5 Platinum and 16 Gold certifications, over 15 million sold albums, and several GRAMMYs and GMA Dove Awards; he has moreover accomplished outstanding work as a citizen, humanitarian, and public servant. In addition to acting as a spokesperson for Compassion International and serving as vice chair of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, he has shown commitment to the local Nashville community especially through work with New River Fellowship church and the establishment of Rocketown, a safe and engaging concert venue, coffeehouse, and skate park. Husband to Debbie and father of five, Michael W. Smith has above all remained committed to family and his faith.

On behalf of all who have been inspired by his work, I ask my colleagues to join with the Nashville Choir, family, friends, fans, and colleagues in the music industry to recognize Michael W. Smith's legacy and his music which has touched countless lives.

HONORING JAMES VAN COTT OF  
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Van Cott on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years as a California State Parks Peace Officer. James's leadership will be truly missed by his co-workers, the people of northern California, and the numerous State, Federal and local government agencies that relied on his immense knowledge of issues relating to our State parks.

Mr. Van Cott's long and distinguished career in public service has stretched through 4 decades and 5 State parks: Doheny State Beach, Lake Perris State Recreation Area, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Van Cott has always sought to improve his skills and training and pass that knowledge onto others.

During his 8 years at Lake Perris, he was certified by the Department of Boating and Waterways as an Advanced Boating Officer and an Advanced Boating Accident Investigator. He provided over 12,000 hours of law enforcement training for lifeguards and field rangers. As a Defensive Tactics Instructor, James provided over 10,000 hours of instruction and training for field rangers in the Los Lagos, Marin, and Diablo Vista Districts.

Mr. Van Cott has been a valuable ambassador for the Parks Department, working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cal-Fire, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Wild Animal Care, the California Highway Patrol and many other State and local agencies during his tenure. He has reached out to the community as well. While at Mt. Tamalpais, he organized, managed and directed the "Friends of California State Parks," the fifth largest volunteer program in the State.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize James Van Cott for his many years of service to the State of California, and to thank him for his many contributions on behalf of our State and his community. I join his wife, Carol, and his son Josh in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 161

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of American Legion Post 161 of Redmond, Washington, for its exemplary and steadfast support of the United States military and the Washington National Guard. When pressed into duty, the members of Post 161 responded and worked tirelessly to create an event on August 19 in Auburn, Washington, to honor the deployment of the 81st Heavy Combat Brigade of the Washington National Guard. The event proved to be a wonderful moment for all who attended.

Post 161, of which I am member, is located in the eighth district, the district I represent. The post is not unlike many veteran service organizations around the country where budgets are tight and funds are allocated only after careful consideration. However, in this case, the post dedicated the appropriate monies, without hesitation, in order to support a family barbecue with a festival-like atmosphere for deploying Guardsmen and Guardswomen. Hundreds of Guard families and Auburn residents came out to participate in the event and enjoy the send off activities. Additionally, the post generously allocated \$10,000 as seed money toward an emergency family fund that will help support Washington's military families while their loved ones are deployed.

Post 161's actions reflect its deep and great respect for military service members and their families and this is just the latest example of their continued commitment. It is my hope that American Legion Post 161's leadership is recognized and mimicked by Americans everywhere. My thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Post 161.

TRINITY COLLEGE CLASS OF 1958  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, the Trinity College class of 1958 celebrated its 50th anniversary of graduation this past May, in a festive gathering of classmates renewing friendships, reliving prized memories of their campus years, and sharing experiences of career paths followed since Trinity days.

With my late wife, Jo, I met and came to respect and love the extraordinary women of the class of 1958: Bobbi Marhofer, Fran Collins, Judy Pauley, Carolyn Moynihan, among others, and those, like Jo, who are no longer with us—especially Jo's dearest friend in the class, Sara Lucas.

The 1958 commencement address delivered by Senator John F. Kennedy could not have been more compelling or memorable than the reflective, thoughtful retrospective reunion address offered by Class of 1958 alumna Colette Hoppmann Dowling, a gifted, talented, internationally renowned writer. Ms. Dowling invites not only her classmates, but all of us to consider soberly, profoundly, the risky status of older women who live alone—a condition none of the exuberant graduates in 1958 could ever have anticipated.

I invite my colleagues to read and reflect seriously on this message and its public policy implications.

Colette Dowling is an internationally renowned writer of eight books whose "The Cinderella Complex" was translated into 23 languages. She is currently completing training in psychoanalysis and has a private therapy practice in Manhattan. Ms. Dowling gave the following talk to her classmates at the Trinity University Class of 1958's fiftieth reunion, on May 31, 2008, in Washington, DC.

FACING DOWN THE BAG LADY: OLDER WOMEN  
IN AMERICA

(By Colette Dowling, LMSW)

Six years ago, in the spring of 2002, I was barreling down the Mass Pike towards Woodstock, my ten-year-old Saab stuffed to the tops of its windows with computer and printer, fax and stereo, with towels and sheets and comforter, with jeans and shirts and one good outfit in case I needed it. Last but not least, my writing desk, which fortunately can be dismantled for transport. Some surgeries that fall had slowed me down and I'd had to give up my house in Woodstock and spend the winter at my son's, in Massachusetts. Now I was returning to the town I'd called home for 20 years. I rather liked that I'd reached the point where I could travel light, but I had to ask myself: How light is light? I was down to my last sixty dollars and waiting for my next social security check to arrive. The market value of my JP Morgan portfolio? One-tenth of a cent, according to the statement I'd just received. Although my account had long been worthless they were still sending me the things. I guess they were hanging in for the long haul, as I was.

Basically, when I wasn't imagining what my parents would think if they could see me now, I was telling myself, "I'll handle this." I was reminding myself that I was unencumbered and had an able mind. But I'd sold almost everything I owned, not in order to enter a convent (although the thought had

crossed my mind) but because royalties from my books had seriously dwindled. In recent months I'd found myself thinking, "I've worked hard all my life, sent my children to college and graduate school. How could this have happened?"

Earlier that year I'd written a proposal for a book on discrimination against women in the workplace. Fifteen publishers read it, and fifteen gracefully declined. "We agree with her thesis," one editor told my agent, "but the subject is too down."

Too down, indeed. In my 35 years as a writer, this was my first rejection of a book proposal and it fueled my apprehension that the winds of change were upon me. To stabilize my later-life income I'd begun living in a rented cottage and substantially cut my expenses. But then came two shockers, first, a mastectomy for an early stage cancer. Then, three weeks later, on the afternoon of September 11, I entered the emergency room needing surgery for an obstructed bowel caused by adhesions from a prior appendectomy. That winter, after recuperating at my son's, in Massachusetts, I forged ahead with research for another book proposal. That, too, came to naught. Suddenly it seemed as if everything in publishing had just dried up. For a while, an interest-free loan from the Authors League Fund was what got me by.

Two surgeries, two rejected book proposals, three strikes and you're out. I had to come up with something radical and decided to pursue an old dream. I'd long had fantasies of becoming a psychoanalyst. I would need a masters in social work before I could be accepted into an analytic training institute. With two weeks to meet the deadline I applied to Smith College and that summer—the summer of 2002—I began classes. It was going to be a long haul. Smith would take two years and the analytic training another four. I knew that by the time I finished I'd be over 70.

Once I entered school things were a little less rocky, financially, thanks to school loans from the government. But of course, once Smith ended so did the loans. I needed a job, at least for the first couple of years of analytic training, while I was getting my practice up and running. I became a counselor for homeless children in the Brooklyn public schools. The kids were great but the commute was hellish. Each day after working with the kids I traveled an hour by subway to the Upper West Side of Manhattan to see patients in the clinic of my analytic institute. For over a year I was clocking fifteen hours a week on the subways, with house music and hip hop leaking from people's headphones. I grew up on Junior Walker and Elvis Presley and yearned for the day when I could buy an iPod in self defense.

After a while, catching a little breathing space, I began to do some research on how my finances stacked up against those of other older women. What I learned was shocking. The economic constraints I was experiencing were not only far from unique, the odds had actually been in favor of my becoming an older woman who had found herself, at sixty-five, facing down the bag lady.

Particularly at risk are older women who live alone. Over a decade ago a U.S. Committee on Aging found that half of older women living alone had incomes below \$9,500 a year.

But whether or not they live alone, the picture for older women is pretty dim. According to the AARP Public Policy Institute, the median income for women over 65 is just about \$3,000 above the Census definition of poverty. Older women have slightly over half the money older men have.

A third of us are getting by on \$12,000 annually, often on much less. Poverty by any other name, although the government

doesn't consider an individual officially poor if she's got more than \$8,000 coming in. The women who live on nothing but Social Security—and that's almost a quarter of us—certainly fit in the officially poor category.

The only person in this country with less economic protection than the older white woman is the older woman of color. Of those over 65 and living alone, seventy-seven percent of blacks and seventy-nine percent of Hispanics are poor, once they've paid their social security taxes, according to the Census Bureau. Forget that they don't have pensions, many women of color don't even get Social Security—those, for example, who work in domestic labor or agriculture, fields of endeavor in which the pay is so low it's often impossible to meet the minimum for a so-called "working quarter". Without enough of these quarters, these women who've worked all their lives picking peas and scrubbing floors in order to support their children, end up with nothing.

The truth is, women travel the borders of poverty at many points in their—as students, or young single mothers, or as older women living alone. The National Women's Law Center reports that 70% of women in America earn less than \$20,000 a year. Forty percent earn less than \$10,000. Women are twice as likely as men to be poor, a disparity that increases with age.

For some time I'd thought there must be something wrong with me for having arrived at such a low down place, some elemental bad thing. It's because I never fully understood that the financial pressures I endured at different times of my life were standard for a woman—first, as a woman entering the job market, in 1958, later as a widow and a single mother. I'd always held the conviction that the economic price women pay for bearing children was temporary; sooner or later they catch up. Now that I'm seeing things from the other end of the age telescope, I'm beginning to get the picture. They never catch up. According to the National Center for Women and Retirement Research, for every year a woman stays home caring for a child, she has to work an extra five years to recover lost income. I needed only to apply the five-year-per child formula to my own situation to understand why I hadn't retired at 65. Three children equals fifteen extra years. Eighty, here I come!

The dire straits women face in old age have little to do with age per se, Population Bulletin reports. It's the economic disadvantages they face earlier in life that lead to the insecurity they experience when they're older. For example, two thirds of women who work outside the home have no pensions. When they do, their benefits are half of men's. A study from Brandeis that began in 1967 tracked 5,000 women over the course of their lives and found that poverty in old age was the direct result of inequities they'd faced when they were younger.

