

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO MARK EDWARDS

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on May 8th, 2009, the San Bernardino community will gather to honor Mark Edwards as he is presented with the prestigious Golden Baton Award from the San Bernardino Symphony Guild. In the Guild's eighty years of its existence, this will only be the tenth time that this honor has been awarded. The Guild is honoring him not only for his significant contribution to the San Bernardino Symphony but also for his commitment and dedication to the San Bernardino community.

A respected lawyer in the Inland Empire, Mark received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of California, Davis. In 1982, he became a Shareholder and Senior Attorney at Reid & Hellyer, A Professional Corporation in San Bernardino. In 1994, Mark became a founding member of the Law Office of Mirau, Edwards, Cannon, Lewin & Tooke, A Professional Corporation in Redlands, where his firm practices transactional law in the areas of business, corporate, tax, real estate and estate planning.

In addition to his law practice, Mark has always been a very active member of the San Bernardino community. As former President and current First Vice President of the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra, he has also continuously served on the Board of Directors since 1992 and as a Member of the Executive Committee since 1995. In addition, he was actively involved with the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, serving as President in 1992 and a Member of the Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee throughout the 1990s.

Known for his passionate and selfless volunteerism, Mark has served as an Elder for the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, Judge Pro-tem for the San Bernardino Superior Court, founder of Leadership San Bernardino, as well as a Member of the Board of Directors for numerous other organizations throughout the Inland Empire. It is obvious that the community has always been important to Mark based on his continual support of both the San Bernardino Symphony and city as a whole.

Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the service, sacrifice, and dedication of Mark Edwards. His impact on our community over the years serves as a great reminder that a life spent giving back to society is a life of a true patriot.

### RECOGNIZING SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK IN MINNESOTA

#### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled to recognize hard-working school board members in Minnesota this year during School Board Recognition Week. Throughout the year, school boards across the nation play a vital role in organizing members of the community to participate in our children's education.

Parents, teachers and local leaders are uniquely equipped to meet the needs of students in the classroom. A locally-governed education system requires local involvement. Many of these individuals hold full-time jobs, and yet they selflessly volunteer their time to serving their families and other families in the community by donating their talents and resources through various roles on the school board.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank members of school boards across the State of Minnesota for devoting countless hours and energy towards our children's education and ultimately their future. Additionally, I want to encourage continued involvement to ensure our grandchildren receive the same priceless support from which so many of us benefit. I applaud and join my colleagues in recognizing the individuals who selflessly dedicate their time to this crucial role.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I offer the following justification for the projects that I requested that were included in H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

For the project titled, "Assistance to Improve Water Quality for Tarrant County, TX," in H.R. 1105, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas AgriLife Research, 113 Jack K. Williams Building 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2142. The \$336,000 in the bill supports specialized studies to improve water quality in North Central Texas. The project aims to create a watershed protection plan and improve the water quality in the five reservoirs that supply water for the majority of Fort Worth and fifty-nine surrounding communities. By implementing a watershed protection plan, water quality can be improved in North Central Texas, thereby protecting supply and quality for over 1.6 million residents in the

area. Matching funds are as follows: Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (\$740,000), Texas Water Development Board (\$200,000), and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (\$542,000). Tarrant Regional Water District and the Texas Water Resources Institute also provide in-kind support.

For the project titled "Child Abuse Training Programs for Judicial Personnel: Victims Act Model Court Project" in H.R. 1105, OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1041 North Virginia Street, Third Floor, Reno, Nevada 89503. The \$920,000 in the bill for this project will be used in planning and programming for work in Model Courts and in jurisdictions nationwide, including site-based and local, regional and national interdisciplinary training programs; Model Court site visits; Model Court cross-site visits; All-Sites Meetings; outreach to national State Court Improvement Programs; direct technical assistance to Model Courts and other jurisdictions nationwide; mentoring of non-Model Court jurisdictions; publications for national dissemination; research to evaluate Model Court work; and networking with national organizations. The project focuses on improving court practice in handling child abuse and neglect cases in jurisdictions across the country, and will have significant impact on the over 513,000 children in the nation's foster care systems. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is supported by a number of funders both federal, state and private; and national and state-based that supports related work. Supplemental funding for this project has been applied for in the past, as NCJFCJ continually seeks a variety of funding sources for its projects.

