

These attacks are a stark and all too common reminder that the Global War on Terrorism is truly worldwide and requires a coordinated and vigilant effort by our Nation and our allies to protect our families and our freedoms. I want to thank the people of Algeria for their efforts and the tremendous cooperation we have shared since the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

I am also constantly reminded of the extraordinary efforts being done by our troops and their families. Their sacrifice is a testament to their courage, their dedication, and their love for our Nation. At this time, our thoughts are with those who have lost their lives in this great struggle against violent extremism and those who continue to stand for our freedoms and for the development of a civil, peaceful society in Algeria for Algerian families to prosper.

WHO ANSWERS TO WOMEN?
GENDER AND ACCOUNTABILITY

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit into the RECORD, an article expressing why it is important for governments throughout the world to stay committed to achieving gender equality. The article, published by the UN News Service, cites critical information from a newly released report from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

The report, entitled "Who Answers to Women? Gender and Accountability," alarmed us about the enormous gaps between men and women when it comes to responsibility in official segments of society. Ms. Hanny Cueva-Beteta, Data and Statistics Specialist with the UNIFEM, stated that women's priorities are non-existent when it comes to conflict resolutions and war crimes committed against them are often not prosecuted.

The article poignantly points out that women are outnumbered 4 to 1 in legislatures around the world; almost 2/3 of all unpaid family workers are women; and approximately 1/3 of all women suffer gender-based violence during their lives.

Madam Speaker, I want to commend the UNIFEM for their exceptional and vital research and I urge my colleagues to support efforts to alleviate gender disparities throughout the world.

ACCOUNTABILITY KEY TO MEETING NATIONAL
GENDER EQUALITY GOALS, SAYS UN REPORT

20 February 2009—Strengthening accountability for commitments made by governments will be vital to achieving gender equality and women's rights, according to a new report released today by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

"The actions of those in power need to be reviewed and made accountable to women," Hanny Cueva-Beteta, Data and Statistics Specialist with UNIFEM, stressed today at the launch in Monrovia, Liberia, of the agency's flagship publication, *Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009*.

The report, entitled "Who Answers to Women? Gender and Accountability," pointed to vast gaps in accountability between men and women, which lead to weakened

participation of women in the formal sector, according to a news release issued by UNIFEM.

Ms. Cueva-Beteta said that in areas such as conflict mediation, women's priorities are silenced and war crimes committed against them are often not prosecuted.

In both national governments and multi-lateral organizations, accountability systems need to be changed and oriented to answer to women, if commitments to gender equality are to move from rhetoric to results, she stated.

"It is time to move from lip-service to real results," she said, adding that commitments made by governments should be accompanied by funding and planning.

There is still a long way to go in that regard, she noted, given that women are outnumbered 4 to 1 in legislatures around the world; over 60 per cent of all unpaid family workers globally are women; and about one-third of women suffer gender-based violence during their lives.

Also speaking at the launch, Liberia's President, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, highlighted some of achievements made in her country towards women's empowerment. They include the establishment of a special "Criminal Court E," dedicated to gender-based violence crimes with an emphasis on rape, and an empowerment programme, funded by the Nike Foundation, for 1,500 adolescent girls.

There is also the Sirleaf Market Women's Fund, which the President set up to support girls' education and improving markets for women.

Ms. Johnson-Sirleaf thanked UNIFEM for its efforts in getting countries to make greater commitments towards the empowerment of women and implored those at the launch to "join hands at all levels and work together for the enhancement of women as a means of acting towards the development of society as a whole."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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. 1105;

Requesting Member: Congressman SAM GRAVES

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Projects expected to be included in the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Missouri River Levee System (MRLS) Units L-455 and R 471-460 project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used to advance design. Located in the Flood Control account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Blacksnake Creek Feasibility Study project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used to initiate design work. Located in section 205 account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Missouri River Degradation, KS

and MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used to investigate progressive streambed degradation in the KC reach and other areas of the MO River. Located in the Investigations account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Kansas City Levees, MO and KS project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used for the evaluation of the Metropolitan flood protection system on the MO and KS Rivers in KC. Located in the Investigations account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Line Creek Watershed project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used to conduct watershed and floodplain management planning. Located in the Investigations account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Smithville Lake Repairs project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. The funding would be used to paint emergency, service and water supply gates and address erosion along most of its main body. Located in the Operations and Maintenance account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Interoperable Mobile Data Communications System project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Joseph Police Department located at 501 Faraon Street, St. Joseph, MO. This funding will integrate multiple data systems into one. Located in the COPS account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Synergy Domestic Violence Program in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Synergy Services Inc located at 400 E. 6th Street, Parkville, MO 64152. This funding will allow Synergy to increase its capacity to serve children who have been impacted by the cycle of violence and allow for psychological assessments, testing, and increased therapy. Located in the BYRNE-OJP account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Community Hospital Association, Inc., Fairfax, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Community Hospital Association, Inc located at 405 E. Main Po Box 107, Fairfax, MO 64446. The funding would be used to help fund the building of a new hospital that will better serve the two county areas in NW Missouri. Located in the Health Facilities and Services account in HRSA.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the William Jewell College, Liberty, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is William Jewell College located at 500 College Hill, Liberty, MO, 64068. The funding would be used to fund to strengthen the interdepartmental undergraduate research program in the life sciences. Located in the FIPSE Higher Education account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Water Transmission Line Construction, City of Plattsburg, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Plattsburg located at