This certainly, is not the way the public thinks about older women's poverty, when it thinks about it at all.

I'd always imagined that my work- and income-history would put me in a place far different than where my mother found herself in her final years. A quarter of a century ago I was fortunate to have a best seller, but fortune can be misleading. Royalties don't last forever. After The Cinderella Complex the money I received on subsequent books was only enough to get me through until the next proposal. Like most writers I lived from book proposal to book proposal. I'm proud of the eight books I've written but the work hasn't provided me with long-term security. So here I am now, in my seventies, with the hounds of heaven at my heels.

Smith College, like Trinity, has a long history of supporting women. It was a tremendous opportunity I was given when Smith accepted this older woman into its graduate program and gave me a scholarship. Without that support I would not have had the chance to create a better life for myself during my erstwhile "retirement years". But still, it is late. Sometimes, in the middle of the night, I wake and wonder how long can I sustain the tremendous amount of energy it takes to keep going. I have to face the fact that when I'm in my eighties, my financial situation may not be so different than my mother's after all.

After my father died, my mother, at 82, was barely able to make it on Social Security and my father's small teacher's annuity. She had to spend her late life without enough money to be sure it was going to last longer than she did. I can remember her in the lamplight, with her scarlet robe and short white hair, going over her bills. Toward the end, knowing she'd reached a point where she couldn't stay out of poverty much longer—there were the constant co-pays on doctors' bills, and her savings were gone—she was having dreams of finding herself in a bad part of town and not being able to get back home. She was 86 when she died, in the nick of time, her resources depleted. It saddens me that even with assurances of protection from my brother and me she had to endure such anxiety at the end.

Studies have shown that concern about ending up a bag lady is women's worst fear, greater than that of getting cancer, greater than that of dying of a heart attack. And why shouldn't they be afraid?

To try to protect her old age, my mother had even taken on the machinations of investing. I was still young when I learned that she'd been putting her piano teacher savings—"pin money", people called such women's earnings, then—into Certificates of Deposit. That was in the 70s, when CDs were hot. Eventually her slender earnings grew to \$40,000. I was inspired by my mother's cleverness in finding a way to support her old age, but alas, my father needed private nursing for a few months before he died and overnight, my mother's pin money disappeared.

Women have been conditioned to believe that in the long run it's all going to work out. I'm reminded of the many who've worked part time, forgoing pensions, health insurance and other benefits, because they couldn't afford child care. Women are used to putting others first. As for their later years, they think, How could I end up behind the eight-ball when I've spent my life trying to do what's right? But as they head into their sixties and seventies, behind the eight-ball is exactly where women find themselves. Most that I know, writers, therapists, owners of small businesses, expect to be working "forever" because otherwise they won't have enough money to get by. Rallying themselves for a long, late-life phase of work, they push to stay ahead of the curve. For some, for the fortunate, it's a kind of hip old age. We like to think of ourselves as being "out there". But there's an ominous feeling that permeates the thinning air past sixty. Women worry about how they're going to survive as the years roll on—and on. They lack a financial cushion for their really old age and believe that no matter what, they must stay healthy enough to keep on working. It's a desperate and shame-inducing situation they find themselves in, and no one's talking about it. That's why it's important for us—the first generation of women to be affected by the women's movement and the first to have a remarkable and unexpected very long productive life ahead of us—to begin speaking up. We must insist that the voices of older women be heard, because no

one is going to pick this up for us until we start shouting. We can take some strength—and reduce shame—from the recognition that our numbers are astounding. I believe that if a presidential candidate were to take this on, the ball game would be over. That's how strong we are, if we choose to be. The more of us who speak up, just as we did in the seventies, the greater the chances that attention will be paid. Let the secret out. We owe it to our daughters and granddaughters. We owe it to ourselves. Maybe it isn't too late, even for us.

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HONORING GARFIELD HOOD ON  
HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF  
JUDGE OF MICHIGAN'S 12TH CIR-  
CUIT COURT

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**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Garfield W. Hood on his 35 years of service. Judge Hood retires this year as Chief Judge of Michigan's 12th Circuit Court, serving Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga Counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring and thanking Judge Hood for service to the people of Houghton, Baraga and Keweenaw Counties.

Garfield Hood, or Gar to most, moved to Baraga County after law school to take the position of tribal attorney for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was appointed Baraga County Probate Judge in 1972, the youngest person in the State of Michigan to hold the job, and continued to serve as a tribal attorney and worked private practice in the Western Upper Peninsula. Since 1990, Judge Hood has been Circuit Court Judge for Michigan's 12th Circuit. Judge Hood and his wife, Sue, reside in Baraga County. Together they have raised three wonderful daughters.

Judge Hood came to the bench by appointment in 1972. Then-Governor William Milliken needed someone to fill the Baraga County Probate judgeship and Hood was the only attorney in town. A few years later, he was hooked and in 1990 ran for election to the 12th Circuit Court.

Judge Hood has enjoyed the variety of his work as judge and his interactions with the people he serves. On average, Judge Hood ruled on 9,200 cases a year—7,000 civil and more than 2,000 criminal matters. The attorneys, judges and staff who have spent the majority of their careers arguing cases in front of Judge Hood or working for him, say the courtroom won't be the same without him.

Madam Speaker, Judge Hood has been an intrinsic part of Michigan's judicial system as a member of the 12th Circuit Court. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in thanking Garfield Hood for his 35 years of service and in wishing him well as he embarks on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING MEMBERS

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute today to three men with whom I have had the privilege of serving in the House and all of whom unfortunately are ending their service in Congress this year.

TERRY EVERETT, RON LEWIS, and JIM WALSH, listed in alphabetical order, have all become very close friends of mine. They are unquestionably three of the finest men I have ever known, and this Nation is a better place because of their work in the U.S. House of Representatives.

TERRY has been a leader on three very important committees: Armed Services, Intelligence, and Agriculture. Not only have we enjoyed many meals together, but he has been kind to me even when I voted against some of the bills about which he cared the most.

RON became very influential on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and also enjoyed his service on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

We not only enjoyed meals together, but also often sat on the floor and discussed many, many votes. RON is one of the kindest men I have ever met and has a humility that is rare in high-level Washington political circles.

JIM became one of the senior and most respected members of the House Appropriations Committee. In that position, he not only did amazing things for his own district, but he helped people all over the Nation including me several times. JIM was a really effective member, but much more importantly, a really good man.

I have humorous stories about each of these men (but certainly nothing scandalous), and I will save those for other times. I realize it is popular to bash down on politicians. But these three men exemplify all that is good about this country.

I am sad that they are leaving the House, but I am sure that each of them will have many years and much great service ahead in whatever they end up doing.

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RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION

**HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation.

Nearly 25 years ago Congress passed legislation authorizing funds for a foundation that would advance the lifelong efforts of Maureen and Mike Mansfield to promote understanding and cooperation between the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States.

Mike Mansfield is one of Montana's most distinguished citizens, a remarkable public servant and accomplished statesman who helped guide the United States through important transitions in the domestic arena and in its relationship with Asia.

His interest in Asia, ignited when military service took him to China in 1922, was bolstered by academic credentials from what is now The University of Montana in Missoula. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1942 and the Senate in 1952, he was a leading Asia expert in Congress and went on to become the longest-serving U.S. ambassador to Japan. Maureen Mansfield not only supported Mike's career, she inspired it. For this reason, the Foundation established by Congress to honor Mike begins with Maureen's name.

Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the exchanges, dialogues and publications of the Mansfield Foundation. For 25 years the Foundation has helped create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explored the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increased awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia.

A centerpiece of the Foundation's work is the Mansfield Fellowship Program, established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. Federal Government officials with substantial Japan experience. Each year this government-to-government exchange allows a select group of Federal employees to gain proficiency in the Japanese language and practical experience working in the Japanese government. Since the Fellowships were established, 86 Fellows from 22 U.S. agencies and departments have entered the program.

The Foundation is also instrumental in a number of other programs.

The Mansfield Congressional Study Tour in Asia is a program that has provided opportunities for Senators and their staff to develop an authoritative understanding of Asia through meetings with government officials, business leaders, and NGO representatives in major cities and rural areas. To date, the Foundation has led 11 senatorial study trips to approximately 30 cities in China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

The Foundation and the Center recently cosponsored the 24th annual Mansfield Conference, which addressed a timely and critical issue—the security implications of climate change in Asia.

The Mansfield Foundation was established in 1983 with a single focus and mission—to promote understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. I believe both Mike and Maureen would be proud of all the Mansfield Foundation has done to advance that goal in the last 25 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CALIFORNIA REINVESTMENT COALITION AND ITS HONORING OF FOUR COMMUNITY HEROES

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on October 2, 2008, the California Reinvestment Coalition, an organization that works to bring financial and housing services to low-income communities, will be honoring four community heroes for their efforts in making homeownership and financial independence a reality for many of Sacramento's residents. These heroes are:

Elaine Abelaye of Asian Resources Inc., Ken Cross of Sacramento Habitat for Humanity, Mike Himes of NeighborWorks Sacramento, and Ron Javor of the California Department of Housing and Community Development. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these distinguished individuals.

Elaine Abelaye has demonstrated true leadership and commitment to the social, community and economic development needs of low-income individuals and families in Sacramento. Her leadership has led to the development of the Dare to Dream Entrepreneurship Development and Financial Literacy Education programs for the local Hmong and Vietnamese communities. Elaine has shown true dedication to providing multiple services needed in the Sacramento area. She has truly empowered community members to become a vital part of our changing and diverse society.

Ken Cross has substantially increased production of housing for very low-income households in Sacramento. Under Ken's leadership, Sacramento Habitat for Humanity runs the Re-Store, a building material recycler that sells second-hand and donated building materials. He has also been a strong advocate in promoting the policies that produce affordable and inclusionary housing. Ken's personal approach makes him a great advocate for Sacramento's neediest families.

Mike Himes has demonstrated his dedication to helping families achieve successful, long-term homeownership. When the foreclosure crisis began to pound on the door of the region, Mike and his colleagues at NeighborWorks Sacramento led the way to create and promote many different collaborative relationships to assist borrowers. Mike is a smart, patient and outstanding individual who deserves recognition for his many personal and professional contributions. His expertise, strong principles and commitment are shown each time he helps a family.

