

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