114 W Maple Street, Plattsburg, MO, 64477. PO Box 243, Rock Port, MO, 64482. The funding would be used for the construction of drinking water transmission lines. Located in the STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure projects account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Kansas City Bus Capital Funds, KC, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity receiving funding is the KC Area Transportation Authority located at 1200 E. 18th Street, KC, MO 64108. This funding is for the purchase of new busses. Located in the Busses and Bus Facilities account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the U.S. 59/Alabama Grade Separation Project in St. Joseph, MO in fiscal year 2009. The entity receiving funding is the City of St. Joseph's Public Works Department located at 1100 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64501. The funding will be used to reduce congestion at US 59 crossing Woods Chapel Road from 1-70 to Valley View. Located in the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Homeless Shelter Renovation, Kansas City, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity receiving funding is Restart Inc. located at 918 E. 9th Street Kansas city, MO 64106. The funding will be used to provide shelter and supportive services to homeless men, women, youth, and families. Located in the Economic Development Initiative account.

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Expansion of the Hillyard Vocational Technical Center, St. Joseph, MO project in fiscal year 2009. The entity receiving funding is the St. Joseph, MO School District located at 925 Felix, St. Joseph, MO 64501. The funding will be used to build a science research facility addition to Hillyard Vocational Technical Center. Located in the Economic Development Initiative account.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of [H.R. 1105 Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009]:

Request Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: FL—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Colorado Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4201 Arkansas Ave #275/ Denver, CO 80222.

Description of Request: \$652,650 is included in this bill to help accelerate intersection improvements at Fort Carson Gates 5 and 6 as well as safety improvements along SH 115 between these two gates.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: FL—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Colorado Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4201 Arkansas Ave #275/ Denver, CO 80222.

Description of Request: \$2,280,000 is included in this bill to pay for preliminary and final design for full access to Peterson Air Force Base from Powers Boulevard. Peterson Air Force Base has recently completed improvements to its west gate, which is the main access point into the base from Powers Boulevard. This will address mobility and future congestion at the Powers Boulevard intersection by providing an interchange.

HONORING MR. RAY CLARK

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Ray Clark for his years of service to the Plant City community and to the students at Plant City High School.

Mr. Clark began his tenure teaching agriculture at Plant City High in 1972, before I was even born. He taught agriculture for 36 years at Plant City and retired as the head of the agriculture department.

He has shared his extensive knowledge of agriculture with thousands of students throughout the years and has left a significant mark on Plant City and the agriculture community in the State of Florida.

Mr. Clark has encouraged his students to participate in the FFA organization. Assisted by his leadership, the Plant City FFA chapters have produced 5 National FFA Officers and 17 State FFA Officers.

In addition to his dedication to the students at Plant City, Ray Clark has selflessly devoted countless hours to the community, participating in a variety of organizations—from the Hillsborough County Classroom Teachers Association to the National Wild Turkey Federation to the Florida Cattleman's Association. He is also a former member of the National Guard.

Ray Clark has been an outstanding public servant to our city and the State of Florida. I want to thank him for his service, and invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ray Clark upon the occasion of his retirement. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

DR. DIETHER H. HAENICKE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the illustrious life of Dr. Diether H. Haenicke, president emeritus and distinguished professor at Western Michigan University.

From 1985 to 1998, Diether served as the University's fifth president, while later serving as interim president for the 2006-07 academic year. During his 13-year presidency, WMU emerged as one of the leading public research institutions in the nation, becoming a pioneer in the life sciences. A lifelong champion of international study, the University's Office of Study Abroad and Department of Foreign Languages flourished during his tenure as well. At

the same time, the University also conducted a successful multi-million dollar capital campaign that allowed for the construction of many major buildings across campus as well as the major renovation of several others.

Shortly after retiring from the presidency in 1998, Diether began writing a popular weekly column in the Kalamazoo Gazette, which continued for over 10 years. The subject matter of his column ranged broadly from reflections on his childhood in Germany and his experiences as a naturalized citizen to commentaries on current events and musings on the absurdities of campus life. Like the man himself, these writings often gave the community a moment of pause.

Not only a successful administrator, but a widely respected intellectual in his own right, Diether came to the United States as a Fulbright lecturer in the early 1960s. Having earned a doctorate, magna cum laude, from the University of Munich in 1962, he was the author of hundreds of published works on such diverse matters as comparative literature, history, academic administration, and international study.

In his so-called retirement, Diether remained actively engaged within the University and also involved himself in countless civic and charitable organizations throughout southwest Michigan.

There truly was no better friend to the University and the greater Kalamazoo community than Diether. And while his intellect, humor, and constant guidance will be sorely missed, perhaps the qualities that will be remembered most were his genuine approachability and astonishing gift for friendship. Throughout his career, thousands were fortunate enough to look to Diether as a friend and mentor—incoming first-year students and Members of Congress alike.

May the Haenicke family find comfort in knowing the far-reaching impact that Diether had upon his community and those who were attracted by the university he built up. American higher education has lost one of the best and so have we all lost a supporter of the greater good.

THE STUDENT PROTECTION ACT

HON. ADAM H. PUTMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. PUTMAN. Madam Speaker, on January 28, 2009, I reintroduced the Student Protection Act, a measure aimed at protecting our nation's classrooms from repeat sexual predators within our school systems.

The Student Protection Act requires uniform reporting requirements for eligible school system employees accused of sexual misconduct against a student, consistent with established guidelines for reporting child abuse; it requires a central body in each state to be responsible for receiving and investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by school employees; and it creates a nationwide database of school employees sanctioned by the state for sexual misconduct—thus enabling state, local, and private school officials to ensure offenders remain out of the classroom.