Ron Javor has worked tirelessly for decades within state government and the community to improve access to safe, affordable and accessible housing for lower-income households. Ron has worked consistently to develop and improve state programs that serve the neediest Californians. As a community activist, he helped found the Sacramento Housing Alliance and serves on many local nonprofit boards. He has been a strong voice in local efforts to ensure that local governments meet their obligations to adequately serve the homeless and lower-income households.

Madam Speaker, because of the efforts of the California Reinvestment Coalition and community leaders like Elaine Abelaye, Ken Cross, Mike Himes, and Ron Javor, low-income communities and communities of color have access to fair and equal housing, banking and other financial services. It is my sincere hope the coalition and the outstanding people noted today will continue to serve the people of Sacramento for many years to come, and mentor the next generation of community leaders.

OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: A LEGACY OF 150 YEARS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Oakland Presbyterian Church in the Cleveland community of North Carolina as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. Oakland Presbyterian Church is the oldest Presbyterian church in Johnston County, North Carolina, and is an important institution in the region.

Local residents, Mr. John McLean and Mrs. Sarah Sanders, first gathered worshippers under an old brush shelter about a mile from the present location on land that was then known as Finch Place. On Saturday, August 7, 1858, Oakland was officially organized into a Presbyterian Church by representatives of Orange Presbytery with a congregation of six charter members. The very next day, the congregation elected John W. Hodges as its first elder and the Reverend T.B. Neal was installed as the first pastor on October 30, 1858.

The land for the church was donated by Mrs. Sanders, and because the property was shaded by a stand of oak trees, it seemed natural for the congregation to choose Oakland for its name. Despite expansion and renovation, Oakland Church continues to worship at its original site, across from the old Cleveland School building where I attended school. The Oakland grounds encompass the Oakland Church Cemetery, which was established with the church and continues to serve the community. While tradition is strong here, there are also new additions. In 1972, church members contributed stones to build the "Cairn of Remembrance," "in memory of all who worshiped at this hallowed place since its founding in 1858," as its dedicatory plaque reads. The stone monument, common in the Scottish Highlands, connects Oakland to its Presbyterian spiritual roots in Scotland.

The congregation has been blessed by outstanding pastoral leadership, which continues today with its current pastor, Dr. Stephen E. Aschmann, a native of Richmond, Virginia. Among the many notable church leaders was Dr. Drury Lacy II, former president of Davidson College, who performed the marriage ceremony for "Stonewall" Jackson and his bride Mary Anna Morrison. Another of the congregation's early ministers was Dr. Benjamin Rice Lacy, Jr., who was elected to serve as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the most honored office in the denomination. Dr. Lacy also served for many years as president of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

From the beginning, Oakland has also been guided by strong and progressive lay leadership. In 1969, Mrs. Gladys E. Barber and Miss Elizabeth Talton made history when they became the first women to be elected and ordained as deacons. Later in 1975, Mrs. Barber was ordained as the congregation's first female elder.

Oakland has a tradition of emphasizing service, mission, outreach, and education. In recent years the congregation has enjoyed

widespread community support with its Harvest Day Sale and Golfing for Jessica Tournament. Oakland's annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast draws hundreds of local families and serves as the kick-off of the Celebrate Cleveland Independence Day Festivities.

Today, the congregation offers a wide range of activities that minister to all ages. Members of the congregation lead the weekly Golden Circle Bible Study at the Brian Center nursing facility in Clayton. Two mission teams have been sent to New Orleans to help rebuild the community devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Ministries generously supported by the Oakland faith community include the Basic Needs Ministry, Harbor House, Operation Hope, the Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, wounded veterans and troops in foreign conflicts, local school teachers, and the Barium Springs Children's Home.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Oakland Presbyterian Church as it celebrates 150 years of service to the community. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending this outstanding institution.

#### TRIBUTE TO HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay tribute to over 112,000 of my constituents during Hispanic Heritage Month. September 15th through October 15th has been selected to honor, celebrate and commemorate the history and contributions that people of Hispanic heritage have made to the United States of America.

Today there are 45.5 million Hispanic Americans and it is fitting to acknowledge their many contributions. The belief that hard work can bring a better life and future for our children is part of our shared and treasured American dream.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding organizations serving California's 14th Congressional District. In addition to many other excellent organizations, the following make important contributions to our community while respecting, preserving and sharing their heritage and culture.

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley is a public foundation that cultivates philanthropy to inspire Hispanic children and families to achieve personal greatness.

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley engages leadership and bridges resources to invest in a thriving Hispanic community.

MACLA Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana is a contemporary art space dedicated to supporting the work of emerging Latino artists and audiences and promotes programs that create opportunities between traditional audiences and new art forms and emerging artists. Mexican Heritage Corporation is an arts and cultural organization whose focus is to affirm, celebrate, and preserve the complexity and richness of Latino art and cultural heritage. The Mexican Heritage Corporation serves Silicon Valley and Northern California by presenting and advancing Mexican and multicultural performing arts. It is one of the largest Latino cultural centers in the Nation.

Fair Oaks Community Center—The Fair Oaks Community Center is a multi-service center offering a variety of services to the broader Redwood City Community. Services include: Education, immigration and citizenship, senior services, housing, employment, legal services, and crisis intervention. They also offer emergency food programs served by a combination of City staff, as well as representatives from public and private non-profit agencies.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the citizens who work daily to build a better future for all American families.

HONORING ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
PATTY BERG CALIFORNIA STATE  
ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Assemblywoman Patty Berg, an extraordinary citizen of Humboldt County, who is being honored for her years of dedicated public service to the people of California.

Over the past 3 decades, Assemblywoman Berg has been a tireless advocate for families and children and for older adults. She was the founding Executive Director of the Area 1 Agency on Aging, which serves Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Under her passionate direction the agency was recognized nationwide for its model comprehensive system providing services to California's seniors. She has also become an indispensable resource on aging issues within the State Assembly.

The citizens of California's 1st Assembly District recognized Patty Berg's dedication to preparing California for its current and future challenges by electing her three times to represent them in the California Legislature. During her tenure, Patty has chaired the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. She has served on many committees with jurisdiction over important public policy areas, including health, insurance, agriculture, and the environment. Patty's exceptional "people" skills were evident in bringing together progressive and conservative colleagues to help improve the lives of North Coast residents. She is passionate, committed to public service, hard-working, and extremely skilled.

As a champion for the rights of families, youth, and older adults, Assemblywoman Berg has touched many lives. Her K-12 comprehensive family life education curriculum was the first in California and was distributed throughout the country. She increased funding for computers and technology in our local schools. As chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus she emphasized the need for flexible workplace policies to allow working families to care for their loved ones. Due to her relentless efforts, Trinity County's only hospital was saved, and a vital county medical services program was preserved.

Assemblywoman Berg is being honored for her contribution to one of our Nation's most

precious rights—participation in the political process. She is being recognized for her contribution by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as "Democrat of the Year, 2008."

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Assemblywoman Patty Berg for her unwavering commitment to public service and to the ideals and values that sustain our great Nation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 2638

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Description of Request:

The City of Trenton will use the \$500,000 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding in the FY 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill to begin elevating the utilities of 270 flood prone properties that have suffered severe and repetitive physical damage resulting in significant economic loss.

Trenton's Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods are greatly affected by rapidly rising flood water as a result of their proximity to the Delaware River. These two neighborhoods are bordered by the Delaware River to the southwest and the Delaware and Raritan Canal to the northwest. Route 29 (a four lane state highway that traverses the City) splits the two neighborhoods; causing an island-like geography.

These waterfront communities are home to approximately 270 structures, many of which are occupied by single family working class homeowners who have suffered great financial loss as a result of: water damaged electrical distribution systems, hot water heaters and central heating units, as well as the loss of personal items that can never be replaced.

Six historical river crests (occurring from the earlier part of the 20th century until present) have caused considerable property damage and interrupted sewer, electric and gas services, causing the evacuation of these neighborhoods. Although these neighborhoods are designated as a 100 year flood plain, the last two floods occurred within seven months of each other (September 2004 and April 2005). Just as the Island and Glen Afton residents saw their lives getting back to some semblance of normalcy, the second flood occurred, resulting in lost wages, belongings, property, major systems and complete dislocation.

One major contributing factor to the early flooding is the storm sewer outfall, which provides an early entry point for water to backflow into the lower points of the Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods via the storm sewer system during early flood stages. However, once the river reaches two feet above flood stage,

the entire Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods will flood. The City of Trenton wishes to assist the most affected residents so that property loss and displacement are minimized.

This project is designed to elevate the utilities of approximately 270 properties that have suffered repetitive damages. The 270 identified properties will abandon the use of their basements and elevate their major systems by re-wiring the electrical system and redirecting the duct work so that the hot water heating and heating system can be moved to above the first floor; minimizing loss during future floods.

#### CELEBRATING CENTRAL LOUISIANA'S RICH MILITARY HERITAGE

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., and to celebrate Central Louisiana's rich military heritage.

Central Louisiana has strong historic ties to America's military history, from colonial days to the present, having served as a major training location for the U.S. military forces in World War I, World War II, as well as more recent conflicts around the world.

On August 16, 1942, the 101st Airborne Division was created at Camp Claiborne, La. The 101st Airborne had a "rendezvous with destiny" to defend American interests on the battlefields of the world since World War II.

To commemorate this day in history, the City of Alexandria and the City of Pineville, with Louisiana State University (LSU) at Alexandria, are cosponsoring a historic event on October 3, 2008.

This celebration will recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of the 1st Battalion of the 509th Airborne Infantry, currently based at Fort Polk, La., which saw action in World War II.

In addition, this event will honor the service of Dr. H. Rouse Caffey, former Chancellor of LSU Alexandria and Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, as well as a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La., which is dedicated to preserving and studying the history of the war, is also collaborating with LSU Alexandria in celebrating this historic event with other organizations including the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Louisiana National Guard, the Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky., the Louisiana Military Maneuvers Museum, the Kent Plantation House, the Arts Council of Louisiana, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum and the Alexandria Museum of Art.

Distinguished speakers of the event include Thomas Czekanski, Director of Collections at the National World War II museum in New Orleans, La., and Dr. Jerry Sanson, Professor of History and Political Science at LSU Alexandria.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the historic celebration of Central Louisiana's rich military herit-

age and specifically the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., in 1942.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SAVANNAH DRAMA CLUB

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Savannah Drama Club for their excellence in the arts. The Savannah Drama Club is a youth based ministry that presents youthful styles of praise and performance. Founded by Pastor Carl Gilliard and his wife, Lashawanda, thirteen years ago, the Savannah Drama Club is now known for its polite and respectful youth members as well as their amazing talents.

