

major voting campaign in Rome, after the Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. At that time, few African Americans were registered voters, and they had very little political power, both locally and nationally. She began working as an activist in human rights efforts with the Black Coordinating Committee during the era of integration of school systems in Rome. She became Rome's first black legal secretary in 1971 and eventually managed the firm's Rome office.

Inspired by her activism and committed to justice for all, she furthered her works in the legal system with Georgia State Legal Services. She has worked in the education system at East Rome Junior High School as school secretary. She served 9 years as a lobbyist for the Georgia Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and she has been a board member and executive planner for the Northwest Georgia Minority Business Association. She has served on the Georgia State Board of Elections to select delegates to the National Presidential Convention.

She has been twice awarded for her works as advocate and activist by the Martin Luther King Diversity Class of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 2007, she was instrumental in obtaining a proclamation from the city of Rome for the dedication ceremony for a downtown garden honoring the demonstrators of the Civil Rights Movement of 1963 called "Freedom Garden."

She compiled the history of the Civil Rights Movement in Rome to become part of the permanent history of the archives of her community as well as the "Freedom on Film" series at the University of Georgia. Her works are currently on display in the Rome area history museum as part of their permanent Civil Rights exhibit. Today, her speaking engagements take her to churches, schools, group youth homes, and youth detention centers—taking the message of equality across color lines and religious sectors.

Lavada Dillard's life has been devoted to fighting for equality for all people—regardless of race or religion. She has been an advocate for the disabled and the underprivileged. She is an example for others to follow, and I am proud that she is a citizen of the 11th Congressional District of Georgia. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Lavada Dillard for her commitment to the betterment of her community, our great State of Georgia, and the United States of America.

PASSING ALONG CONSTITUENT CONCERNS ABOUT THE "STIMULUS"

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring to the floor my constituents' opposition to the Economic Stimulus Package recently signed into law.

The American people are hurting. Too many jobs have been lost, and too many hard working Americans are worried about their future. Every day I receive calls from Arkansans opposed to Congress recklessly throwing around billions of dollars in an attempt to spend our

way out of this crisis by running headlong into more debt.

The American people do need action; but responsible, focused action that will create jobs and return tax dollars to working Americans immediately. This is the time-proven and fastest way to truly stimulate our economy. We cannot afford, nor can our children afford, an \$800 billion mistake which gives too little attention to creating and saving jobs and securing our retirement savings. I can't say to the average Arkansan fearful of losing their job that this stimulus will save their jobs and help their lives—so it does not deserve our support.

I urge Congress to work harder and together for a focused, responsible bill that will save jobs, create jobs, and protect pensions.

TRIBUTE TO ELISABETH BRAVARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the goodwill of Elisabeth Bravard, a 19-year-old resident of Boone, Iowa. Elisabeth is traveling to Honduras for 6 months to work in an orphanage.

Elisabeth has been to Honduras once before with her church, Boone Open Bible Church. Seven members of the church spent one week working in an orphanage. Since the visit, Elisabeth has wanted to return to the country to continue her work as a philanthropist. Elisabeth, who graduated from The Salon Professional Academy, saved all her tips while working at the Academy and babysitting. She has also asked friends and family to help support her cause. While in Honduras, she will teach English and use her education as a hair stylist to give hair cuts to those who can't afford one.

Winston Churchill once said that "we make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give". Elisabeth shows great passion in helping those who are less fortunate. I applaud her generosity and am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in Congress join me in thanking Elisabeth Bravard for her generous service and wish her success during her journey.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following in regards to H.R. 1105.

Project Name: Banning Family Health Center.

Account: HRSA—Health facilities and services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inland Behavioral and Health Services, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1963 North 'E' Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the construction of a comprehensive

community health services center in Banning, California. The center will provide health service to low-income, uninsured adults, families and seniors in a rapidly growing area in need of health services.

Amount: \$714,000.

Project Name: Village of Childhelp West, Beaumont, CA.

Account: SAMHSA.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Merv Griffin Village of Child Help.

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 247, Beaumont, CA 92223.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to expand services at one of the nation's first residential treatment facilities dedicated to the healing treatment of severely abused and neglected children. Currently, the facility is operating at or over 100% capacity and has waiting lists of children from referral sources.

Amount: \$714,000.

Project Name: We Care San Jacinto.

Account: Innovation/Improvement (FIE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: We Care San Jacinto, USA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West First Street, San Jacinto, CA 92583.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to expand an already existing program which provides tutoring, homework assistance and after-school classes for low-income families at no cost. In conjunction with the local school district, We Care is aimed at helping children who are failing or are most at risk of failing to meet California State's student academic achievement standards. With numerous street gangs that are involved in criminal activity in the area of San Jacinto, the We Care tutoring program has attempted to positively influence those who might very well be inclined to drop out of school or not seek secondary education. Expanding the center will continue to improve the quality of life for the students of San Jacinto and for the entire community.

Amount: \$77,000.

Project Name: San Bernardino County Museum Hall of Geological Wonders.

Account: IMLS.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of San Bernardino, USA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 5th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist in the completion of new exhibition space and to upgrade the care of the collection in the 12,000 sq. ft. Hall of Geological Wonders at the San Bernardino County Museum. Project goals include enhancing and updating exhibitions, modern museum collection care, diverse learning programs, and will provide greater opportunity for education and appreciation for regional and natural heritage at the San Bernardino County Museum.