For the project titled "Train-the-Trainer (ALERRT)" in H.R. 1105, OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666. The \$1,200,000 in the bill for this project will enable Texas State University to build ALERRT's Train-The-Trainer capacity to meet the training needs of the more than 650,000 law enforcement agents across the nation. Since 2002, ALERRT has trained more than 16,000 first responding patrol officers. ALERRT is a program designed to train first responders with tactics they will need to effectively respond to active shooter situations. More than 200 law enforcement agencies, including Texas Christian University Police Department and Ft. Worth Police Department, are on the waiting list for training under ALERRT. Funding would allow these departments to receive training. ALERRT has been awarded more than \$7 million in federal and state funds to bring this Rapid Response training to frontline officers across Texas and the nation. Texas State will provide any required matching funds.

For the project titled "White Settlement Emergency Management, Police, and Fire Department Interoperable Communications

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Project” in H.R. 1105, OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the City of White Settlement, 214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108. The \$500,000 in the bill for this project will allow the City of White Settlement to begin the process of updating the city’s radio equipment. The city is currently not capable of transmitting information between agencies due to aging radio systems and lack of funding. Many times, the ability of first-responders to respond to emergency situations would be enhanced by partnering or sharing resources. The goal is to have direct communications with the City of Fort Worth, the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Lockheed Martin, and any other local agencies or cities for rapid response to emergency situations. No matching funds are required for this project.

For the project titled “America SCORES Fort Worth Expansion” in H.R. 1105, OJP-Juvenile Justice account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the America SCORES, 520 Eighth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10018. The \$150,000 in the bill for this project will be used to expand the America SCORES after-school program to at least five new public elementary schools in the Fort Worth area, reaching upwards of 125 additional elementary students in the urban center. The America SCORES model has proven very successful in improving academic performance and physical health among participants, reduces the risks of unsupervised playtime, and combats the epidemics of childhood obesity and violence. America SCORES will match the federal funding with \$150,000 in private funds. All expenses to maintain the expansion in future years will be provided by non-federal sources.

For the project titled “Central City, Fort Worth, Upper Trinity River Basin, TX” in H.R. 1105, Corps of Engineers—Construction account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Tarrant Regional Water District, 800 E. Northside Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76102. The aging levee system on the Trinity River is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration, and community redevelopment components, including constructing a 1.5-mile flood-control bypass channel. The \$6,000,000 in the bill for this project will be used for excavation of the bypass channel. Matching funds for the entire project include \$64 million from Tarrant Regional Water District, \$10.9 million from the City of Fort Worth, \$9 million from Tarrant County, and \$80.5 million from the local tax financing district.

For the project titled, “Farmers Branch, Tarrant County, TX” in H.R. 1105, Corps of Engineers Sec. 205 account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the City of White Settlement, 214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108. To improve the channelization of Farmers Branch flowing through the center of White Settlement, the continuing authority provided in this bill will be used for construction of a flood control channel. This channel will mitigate major flooding problems affecting homes and businesses in the area. The City of White Settlement has

passed bonds totaling \$11.5 million for the project.

For the project titled, “Upper Trinity River Basin, TX” in H.R. 1105, Corps of Engineers Investigations account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A32, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300. The \$382,000 provided in the bill will be used to continue various Corps of Engineers studies in the Upper Trinity River Basin. No matching funds are required.

For the project titled “Cook Children’s Medical Center, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 1105, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Cook Children’s Medical Center, 801 Seventh Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. The \$666,000 in the bill for this project will be used to purchase Magnetoencephalography (MEG) technology in order for Cook Children’s Medical Center to continue their research in the neurosciences. MEG technology, combined with Cook Children’s existing iMRI and pediatric neuroscience resources, will provide the best available treatment to cure Texas children afflicted with epilepsy, brain tumors, and other devastating neurological disorders. Funds will be used for the purchase of equipment and the construction costs necessary to install the MEG technology. In addition to the federal funding for this project, Cook Children’s plans to raise at least \$5,803,000 in the local community.