The Savannah Drama Club is visiting Washington DC this coming October and will be making their fifth performance at the White House. The group has also performed on the steps of the Capitol, the Nation's monuments, as well as local jails, community centers, Christian camps, and family shelters. Through their use of theater, poetry, music, dance, spoken word, and even miming, the group is able to spread the Word of God to all.

Since its inception, it's estimated that about 900 children have been involved with the program and currently has 42 active participants. This revolutionary drama club has not only touched the thousands who have bore witness to their show, but has also had a great influence on the children involved. This program has kept students off the streets, shown them the rewards of strong discipline, and most importantly, how important it is to serve a higher power than themselves.

I would like to take this time to recognize their accomplishments in the arts and ministry, and also to wish them a warm welcome to Washington.

#### HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNINGTOWN LIONS CLUB

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downingtown Lions Club on its 80th Anniversary and to honor the service organization for its commitment to serving the community.

Founded in 1928, the Downingtown Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world with approximately 1.3 million members in 202 nations.

National Lions Club founder and Chicago businessman Melvin Jones said in 1917 that the organization was created to give something back to their communities. And the Downingtown Lions Club has certainly carried out that mission admirably.

Thanks to the dedication and work of its members and volunteers, the Club built the Kerr Park Pavilion and installed a drinking fountain along the Struble Trail. Hundreds of

people in the community have benefited from the Club's distribution of free eyeglasses and funding raised for sight and hearing programs, including the Leader Dog Program.

The Club will celebrate its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, October 4th during a dinner at the Thorndale Inn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Downingtown Lions Club for reaching this special milestone and in commending the efforts of Club members, both past and present, for their tireless dedication and service to the Downingtown area.

#### THE DAILY 45: ANOTHER VIOLENT WEEKEND IN CHICAGO

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Last weekend, while my colleagues and I worked to help restore our nation's financial ship of state, the state of our urban communities continued to be plagued with an obscene level of gun violence. The Chicago community I serve tops our nation's list for gun-related violence which tragically included the second loss of life, in just two months, of a Chicago police officer. Last night, 14-year veteran officer Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., 39, lost his life while serving a search warrant and he leaves behind an orphaned daughter and a grieving city.

There were also three other gun-related murders last weekend including 34-year-old James Purifoy who was shot in the back. Two others lost their lives whose names have yet to be released. And, to top it off, five people were shot on the Near West Side early Saturday night following a dice game gone bad. Fortunately, none of their wounds were life threatening.

My condolences go out to the family and friends of Officer Taylor and to Mr. Purifoy whose lives ended much too soon at the end of a gun.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say 'enough is enough, stop the killing!'

#### BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 758, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007. This important legislation will ensure that patients have the health care they need following breast cancer surgery.

In America, there are more than 2.4 million women living with breast cancer. In 2007, more than 178,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed. The Breast

Cancer Patient Protection Act would help ensure that these patients will have adequate support after breast cancer surgery by guaranteeing a minimum hospital stay of 48 hours for a woman having a mastectomy or lumpectomy and 24 hours for a woman undergoing a lymph node removal. Anyone who has watched a loved one fight this illness understands that the last thing any woman should be doing at that time is fighting with her insurance company.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 758. With millions of women in America being affected by this horrible disease, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will ensure they have access to adequate medical support after their surgery.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
RALPH REGULA, THE HONORABLE  
DEBORAH PRYCE AND THE  
HONORABLE DAVID HOBSON

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. BOEHNER. I rise today to pay tribute to three of my fellow Ohioans who are retiring at the end of the 110th Congress—DEBORAH PRYCE, DAVE HOBSON, and RALPH REGULA. All three are true public servants who have dedicated their lives to serving their constituents, Ohio, and this great Nation. This institution will miss their experience, their advocacy for critical issues, and their ability to get the job done.

DEBORAH PRYCE first served as a judge before being elected to Congress in 1992. She has ably served in critical positions in the House—on the Rules Committee and on the Financial Services Committee. She helped guide our Republican Conference as chairwoman. DEBORAH has been a tireless advocate for children and cancer research, and our country is better for her efforts. Congresswoman DEBORAH PRYCE also has been a fighter for working families. As the mother of a young child, she understands the challenges working families—especially single mothers—face. DEBORAH has sacrificed more for this job than most others, and remained committed to her constituents despite personal heartache. I have seen her grow and learn more in her job than any other Member and I am proud to call her my friend.

DAVE HOBSON and I started our careers in Congress at the same time. Previously, we served together in the Ohio General Assembly. “Uncle Dave,” as many call him, may not agree with your position, but he has always been willing to give you advice on how to accomplish your goal. One thing that I always admired about Congressman HOBSON is his ability to find himself in the middle of whatever was going on. Like me, he’s a former businessman. This background has been a genuine asset and translates well to a legislative environment as it has helped him know how to broker a deal.

My constituents will perhaps feel Congressman HOBSON’s retirement the most, as our districts adjoin each other and we worked very closely together over the years on issues affecting Wright Patterson Air Force Base. DAVE has a real heart for our men and women in

military service. He was one of our first appropriators to take up the cause of overseas military housing. He was well suited to do this because he lived in it when deployed overseas during the Berlin Wall Crisis as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard.

RALPH REGULA—the dean of the Ohio delegation—has served in Congress with distinction for 36 years. As a respected cardinal on the Appropriations Committee, he chaired the Interior Subcommittee for 6 years. Subsequently, he served as chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee. During this time I served as chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Early in my tenure as chairman, Congress passed the No Child Left Behind Act to help ensure that all children have the opportunity for a quality education. RALPH worked to ensure adequate funding for critical education priorities and our children and youth are better for it. He is a true gentleman and I am pleased to have worked closely with him.

Ohio’s delegation enjoys a close relationship. We’re like a family—we don’t always see eye-to-eye but at the end of the day, we’ve always been able to work through our differences and work for what’s best for Ohio. One thing is clear about RALPH, DAVE, and DEBORAH. Members on both sides of the aisle respect their integrity and no one has doubted where hearts are—with their constituents, the great State of Ohio, and their country. I will miss their congeniality and thank them for their leadership and service. I wish RALPH and his wife Mary, DAVE and his wife Carolyn, and DEBORAH and her daughter Mia the very best in the next stage of their lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives 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 for 2009:

1. Institute for Science and Engineering Simulation (ISES), University of North Texas—\$3.36 million—RDTE,AF—Congressman MICHAEL BURGESS.

ISES at the University of North Texas is currently working closely with the U.S. Air Force to remedy a critical requirement. Due to increased operations as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past 5 years, Air Force aircraft are often pushed to perform beyond their intended design criteria: this has created serious concerns for safety of both the aircraft and personnel. The Air Force requires modeling & simulation research of the performance and lifecycles of materials in aircraft in order to extend the life of current military aircraft and to perform testing on future aircraft structures and material. Utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and equipment at the University of North Texas, the research conducted at ISES will be used to predict/identify and reduce the risk of catastrophic failure in aircraft structural

components, extend the life of current aircraft and increase the safety of pilots and personnel.

The University of North Texas is located at 1155 Union Circle #311277, Denton, Texas 76203-5017.

2. Unmanned Force Augmentation Systems (UFAS), Geneva Aerospace—\$2.4 million—RDTE,N—Congressman MICHAEL BURGESS.

The UFAS program supports research, development and testing of advanced UAS technologies. The program is intended to facilitate the rapid transition of UAV systems to the warfighters that offer order-of-magnitude improvements in usability, capability, and, hence, operational effectiveness. Specific program and technology areas that the FY09 program will support include extended development and testing of the Air Deployable Sensor (ADS), which is a Sonochute Launched UAS supported by Technology Transition Agreements with multiple Navy sponsors. The Air Deployable Sensor is one of several new capabilities developed under the UFAS program. Additional successful technology developments have included the development of an autonomous sense and avoid system for UAS in support of UAS National Airspace Integration initiatives, UAS autonomous takeoff and landing systems and gap-filler UAS designed to support a growing DOD UAS Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability gap.

Geneva Aerospace is located at 4240 International Parkway, Carrollton, Texas 75007.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Intelligence & Information Warfare Directorate, CERDEC

Address of Requesting Entity: Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station

Description of Request: Funding will be utilized to implement a CERDEC RDT & E test capability for airborne and ground antenna design to develop and prove new concept antennae that operate at higher frequencies offering significantly higher capacities and are less prone to interference and jamming. The test capability will provide testing of aircraft mounted antennae at varying altitude under a variety of conditions and on specific aircraft including fixed, rotary wing and unmanned air systems.

The system will be used to provide the design of new antennae which develop more reliable, expanded bandwidth information links which enable the flow of tactical information to the deployed warfighter. The capability will also expand the ability of communicating with the variety of unmanned systems, both airborne and ground based, for increased intelligence gathering and control.

DETAILED FINANCE PLAN: PROGRAM COST SUMMARY.

L Band development on UH-60M where a required future aviation waveform, Wideband

Network Waveform (WNW), operates. It is expected that most of the wideband operation will occur in this band vs. the full WNW band of 30–2000MHz.

The C and Ku Band on UH–60M test-bed will also address other bands of interest to US Army Aviation including C-band where Full Motion Video (FMV) systems are being operated on selected helicopters, and Ku band, where UAS control and TCDL links are being implemented on selected helicopters.

An antenna development for a more sophisticated single (directional or higher gain lower bandwidth omnidirectional) will be needed to increase system data throughput for the UH–60M. As the test data is analyzed, specifications for antenna systems will emerge and it is envisioned that higher gain antenna will be needed to support future required data rates.