Amount: \$333,000.

Project Name: San Bernardino and Riverside County Regional Fingerprint ID (CAL-ID).

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino County, 655 East Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 and Riverside County, 4095 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

Description of Request: This funding is for ongoing product development and purchase of mobile fingerprint identification devices and software. The Counties of Riverside and San

Bernardino County embarked on a joint venture to create a regional identification system designed to be shared by all law enforcement agencies in the 27,360 square mile jurisdiction. The system provides fingerprint, photo and DNA services to all public safety agencies including local police departments, district attorney, school districts, coroner and Sheriffs' Departments in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It is also available to other state and federal law enforcement agencies that utilize these services on a routine basis.

Amount: \$1,925,000.

Project Name: San Bernardino FileNET Program.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92418.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to upgrade to FileNET document imaging system to, which allows real time document uploads and viewing by the police department and the prosecutor's office. The system will speed up investigations and prosecutions in San Bernardino, a city ranked as one of the most dangerous in America.

Amount: \$400,000.

Project Name: East Valley Regional Crime Analysis System (COMPASS).

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Redlands.

Address of Requesting Entity: 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to expand the COMPASS (Community Mapping, Planning and Analysis for Safety Strategies) initiative to other communities in the Inland Empire region. COMPASS has expanded the role of crime mapping, data sharing and analysis within the East Valley region, leading the way in GPS, offender monitoring analysis, and processing shared data from local agencies in support of a state program.

Amount: \$425,000.

Project Name: California Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams.

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State Department of Justice.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to support the expansion of Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams to provide technical expertise to local law enforcement overwhelmed by gang violence. GSET identifies and attacks and gang's leadership, infrastructure and hierarchy, to completely disable a gang's operations and prevent it from reestablishing itself.

Amount: \$200,000.

Project Name: Criminal Information Sharing Alliance Network.

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Criminal Information Sharing Alliance, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Parkshore Drive, Suite 225, Folsom, CA 95630.

Description of Request: The funding will help the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance assist the State of California in its development, procurement and implementation of

state-of-the-art technologies that enhance the capabilities of the State's criminal intelligence investigation, enforcement and assessment centers through a southwest regional approach.

Amount: \$400,000.

Project Name: Ranchero Road Corridor Project.

Account: FHWA-Interstate Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hesperia, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9700 Seventh Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345.

Description of Request: Funding will help construct an interchange at Ranchero Road and I-15. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$650,750.

Project Name: Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 Interchange.

Account: FHWA-Surface Transportation Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Beaumont, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 East 6th St., Beaumont, CA 92223.

Description of Request: The project, to engineer and construct the Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 interchange, will relieve congestion and improve safety at the Interstate 10 and SR 60 interchange. This project is Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible as those program funds may be used to carry out projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements for highways. STP program requires 20% local match.

Amount: \$855,000.

Project Name: I-215 and University Parkway.

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA 92346.

Description of Request: This project would construct a direct connector ramp from westbound University Parkway to southbound I-215. Constructing an additional southbound entrance ramp will provide the necessary relief for traffic on both sides on the interchange. The benefits include additional growth for Cal State San Bernardino, continued development of upper scale residential units in the vicinity of the university and continued commercial and industrial development on the west side of I-215. This project is eligible for IM funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$508,250.

Project Name: Needles Highway.

Account: FHWA—Public Lands Highway Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Associated Governments.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1170 W. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715.

Description of Request: The realignment and widening of the Needles Highway will facilitate motorist safety, economic development, and future capacity needs due to increased freight movement from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Improvements to the highway are necessary for improved motorist safety as well as to reduce road flooding and wash-outs. Additionally, improvements are necessary as Needles Highway provides access to and from a number of Indian reservations in the area. This project is Public Lands Highway Program (PLHP) eligible as the PLHP program provides for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of highways, roads, and parkways and transit facilities within public lands, national parks, and Indian reservations. PLHP requires no local match.

Amount: \$3.8 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Project Name: Mojave Water Agency Non-Native Plant Removal.

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)—Conservation Operations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mojave Water Agency.

Address of Requesting Entity: 22450 Headquarters Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Description of Request: \$667,000 will be provided to help complete a project to remove invasive weeds from the Mojave River area in cooperating with an ongoing local initiative. The Mojave River serves thousands of acres of federal land, including the Mojave National Preserve. Non-native plants are a constant threat to the Mojave River's ecosystem. Removing them will conserve vast amounts of water, which is a very precious resource in this area. Removal will also protect wildlife and dramatically reduce the risk of flood and fire.

TRIBUTE TO KYLE JONES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kyle Jones, a resident of Slater, Iowa. Kyle has been a custom applicator with Heartland Co-op for 22 years and was named Ag-Chem Operator of the Year during this year's Agriculture Retailers Association convention in Austin, Texas.

The Ag-Chem Operator of the Year Program was introduced in 2006. The program acknowledges the importance of having great operators and recognizes top professionals in the field. In his position, Kyle covers over 44,000 acres per year, treating every acre with care and professionalism, and his co-workers have stood by his reliability and hard work.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Kyle Jones on becoming Ag-Chem Operator of the Year and for being an outstanding professional in his industry. It is an honor to represent Kyle in Congress, and I wish him future happiness and success.