For the project titled “Harris Methodist Ft. Worth Hospital, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 1105, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. The \$618,000 in the bill for this project will be used for the renovation and construction of a 16-bed palliative care unit. Palliative care is healthcare that specializes in the relief of suffering and the achievement of the best possible quality of life for patients with advanced illness and their families. It is offered simultaneously with all other appropriate medical treatment. Currently, the Harris Methodist Health Foundation is seeking community donations as part of a \$2.2 million campaign. To date, \$537,000 has been raised to help fund the palliative care unit and significant pledges have been made.

For the project titled “Texas Wesleyan University, Ft. Worth, TX for purchase of equipment for the doctoral program in nurse anesthesia practice, including curriculum development” in H.R. 1105, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, Texas 76105-1536. The \$247,000 in the bill for this project will be used by Texas Wesleyan University for equipment costs to support the new on-line Doctorate program in Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Harris Methodist hospital is the primary clinical site for Texas Wesleyan University’s nurse anesthetist program. Funding will be used to upgrade the network and enhance current audio/visual technologies for curriculum development and deployment to support instructional needs

for the new doctoral program. This project will support Texas Wesleyan University’s new Doctorate Program of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States. The objective is to develop a distance learning program (utilizing recent advances in distance learning methodologies) that will provide extended education to full time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Healthy People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities. Texas Wesleyan University has provided \$360,000 in private matching funds for this project.

For the project titled “Alliance Airport, Runway Extension, TX” in H.R. 1105, FAA—Airport Improvement Program account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Alliance Airport and the City of Fort Worth, TX, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Ste 100, Fort Worth, TX 76177. The \$1,750,000 for the project in this bill will be used to extend the existing main runway. The extension project includes lengthening the runway by 1,400 feet to 11,000 feet and includes extension of taxiways, relocation of FM Road 156, relocation of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line, and extension of Eagle Parkway. The local share of the project cost will be between \$50 million and \$60 million.

For the project titled “CNG Bus Replacement, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, TX,” in H.R. 1105, Federal Transit Administration—Bus/Bus Facilities account, the legal name and address for the requesting entity is Fort Worth Transportation Authority, The “T,” 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The \$1,425,000 in this bill will be used to continue the replacement of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority’s aging bus fleet and pay for the cost of replacing approximately 3–4 buses with clean-burning natural gas vehicles, wheel chair accessibility and complete with security cameras for driver and passenger safety. This will help advance the T’s overall initiative to make the entire bus fleet 100% wheel chair accessible. Local share of the project cost will be \$1.64 million.

For the project titled, “Interstate-35 W Congestion Relief, TX,” in H.R. 1105, Federal Highways Administration—Interstate Maintenance account, the legal name and address for the requesting entity is City of Fort Worth, TX, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The \$1,800,000 in the bill will be used to provide congestion relief for I-35W between downtown Fort Worth and SH 114 near the Denton/Tarrant County line. These funds are for engineering and design. Relief of regional congestion along this road segment is critical and would address significant emissions concerns. Additionally, this eventual expansion of I-35W would also continue facilitating economic expansion of north Fort Worth, the Alliance Airport area, northern Tarrant County, as well as enhance access to the renewal work of the Trinity River Vision project. Local share of the project cost will be \$2 million by the Denton County Commissioner’s Court, which is significantly more than the statutory 20 percent.

For the project titled, “Henderson Street Bridge Construction at the Trinity River, Fort Worth, TX,” in H.R. 1105, Federal Highways Administration—Transportation Community

Systems Preservation account, the legal name and address for the requesting entity is City of Fort Worth, TX, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The \$1,520,000 in the bill will be used for the construction of SH 199 (Henderson Street) and US Business 287 through the Trinity Uptown area of the Trinity River Vision. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. Local share of the project cost is \$21.485 million.