PROGRAM COSTS

Labor (engineers techs, pilots, QA) and Labs—\$1,046,000.00  
Aircraft costs (UH–1 and C–12)—\$150,000.00  
Materials—\$404,000.00  
Total All—\$1,600,000.00

HONORING CHARLES JOSEPH  
WATSON HUCKE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Joseph Watson Hucke of Liberty, Missouri. Charles is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Charles has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Joseph Watson Hucke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding the four earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY  
Bill Number: H.R. 2683  
Account: Army, Other Procurement  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas 78763–5218

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 to the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) for eight Joint Incident Scene Communication Capability (JISCC) packages required for disaster response. This equipment enables the Texas National Guard Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) to command and control its inter-agency structure in and out of Texas in support of other states under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. It supports the various disaster command posts including the Joint Interagency Task Force headquarters, each subordinate task force command post, local incident command posts, Emergency Operations Centers, and other multi-agency coordination centers. The JISCC system also uses Department of Defense satellites eliminating the persistent shortage of funds to pay for commercial satellite service. Ten JISCC packages have been authorized in previous years, but currently, the Texas National Guard has only two on-hand.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, Other Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas 78763–5218

Description of Request: Provide the Texas National Guard \$800,000 for the procurement of 700- and 800-Megahertz APCO–25 standard two-way radios for operational and tactical interagency interoperability in their disaster response task force. This project allows the Texas National Guard forces to utilize 700 and 800 MHz trunked radio systems being linked across Texas as established in the State Communications Interoperability Plan. It further fully enables interagency interoperability to coordinate and synchronize interagency efforts to maintain unity of effort.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, RDT & E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Zebra Imaging

Address of Requesting Entity: 9801 Metric Blvd., Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758

Description of Request: Provide \$2,480,000 in funding to complete the final phase of a three-year development program to provide a field-deployable version of the Enhanced Holographic Imager (EHI) system. The holographic imager system is used to produce 3-D imagery for the Army's tactical battlefield visualization program, and has proven to be an extremely useful capability for deployed Army and U.S. Special Operations Command warfighters. Over 1700 holographic images were provided to soldiers in theater in 2007. The deployable EHI will produce holograms three times faster than the current system (improving responsiveness to the war fighter) and is transportable allowing the imager to be located closer to the tactical users.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, RDT & E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: 19th and University, Lubbock, Texas 79409

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 to Texas Tech University to research the use of Compact Pulsed Power as a scientific base for integrating electrical weapons systems onto all-electric combat vehicles. Compact Pulsed Power is the use of targeted electromagnetic radiation to disable electronic devices such as cell phones. Initial research indicates that compact pulsed power technology could be beneficial to the Department of Defense by being able to disable Improvised Explosive Devices used in Iraq and Afghanistan. Texas Tech has developed the technology but needs to field test it in order to deploy it with troops on the ground. An existing lightly armored vehicle such as a HMMWV will be modified to an all-electric platform with an integrated fuel cell and auxiliary battery pack. Two or three types of electric weapon systems (high power microwave (HPM) generator, hypervelocity rail gun, and/or high power laser) will be integrated into the platform. Individually each of these systems is quite complex and the combination of any two of these systems will increase the integration problem exponentially. The information gained from this research could be significant in furthering the nation's defense capabilities.

RECOGNIZING DEAN STEVE OLSON  
OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize Steve Olson, who has recently retired as Dean of Occupational Education and Economic Development at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC).

Dean Olson began his career as a Plant Science Instructor at SRJC in 1970 and was named Department Chair in 1974. Thirteen years later, he was selected as Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services. In this role he administered a variety of programs for the college including the Agriculture Department, the college's Shone Farm, international education, as well as Community Outreach and Development.

During his tenure at SRJC, he helped establish the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and the college farm. He also expanded course offerings to more than 50 sites throughout Sonoma County, created a study abroad program for SRJC students, and developed an educational telecommunications program at the college.

Throughout his career, Dean Olson has been an active participant in many professional associations, serving as Vice President of the California Agricultural Teachers Association (CATA), President of the North Coast CATA, founding Chairman of the State Advisory Committee on Vocational Agricultural Education, a member of the California Joint Policy Council on Higher Education in Agriculture, President of the California Agricultural Leadership Associates, and co-chair of the Northern California Advocates for Global Education. His involvement in his community has also extended to numerous non-profit organizations including the Sonoma County Farm

Bureau, the Sonoma County 4-H Foundation, Chair of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation, and Director of the Sonoma County Harvest Fair among others.

Over the years, Dean Olson has been recognized for his many accomplishments with such honors as the Friend of 4-H Award, the Rotarian of the Year Award for Northern California, the Friend of Sonoma County Agriculture Award, and the Harold D. Bostock Lifetime of Service Rotary Award.

Madam Speaker, Dean Olson has had a long and distinguished career where he has been a model for his community and his profession. He plans to spend his retirement years with his wife, Elaine, and their six grandchildren pursuing their many hobbies. It is appropriate at this time that we honor Dean Olson for his many accomplishments and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING LARRY INMAN AS HE RECEIVES NMU'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Larry Inman as he receives Northern Michigan University's Distinguished Alumni Award. Larry is a northern Michigan resident who has been an exemplary leader in business, in his community and in the State of Michigan. I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring Larry as he receives this award for his service to NMU and his community.

Larry earned an associate's degree from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City before graduating from Northern Michigan University in Marquette in 1976. He is a retired vice president of Huntington National Bank. Since he was first elected in 1993, Larry has served as a Grand Traverse County Commissioner, where he has been instrumental in assisting with economic development for the county.

Beyond his career in banking and service to the Grand Traverse region, Larry has also served the State of Michigan in a number of capacities. Since 1998, he has represented a 10-county region of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. He serves on the Michigan Community Corrections Board, which he chaired from 1999 to 2006. Larry served 4 years on the NMU Board of Trustees and recently began a term with the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees. He is also a lifetime member of the NMU Alumni Association.

Larry remains active in the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). He quickly rose through the ranks of MAC and served a term as president of the organization. He travels to Washington annually to represent the interests of local governments across Michigan.

The Northern Michigan University Alumni Association Awards are presented to NMU alumni who have been a positive influence on their professions and their communities through public service or distinguished them-

selves through outstanding achievements. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Larry Inman.

In addition to being a good friend of mine, Larry Inman has distinguished himself through his service to his community. His public service and continued commitment to Northern Michigan University are an example for us all to follow.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Larry Inman as the Northern Michigan University Alumni Association Board of Directors honors him with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRIS CANNON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CANNON. 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, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing appropriations Act, 2009:

Congressman CHRIS CANNON. H.R. 2638.

Account: FY09 Defense, Air Force Procurement, 048 C-130.

Project: SENIOR SCOUT Beyond Line-of-Sight, BLOS, Satcom Data Link Project.

Recipient: L3 Communication Systems West, located at 6400 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

Description: It is my understanding that the \$7 million will be used to upgrade the SENIOR SCOUT system to increase connectivity and data rates for real-time Reachback and dissemination of intelligence to national and tactical consumers.

Spending Plan: The \$7 million in funds will be used for two fixed-site SATCOM Earth Terminals supporting SENIOR SCOUT missions. One fixed site would be located in the CONUS for exploitation/analysis of SENIOR SCOUT data and the second site would be Out-of-CONUS supporting Theater tactical operations.

Congressman CHRIS CANNON. H.R. 2638.

Account: Aircraft Procurement 001 F-35.

Project: Automated Composite Technologies and Manufacturing Center Project.

Recipient: Alliant Techsystems, ATK, located at Bldg. B14, Freeport Center, Clearfield, UT.

Description: It is my understanding that the \$5 million will be used to scale-up enhanced fiber placement processing technologies.

Spending Plan: The program will provide improved military capability to fulfill an unmet requirement or need identified by the Department of Defense. Funding execution and expenditure plans shall be developed and approved by the responsible program manager for the Department of Defense, Military Service or Department of Defense Agency, pursuant to applicable federal acquisition laws, regulations and guidelines.

Congressman CHRIS CANNON. H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, 33 0603005A Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology.

Project: JAMMA Lightweight, Armored, Hybrid, Power Generating, Tactical Vehicle Project.

Recipient: Klune Industries, located at 1800 N. 300 West, Spanish Fork, UT 84660.

Description: It is my understanding that the \$2 million will be used for the Joint, All-terrain, Modular Mobility Asset (JAMMA) family of vehicles which is designed to greatly enhance mission performance and survivability and become a force multiplier for all U.S. conventional and special operations forces.

Spending Plan: The funds will be used for building test article JAMMA vehicles for User Group validation, for advanced requirements testing, and for refinement of the design in regards to lowering the manufacturing costs of the JAMMA family of vehicles.

Congressman CHRIS CANNON. H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force Procurement, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, 12 0602204F Aerospace Sensors.

Project: Space Qualification of the Common Data Link.

Recipient: L3 Communication Systems West, located at 6400 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

Description: It is my understanding that the \$1.6 million will be used to increase persistence of intelligence data from space-based systems to the combatant forces. The addition of CDL to space-based military ISR and commercial remote sensing platforms allows in-theater tasking collaboration, collection and dissemination that can take place in real-time by the war fighter using existing deployed CDL ground infrastructure to support multi-layered sensor networks for air, space, and cyber domains.

Spending Plan: The funds will be used to continue work directed by the Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright Patterson AFB. Specifically for Harden MODEM, Analog-to-Digital converters and other key components to space environment, "S-Qual", and to produce and test Common Data Link system to support Operationally Responsive Space initiatives including TACSAT II and other space-based ISR platforms.

Congressman CHRIS CANNON. H.R. 2638.

Account: Navy Research, Test and Evaluation, 42 0603561N Advanced Submarine System Development.

Project: Fiber Optic Conformal Acoustic Velocity Sensor.

Recipient: Northrop Grumman Corp, located at 1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 2300, Arlington, VA, 22209

Description: It is my understanding that the \$2 million will be used to accelerate development of Fiber Optic Conformal Acoustic Velocity Sensor, FOCAVES, technology for the next generation SSN, Virginia Block IV, and the follow-on Ballistic Missile Submarine. These systems need to be demonstrated in the 2009-2010 timeframe to support future ship sonar acquisition efforts.

Spending Plan: Complete development and fabrication of a SSN FOCAVES Wide Aperture Array Panel. Conduct integration and testing of the FOCAVES panel Begin risk reduction simulation/stimulation and testing at Lake Seneca.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT P. PAGE

**HON. CHARLIE MELANCON**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. MELANCON. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to commend Mr. Robert P. Page, an outstanding citizen and business leader from Houma, Louisiana. I wanted to recognize him today as he is in the final months of his term as the President of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

Mr. Page has distinguished himself throughout his career as a professional insurance agent and he has exhibited only the highest standards of honesty, integrity and professionalism, serving as the President of the Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana.

Despite suffering personal losses as the result of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Gustav, Mr. Page has provided uninterrupted service to the clients of his insurance agency in Houma, going above and beyond the call of duty to assist his fellow citizens who suffered devastating losses after each storm.

Mr. Page has worked tirelessly to develop a mechanism to deal with natural catastrophes throughout the United States, serving as the founding member of the Professional Insurance Agents Natural Catastrophe Task Force.

With his years of hard work and dedication Mr. Page has earned the respect and admiration of his many colleagues throughout the insurance industry. He has embodied the motto of his insurance association, "Local Agents Serving Main Street America"

Therefore, I'd like to congratulate and commend Robert P. Page of Houma, Louisiana upon the successful completion of his term as President of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Title: Earmark Declaration.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LUCAS.

Date: September 29, 2008.

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.

Account: Defense-wide, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$1,600,000 for the University Multi-Spectral Laboratory (UML) and Analytical Services Center (ASCENT). This funding will be used to perform testing, integration and commercialization of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) and command, control, communications, com-

puters, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) sensor-related technologies. This project is a SOCOM/Oklahoma State University collaboration. It will fuse academic, technical, and tactical assets and provide education and training to facilitate rapid movement of new technical concepts to marketable products via technology transfer. It will further supply a secure facility for sensitive research, as needed.

(2) Account: Defense-wide, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Aging Systems Sustainment and Enabling Technologies (ASSET) program. This funding will be used for the ASSET program to develop, test, and transfer cost-effective logistics support technologies to reduce the costs associated with support of aging weapons systems and aircraft. The ASSET program addresses DOD needs for procuring replacement parts for aging systems and aircraft, and helps DOD confront problems associated with corrosion.

(3) Account: Defense-wide, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$1,200,000 for the National Repository of Digital Forensic Intelligence (NRDFI) and the Center for Telecommunications and Network Security (CTANS). This funding will be used for CTANS in collaboration with Defense Cyber Crimes Center (DC3) to design and construct a repository for digital forensic intelligence in an effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness of analysts and investigators. This tool has the potential to greatly increase efficiency and effectiveness of analysts and investigators, whether working in foreign intelligence or criminal prosecution.

GOVERNMENT NEEDS LIMITED ROLE

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, government, when tasked with helping to solve a national crisis, will naturally rush to grow the size of government and its influence. Thankfully, cooler heads can often prevail even in the halls of Congress.

There is a fragile balance between the merits of a free market and the requisite oversight of government. Government involvement and regulation that is necessary should always be targeted and limited. We need smarter regulation, not overregulation.

Additionally, while some may insist that certain institutions are too big to fail, we must recognize that small businesses and enterprises are never too small to ignore. Small businesses are what drive this Nation's economy. When we defend the American taxpayer and their wallets against massive spending, we are defending the very foundation of our economic success. We are defending those who create the jobs and grow our economy.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 661 H.R. 928, the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 662 H.R. 7081, the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 663 H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act, had I been present, I would have voted "no".

HONORING SEAN PATRICK KENNAN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Patrick Kennan of Liberty, Missouri. Sean is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Patrick Kennan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVE BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, the attached financial plans are provided in support of projects listed in H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

*Detailed Finance Plan for National Test Facility for Aerospace Fuels and Propulsion*

Budget:	
Equipment & Supplies .....	\$2,130,000
Salary .....	850,000
Travel .....	20,000

Source of Match Funding: Purdue University.

Sustainability:

Potential sources of funding along with associated sustainability possibilities include:

Office of Energy and Defense Center for Coal Technology Research (CCTR)—Test and development support for Fischer-Tropsch (FT) fuels.

DoD Clean Fuels Initiative—this facility will have the capabilities for long-term test operations and data collection.

DARPA BAA—this facility will have the capabilities to conduct development work for Biofuels, a strategic initiative under DARPA.

Rolls Royce—through the Purdue University Technology Center (UTC)

Caterpillar—long-term test operations data.

The Boeing Company—support and development of alternative fuels initiatives underway.

Justification for Use of Tax Dollars:

In an executive act, President Bush has committed U.S. military installations to use green fuels. The Department of Defense is committed to approval of all aircraft for flight on synthetic fuel blends by the end of 2008. Furthermore, Boeing and Virgin intend to fly a green aircraft using bio-fuel. The Civil Aviation Alternative Fuel Initiative developed a roadmap for the integration of new fuel technologies into the aerospace industry. This project will maintain a multi-faceted National Testing Facility to support development and testing of alternative energy sources for aerospace equipment, assisting the Federal government and the private aerospace sector in meeting their green fuel objectives.

Detailed Finance Plan for National Radio Frequency R&D and Technology Transfer Center.

The requested funds will be the only source of funding. Funds will be used as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Establish the Center and Participant Coordination: .....	900
Staffing and Training Management and Project Oversight Identify and Technology to Needs Select Projects	
Start First Project: .....	2,100
Trial of Process Develop needed maturity for Transition to Production	
Details of project spending:	
Salaries .....	1,400
Material .....	300
Test Equipment and Facility use	400
Start Second Project: .....	2,000
Proof Process with Lessons Learned Develop needed maturity for Transition to Production	
Details of project spending:	
Salaries .....	1,300
Material .....	300
Test Equipment and Facility use	400
Total .....	5,000

Percent and Source of Matching Funds: None.

Justification for Use of Federal taxpayer dollars:

Our Government spends billions of dollars each year on science and technology and research and development. Many groundbreaking technologies never make it to the intended uses simply because it is difficult and time consuming to bridge the funding gaps and acquisition administration requirements. National Radio Frequency (RF) R&D and Technology Transfer Center is intended to facilitate technology transfer to production, to

promote small business initiatives, and to gain higher returns on research dollars.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican leadership's policy on earmarks, I am requesting funding for Chemical and Biological—Protective Hangars (CAB-PH) in fiscal year 2009, in H.R. 2638, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008, Continuing Resolution, from account 27 0602786A: Warfighter Technology. The entity to receive funding for this project is Production Products Inc., located at 1285 Dunn Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63138. The funding would be used for the development of Chemical and Biological—Protective Hangars, CAB-PH, for the Army helicopter fleet. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program named or will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of Federal taxpayer funds.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. DIAZ-BALART of Florida. 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, the Fiscal Year 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

CENTER FOR OPHTHALMIC INNOVATION

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Report 110-181.

Account: RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Dr, Ashe Administrative Building Room 230, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

Description of Request: I received an appropriation of \$2,400,000 for the Center for Ophthalmic Innovation at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. This funding will be used to help develop new modalities of treatment and ensure direct treatment of military personnel through the development of relevant ophthalmic telemedicine initiatives. This funding will aid the Center in continuing research on advanced ocular imaging technology enabling more accurate diagnosis of hereditary retinal disease, better monitoring of treatments for wet and dry

macular degeneration, rapid and cost-effective screening for diabetic retinopathy, better evaluation of refractive surgical outcomes, and the ability to qualify dry eye disease. Additionally, the Center is developing new operational systems for ophthalmic telemedicine to bring high quality eye disease screening to military personnel as well as every United States citizen. Eye health is vitally important to the Department of Defense as active military personnel must have perfect visual acuity to carry out their duties effectively. At least 16 percent of war casualties are due to eye trauma, and millions of retired military personnel suffer from age-related eye disease.

SPENDING PLAN

Imaging and Telemedicine—	\$445,205.
Prevention and Restoration—	\$454,797.
Eye Disease Project Prevention—	\$245,853.
Minor equipment and supplies—	\$120,945.
Total Direct Cost—	\$1,266,799.
Indirect Costs—	\$653,201.
TATRAC 20 percent—	\$480,000.
Grand Total—	\$2,400,000.

DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGIES FOR BIO-DEFENSE

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Report 110-181.

Account: DTRA.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Gulf Coast University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565.

Description of Request: I received an appropriation of \$1,200,000 for the Dual Use Technologies for Bio-Defense: Drug Design and Delivery of Novel Therapeutics project. This funding will be used to continue the project which focuses on state-of-the-art research on technologies to treat bio-threat agents and develop methods of bio-defense for combat and civilian use. Scientists at Florida Gulf Coast University, FGCU, are utilizing a library of novel small molecule chemistries that have a high and selective binding affinity for a broad range of bio-threat agents. There is a critical need for new technologies that can be used for the treatment and inactivation of bio-threat agents and pathogens important to bio-defense efforts. Viruses and other pathogens can be attacked either externally while they are being transmitted between host cells or internally once they have infested a host cell and are actively replicating. New technologies developed at FGCU have the promise to revolutionize drug targeting by using molecular methods to design novel therapeutic molecules and by using physical methods to deliver drugs to the specific site. These technologies can be used to overcome one of the primary limitations of modern pharmacology, the inability to specifically target therapeutic molecules, and have applications for infectious diseases, cancer aging, and cardiopulmonary diseases.

SPENDING PLAN

Personnel—	\$600,000.
Equipment—	\$100,000.
Supplies—	\$180,000.
Travel—	\$20,000.
Indirect—	\$300,000.
Grand Total—	\$1,200,000.

JACKSON HEALTH CENTER

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Report 110-181.

Account: RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jackson Health System.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1611 NW 12th Ave. Miami, FL 33136-1096.

Description of Request: I received an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for the Military Trauma Care Training and First Responder Information Technology Initiatives at Jackson Memorial Health System in partnership with the Army Trauma Training Center, ATTC, situated in the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center. The ATTC has functioned as the national training center for U.S. Army Forward Surgical Teams (FSTs) since 2001. Monthly, the ATTC conducts 14-day training program for deploying FSTs in order to improve clinical skills and teamwork. The resources of the Ryder Trauma Center and the William Lehman Injury Research Center present a unique opportunity to develop and evaluate new and innovative diagnostic and treatment tools and point-of-care information systems to maximize the care of injured soldiers. The Center is developing diagnostics and devices to enhance the capability of first-responders to effectively treat casualties as close to the geographic location and time of the injury as possible. Since January 2001, the Army Trauma Training Center, in conjunction with the Ryder Trauma Center, has trained over 25 forward surgical teams and more than 650 Army personnel in active duty and reserve components— $\frac{2}{3}$  of all forward surgical teams in the U.S. Army—supporting over 75,000 combat troops.

SPENDING PLAN

Salaries—\$1,769,194.  
Faculty—\$419,195.  
Staff—\$1,349,209.  
Equipment—\$1,377,000.  
Telemedicine Equipment—\$300,000.  
Minor Other Equipment—\$70,000.  
Software Licenses—\$120,000.  
Minor supplies—\$387,000.  
Programming Consultants—\$500,000.  
Total—\$3,146,194.  
Indirect Costs—\$853,806.  
TATRC 20 percent—1,000,000.  
Grand Total—\$5,000,000.

In order to facilitate the speedy printing of your submission, we also suggest that you take advantage of the Clerk's ability to accept extensions of remarks for the Congressional Record in electronic form. Full instructions can be found on the Clerk's website, but please keep in mind the following:

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment for H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$1,600,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 328 Ferris Hall, 1508 Middle Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to explore novel energy harvesting methods, including biofuels, hydrogen-based systems, miniature nuclear batteries, etc.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Project Amount: \$1,600,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Diamondview Glass Ceramic, 110 West Old AJ Highway, Jefferson City, TN 37760

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the rapid development of an innovative ceramic crystallite reinforced glass system for light-weight, low-cost ballistic windows for architectural use for threats including small arms and explosions.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN.

Account: Military Construction, ANG.

Project Amount: \$8,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Tyson ANG Base, located at 320 Post Avenue, McGee Tyson ANG Base, TN 37777.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to replace the current KC-135 Squadron Operations Facility located at the 134th Air Refueling Wing, McGee Tyson Air National Guard Base. The Squadron Operations are currently housed in a facility that is antiquated and not properly laid out to allow for the smooth flow of KC-135 operations.

HONORING MATTHEW JOSEPH  
DILLMAN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Joseph Dillman of Kansas City, Missouri. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Joseph Dillman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ST. PAUL THE  
APOSTLE CHURCH IN CALUMET,  
MICHIGAN AS IT CELEBRATES  
ITS CENTENNIAL

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in

Calumet, MI, on its 100th anniversary. St. Paul the Apostle Church is celebrating its centennial in October and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in commemorating this historic milestone.

St. Paul the Apostle Church was founded in 1889 by Slovenian immigrants who came to the Copper Country to work in the mines. Formerly known as St. Joseph, the first structure on the same site was a wooden church that was razed in 1902 by a fire. The present structure, with its impressive twin spires towering over the community, was built in 1908 of Jacobsville sandstone. By 1966, the population of Calumet had drastically declined and St. Joseph's closed. However, the former St. Joseph's re-opened the next day with a new name: St. Paul the Apostle.

The building's storied history is of particular pride to its parishioners, who began a capital campaign to restore some of the remodeled elements from 1966 to their former glory. More than \$1 million was spent on various projects, from the installation of an elevator and new roof, to upgrades in the electrical system and replacement of carpeting. Some of the more aesthetic elements in the church have also received a makeover from the Affiliated Artists of Milwaukee, WI.

A great deal of money, effort, blood, sweat, and tears went into St. Paul the Apostle Church in Calumet. Under different names, this Catholic community of believers has been a point of pride for the entire Calumet community for 100 years. I join with parishioners and the entire Calumet community in wishing St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church well as we mark this milestone and look forward to another 100 years of stories.

Madam Speaker, as St. Paul the Apostle Church celebrates its centennial this October, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me, the parishioners, and the entire Calumet community in wishing St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church well as we mark this milestone and look forward to another 100 years of stories.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
OFFICER WAYNE BILES

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting this statement to express congratulations and gratitude to Officer Wayne Biles on the occasion of his retirement from the Aurora Police Department.

On September 12, Officer Biles retired after nearly 33 years with the Aurora Police Department, 20 years of which he spent as president of the Association of Professional Police Officers.

During his years with the force, Officer Biles saw the department and the community grow significantly. As union president, he has worked with seven different chiefs to reach workable agreements that suit the police force and the community they serve.

Even in retirement, Officer Biles plans to remain active in his community. He exemplifies the devoted public service to which we all should strive.

I offer my best wishes to Officer Biles and his family, and I thank him for more than three decades of service.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding projects that I support for inclusion in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill and the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for FY 2009, which were included as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Amount: \$800,000.

Account: Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard.

Entity receiving funds: HAMMER Training and Education Center located at 2890 Horn Rapids Road, Richland, WA 99354.

Description: Funds will be used to ensure that additional Civil Support Team (CST) and the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear High-Yield Explosives Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) units receive the training they need to respond to an attack using weapons of mass destruction.

Amount: \$2.4 million.

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

Entity receiving funds: Infinia located at 6811 West Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Description: Funds will be used to provide the Army with power generation on the battlefield (a Sterling Tactical Cogeneration System or STaCS) that is small, efficient, quiet, low maintenance and reliable. This system is aimed at providing critical electricity needed by our troops on the battlefield.

Amount: \$1.2 million.

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

Entity receiving funds: Moses Lake General Dynamics located at 9256 Randolph Road NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Description: Funds will be used to provide the Army with non-lethal munitions to aid troops in the dispersion of the enemy while on the battlefield.

Amount: \$3.2 million.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy

Entity receiving funds: Insitu located at 118 East Columbia River Way, Bingen, WA 98605.

Description: Funds will be used to provide the Navy with a Portable Launch and Recovery System that would allow small unmanned aerial vehicles to operate from Navy vessels.

Amount: \$25 million.

Account: Research, Development and Operations—Laboratory Facilities.

Entity receiving funds: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory located at P.O. Box 999, Richland, WA 22352.

Description: Funds will be used to complete federal laboratory space critical to national security. The Lab supports the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Energy

Office of Science, and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

#### RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY OPTIONS NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Community Options National Disability Awareness Week. This year, it takes place from October 20 through October 24 and I am proud to recognize it. Since 1989, Community Options, a national non-profit organization headquartered in Princeton, New Jersey, has worked to provide housing, support services and advocacy assistance to help empower people with disabilities. Through emphasizing the dignity of every person and freedom of self determination, their success has been an inspiration.

Community Options has helped more than 1,300 individuals with disabilities in various States. With a history of quality, cost effectiveness and a reputation of encouraging individual choice and flexibility, they have also begun to spread their help to countries all over the world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Community Options National Disability Awareness Week and give thanks to Community Options for making a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and enabling them to live a full empowered life of their choice.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding Member requests associated with the FY2009 CRH.R. 2638 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

1. Project—INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL STARTER/GENERATOR (IES/G).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 is appropriated for an Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensorless IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

2. Production of Nanocomposites for Aerospace Applications.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 is appropriated for the Production of Nanocomposites for Aerospace Applications in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding will transition nanomaterials technology into Air Force applications. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

3. Project—Security Forces Operations Facility.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, Mil Con.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,000,000 is appropriated for a Security Forces Operations Facility in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base located at Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to house the operations of the 88th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron (88 SFS), which provides security and police services for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dearborn, MI.

Description of Request: \$2,000,000 is appropriated for the Tactical Metal Fabrication System in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center in Dearborn, MI. The funding will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

5. Nano-Composite Structures Manufacturing Technology Development.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$800,000 is appropriated for Nano-Composite Structures Manufacturing Technology Development in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding will enable the nano-composite materials and structures manufacturing technology development and demonstration from this R&D project to meet national defense needs by providing lighter

weight and lower cost composite structures manufacturing processes for defense systems applications such as sensor and weapon platforms. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

**6. HYBRID BEARING.**

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 is appropriated for Hybrid Bearings in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding being requested will help develop a high speed bearing for aerospace applications that will provide exceptional hot hardness, exceptional fatigue life, exceptional wear resistance, and exceptional fracture toughness. Defense applications would include the JSF main shaft bearing application, as well as other weapons platforms or devices requiring high speed bearings. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

of Medicine; Florida International University (FIU) 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida 33199.

**Detailed Budget:**

Item	Requested funds year 1	Requested funds year 2	Total
Salaries and Fringes for 1 Bio-medical Engineering, 1 Electrical/Computer Engineering, and 2 College of Medicine faculty (1 Genetic; 1 Reproductive Endocrinology) (\$250,000 each) .....	\$1,000,000	\$500,000 (University match \$500,000 year-02)	\$1,500,000
3 lab tech. (@75K ea.) (salary and fringe) .....	225,000	225,000	225,000
Supplies .....	100,000	50,000	150,000
Sample Collections .....	20,000	30,000	50,000
Research Coordinator (salary and fringe) .....	75,000	75,000	75,000
<b>Total Direct Costs .....</b>	<b>1,420,000</b>	<b>580,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

Name of Requesting Member: ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

Account: Defense, Operation and Maintenance (Navy).

Project Name: Modernization/Restoration of Naval Air Station Key West Facilities and Infrastructure.

Amount: \$6,000,000.

Contact: Ron Demes, Naval Air Station Key West, FL 33040-9001.

Naval Air Station, Key West is in need of funding for Repair and Upgrading of Landing/Arresting Gear for enhanced safety of flight and is also in need of repair/restoration of the bridge providing access to the Ordnance Storage Facility. Naval Air Station Key West provides fleet readiness training for Navy, Air Force, Air National Guard and Allied Air Forces and multiple facilities are in need of repair or upgrading in order to maintain readiness and also for continued safety of flight. The restoration/modernization requested will enhance the training and safety of military pilots from all of the services; will help avoid costly accidents and will contribute to enhanced readiness.

Name of Requesting Member: ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

Account: Homeland Security, FEMA National Pre-disaster Mitigation.

Project Name: Miami Beach Interoperability/Communication/Emergency Operations Center

Amount: \$1,000,000.

Contact: Kevin Crowder, City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139.

Total Project Cost: \$3,165,977.

Federal Funding Request (DHS): \$2,000,000.

Anticipated sources of funding: CMB Equipment Fund 302 (EOC), \$565,314; CMB Equipment Emergency Funds (EOC), \$370,817; CMB Disaster Recovery Network Access Point (NAP), \$170,102; Telephone Switch at NAP, \$59,744; and FY2009 DHS Request, \$2,000,000.

Percent and source of required matching fund: City of Miami Beach match is 36.8% of the anticipated project cost. This only included EOC equipment; it does not include the construction costs of the EOC. The EOC construction is included as part of the \$12.9 million renovation, expansion and new construction of a Fire Station.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: This project continues the City's investment in enhancing the interoperability and communication aspects of the City's homeland security initiatives, including enhancements to the Emergency Operations Center that the City has invested in and is currently under construction. Projects also include SWAT response capabilities, Video surveillance, regional waterborne response, command and communications van, interoperable wireless communications systems, antidote kits, and other interoperability technology and communication initiatives.

Name of Requesting Member: ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

Account: Homeland Security, FEMA National Pre-disaster Mitigation.

Project Name: City of Miami Stormwater Project.

Amount: \$1,000,000.

Contact: Ignacio Ortiz-Petit, Senior Assistant to the City Manager, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

a. Anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project: The City of Miami is requesting \$1,250 for the City of Miami Stormwater Project. The City of Miami anticipates that the remaining \$8,022,248 will come from the state.

Sources of funding	Dollar amount requested	Percent of total project cost	Is this funding committed?
Appropriations .....	\$1,250,000	13	No.
State funds .....	\$8,022,248	87	No.

**Detailed Budget:**

Item	Cost	Federal request	State	Total
Kinloch storm sewer improvements project .....	\$4,046,507	.....	.....	\$4,046,507
Englewood storm sewer .....	1,093,165	\$147,371	\$945,794	1,093,163
Northwest storm sewers .....	1,285,758	173,334	1,112,424	1,285,758
North bayshore drive drainage improvements .....	2,594,883	349,818	2,245,065	2,594,883
Fairlawn storm sewer improvements project .....	251,935	33,964	217,971	251,935
<b>Total Project Budget .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>8,022,248</b>	<b>9,272,248</b>

b. Percent and source of required matching fund; and Please see the above chart. The City of Miami anticipates that the State will pay for 87 percent of this project. Since the City of Miami is a local government, no match is required.

c. Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The City of Miami Stormwater Project will significantly mitigate flood conditions caused by local storms and will result in a reduction of flood damage and an increase in public safety for the City of Miami by implementing stormwater drainage projects through-

out the City. This project will also help control the discharge of stormwater into the Miami River and Biscayne Bay and will improve the overall water quality of Miami's waterways.

**EARMARK DECLARATION**

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK. 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—the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act:

1. Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: OPN Budget Activity 01, Line #19, Items Less than \$5 million.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IMO Pump.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1710 Airport Road, Monroe, NC.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$4 million for the procurement and installation of Canned Lube Pumps (CLP) on four LSD-41/49 Class amphibious ships. This funding will purchase 16 CLP units to complete the LSD-41 class. Approximately \$400,000 is for technical support for installation; \$2.8 million for the CLP units and installation; \$600,000 for battle spares; \$200,000 for prototype ship board test for LHD class. The Navy has indicated that the total savings over the life of the LSD 41/49 class from installing the CLP is over \$33.1 million, and the return investment to the Navy is 394 percent. This funding will complete the procurement and installation of the Whidbey Island Class. A \$2 million add was included in the final bill for this project.

2. Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RTD&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DSM Dyneema, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 Highway 27 South, Stanley, NC.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to develop a helmet capable of providing 7.62-mm small arms protection, resulting in increased protection and a potential decrease in fatal and non-fatal injuries associated with 7.62-mm threats experienced in theatre. Funding will be used to support ongoing efforts to develop and test a superstrong polyethylene fiber that offers maximum strength combined with minimum weight. The final bill provides \$1.44 million for this project.

#### HONORING PHILLIP JAMES GRACE

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip James Grace of Kansas City, Missouri. Phillip is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Phillip has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Phillip has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Phillip James Grace for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 633, a motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE AND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 250th anniversary celebration of the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, NJ.

On October 11, 2008, the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association of the Township of Randolph will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Friends Meeting House. The Meeting House is the oldest church in continuous use in Morris County and the oldest Quaker Meeting House in northern New Jersey.

In 1758, The Mendham Friends Meeting House and Cemetery was established by the Quakers, who migrated to the Mendham area of Morris County. The name was later changed to the Randolph Friends Meeting House, and the building was used for regular worship until 1865, when it was "laid down." From 1865-1898, the Meeting House was used only for memorial services and the occasional wedding or funeral, while the grounds and cemetery were kept by descendants of the original Quaker families.

In 1898, the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association of Randolph Township was formed to oversee the preservation of the Meeting House site. Membership was open to anyone whose ancestors had worshipped in the meeting house or was buried in the cemetery as well as to members of the Friends faith who had an interest in preservation of this important place.

In 1998, the Meeting House celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the association in its current form. In 2007, Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association was awarded a grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This grant will enable the association to fully renovate and preserve the Meeting House building, which has changed little since the 18th century.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association of the Township of Randolph on the celebration of this special anniversary.

#### HONORING THE JAMES A. MICHENER ART MUSEUM

#### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the James A. Michener Art Museum as it celebrates its 20th anniversary on September 20th, 2008. As a major repository of Bucks County's artistic heritage, the Michener Museum has preserved our region's artistic heritage through an extensive permanent collection, local exhibits, scholarly publications and innovative educational programs.

To date, the museum has had 291 exhibits, featuring 250 artists from Bucks County. Membership has expanded and annual attendance has grown from just 10,000 to 125,000 in 2007. The museum reaches out to local students and teachers as well, with 14,000 students expected to visit the museum this year and outreach programs such as Artists on the Move and Teacher Enrichment classes.

In the last 20 years, the James A. Michener Art Museum has become a pillar of culture in Bucks County and I am proud to serve as their Congressman. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating them on 20 years of excellence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on February 6, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 29: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 867. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 30: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 942. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes", and rollcall No. 31: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 943. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Madam Speaker, on February 7, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 32: On ordering the previous question for H. Res. 956. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 33: On agreeing to H. Res. 956. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 34: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 283, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 35: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4848, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 36: On agreeing to the amendment numbered 4 to H.R. 4137. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 37: On agreeing to the amendment numbered 5 to H.R. 4137. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 38: On agreeing to the amendment numbered 7 to H.R. 4137. Had I been present, I would have voted "no"; rollcall No. 39: On motion to Re-commit H.R. 4137 with Instructions. Had I been present, I would have voted "no"; rollcall No. 40: On passage of H.R. 4137. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall

No. 41: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 947. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes", and rollcall No. 42: On agreeing to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5140. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Madam Speaker, On March 11, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following vote: rollcall No. 111: On motion to adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Madam Speaker, on April 14, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 183: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 886, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 184: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 994, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; and rollcall No. 185: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3548, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, on May 5, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 240: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 952. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 241: On a motion to table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 952. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 242: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1011, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 243: On a motion to table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 1011. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; and rollcall No. 244: On a motion to adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, on May 6, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following vote: rollcall No. 260: On motion to adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, on June 3, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 367: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 138, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 368: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 923. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 369: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1114. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Madam Speaker, on July 17, 2008, I was unable to vote on the following votes: rollcall No. 510: On agreeing to the resolution to H. Res. 1350. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes"; rollcall No. 539: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1370, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Defense-wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GenPhar.

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Seacoast Parkway, Mount Pleasant, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$3.5 million to move the Marburg/Ebola vaccines to Phase I clinical trials, which will involve a clinical lot vaccine production for human injection, human safety trials, human dose escalation studies, non-human primate efficacy "bridging" studies, FDA applications, and eventual FDA licensure and approval for human use. The Multivalent Marburg, Ebola Filovirus Vaccine Program has developed novel vaccine technology to create vaccines against all deadly subtypes of Marburg and Ebola. Utilizing previous DoD funding, the program has worked with the Army to develop over 30 Marburg and Ebola vaccine candidates. These studies, conducted by the U.S. Army Research Institute for Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), demonstrated that the multivalent vaccines were 100 percent effective in protecting monkeys from very high lethal dose challenges using three different strains of Marburg and two different species of Ebola. The Multivalent Marburg, Ebola Filovirus Vaccine Program will provide the DoD with a capability to counteract, in a quick and efficient manner, a biological weapon attack unleashed on U.S. forces or citizens.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Technology Institute.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5300 International Blvd, Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$1.6 million to enable the integration of Navy systems with the VA's Center for Veteran's Enterprise. This would improve the ability to match Navy contracting opportunities with veteran owned small businesses. DoD is required by law to conduct a percentage of its contracts with veteran owned businesses, and the innovations funded under this effort win ensure that as many needs of our nation's military as possible can be met through helping veterans.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Defense-wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Scientific Research Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3860 Farber Place Drive, North Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$1.6 million to develop and integrate advanced signals intelligence and electronic warfare capabilities into networked Joint Threat Warning System. Program will enable processing of intercepted enemy signals to provide commanders greater information about the battlefield. Project is an ongoing priority of the US Special Operations Command, and is considered by the NSA as a timely innovation.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

Address of Requesting Entity: 171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$800,000 to enable MUSC to work with the National Functional Genomics Center (NFGC) to develop new and improved cancer treatment through molecular genetics technology. Specifically, the treatment will allow for the extraction of specific genes in individual tumors to create the best chemotherapy mix for that individual tumor. NFGC was created in 2002 and is funded through the DoD Medical Advanced Technology Program. MUSC is a member of the NFGC and has received funding through this program in the past. FY09 funding will be used to purchase robot-screening tools, and the technology will be shared with all members of the Consortium.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TC Designs

Address of Requesting Entity: 1731 Jervey Avenue, Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$2 million to conduct the demonstration/validation phase of the development of a v-shaped hull for Humvees that will increase their survivability from IDEs and other threats. Humvees are the backbone of the Army and USMC's tactical truck fleet; the development of the hull protection program will provide first-ever underbelly protection for Humvees, and the kit is able to be installed in the field.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Research Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5300 International Blvd, Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$2 million to continue development of the Army's Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TACFAB). TACFAB will add additional capability to the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System, which provides deployed forces a way to keep its tanks, helicopters, and other systems operating in the battlezone. Specifically, TACFAB will move forward the development of a mobile foundry which will allow units to cast parts in the field, cutting repair time down by 90 percent.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: OM, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Marine Containers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2301 Avenue D, Charleston, SC.

Description of Project: Provide \$1.2 million for the purchase of TRICON and QUADCON shipping containers by the U.S. Army to keep Army units and warfighters mobile. The Army estimates that they need, as a minimum, 120,000 containers to meet the needs of our troops; however, less than 50 percent have been purchased, limiting strategic mobility. Appropriation builds upon over \$10 million funded from FY05 to FY08 and on a current Army contract for these critically important containers.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: CPB Salaries and Expenses.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Science and Engineering.

Address of Requesting Entity: 829 Middlesex Turnpike, Billerica, SC.

Description of Project: Provide 2 million to complete the installation of a high-energy transmission x-ray system at the Port of Charleston's Project SEAHAWK. The funding included in this legislation will make Charleston the only port in the U.S. with a mobile

“backscatter” x-ray system that allows screeners to see photo-like images of a container's contents. Appropriation follows \$8 million provided for this project in FY05 and continues the successful port security partnership at Charleston's Project SEAHAWK.

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, United States Air Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, 29404.

Description of Project: Provide \$4.5 million for construction of an addition to C-17 flight simulator complex at Charleston AFB. This addition, which was included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, will allow the facility to accommodate a new six-axis flight simulator and loadmaster trainer with space for computers, briefing rooms, component and facility storage and other needed space. Training needs of the aircrews have exceeded the capabilities of the existing three simulators. If this new simulator space is not provided, established training goals will not be achieved at an airbase that currently houses two wings of C17s currently meeting the needs of our troops deployed abroad.