For the project titled, "City of Fort Worth, TX—Economic Development Initiatives," in H.R. 1105, Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is City of Fort Worth, TX, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The \$285,000 in the bill will be used for property acquisition for land that will be needed to construct the bypass channel of the Trinity River. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. The local share of the project cost is \$15 million.

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#### HONORING JOEL GORDON

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#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Gordon of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Joel 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joel 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 Joel Gordon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Republicans were shut out of the Stimulus Conference, and this important legislation was decided in the same shady backroom your constituents voted to close in the last election. Americans are in a serious recession, and we need to act quickly to come to a bipartisan agreement. We don't need to rush this critical legislation through so that Members can jet out of town for their vacations.

We know that immediate and permanent tax breaks stimulate the economy. We know that spending does not. Yet, this backroom deal comes with a \$789.5 billion price tag and 9 billion in new spending; tax cuts were sacrificed for new spending! This is no stimulus bill—this is a spending bill. It's time to cancel our vacations, roll up our sleeves and work to bring the real relief that Americans need. I am willing to stay and do real work. I challenge my colleagues to do the same.

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#### HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 10, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for providing 100 years of legal advocacy and justice for all Americans.

One hundred years ago today a coalition of activists, scholars, and intellectuals of various shades gathered together to challenge our United States to live up to the words of the Constitution for all Americans. This founding group was diverse in ethnicity but united in their thirst for equality.

The catalyst behind the group's formation was the 1908 racial attacks against Blacks in Springfield, Illinois, the state capital and the birthplace of President Abraham Lincoln. Disheartened by the violence, which took the lives of two Blacks and five accidental Whites; the group formally organized on February 12, 1909, the birthday of President Lincoln.

A year later, the national office of the NAACP was opened in New York City. W.E.B. DuBois founding publisher of *The Crisis*, the organization's official publication, was instrumental in attracting distinguished African-American literary figures who became the voice of the Harlem Renaissance. The iconic scholar also became the intellectual leader and voice of the NAACP, where he took a strong position in demanding full integration for his people over Booker T. Washington's policy of accommodation.

Due to the rabid racism of the day, the organization grew quickly and reached the peak of its membership during the civil rights struggles of the 1950's and 1960's. Rosa Parks, secretary of the NAACP chapter in Mont-

gomery, Alabama, triggered the famous boycott of the bus system by refusing to give up her seat.

The NAACP's greatest achievements were in the courtroom, where it challenged many of the laws that enshrined segregation. One of the best known cases was *Brown vs. Board of Education*, which in 1954 challenged the "separate but equal" doctrine that was the bulwark of the nation's segregationist policies. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel to the NAACP, led legal arguments before the Supreme Court in that case, as well as many other laws that promoted segregation. Marshall would go on to become the first African-American Justice on the Supreme Court.

The NAACP fought against lynchings, Jim Crow laws, and otherwise challenged the system of laws which denied full citizenship for Blacks. The election of President Barack Obama represents a culmination of the NAACP's efforts over the years, particularly in gaining full voting rights for African-Americans.

The work of the NAACP has not been without danger. Many NAACP members and staff have been victims of racial violence. Perhaps the best known, was the assassination of Medgar Evers, the NAACP field secretary in Mississippi, in 1962.

The NAACP has many heroes across the country who have sacrificed in order to fulfill our nation's promise of democracy and freedom. Among the organization's heroes are my good friends, Hazel Dukes and Percy Sutton. Ms. Dukes participated in many NAACP marches and was arrested several times as a protester. She has also served as president of a New York chapter and national president of the organization. Percy Sutton, a long time member and former president of the NAACP, represented many civil rights workers, including Malcolm X. I salute them for their dedication to this organization.

Ben Jealous, the new leader of the NAACP, has pointed out a new set of challenges to be addressed in the years ahead. Among them are racial injustices in the criminal justice system, improving educational resources, and removing any remaining obstacles to economic development. The challenges may be different from those addressed during the first 100 years, but they are no less important.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you and my colleagues in joining me in honoring the NAACP for 100 years of distinguished service to our country.

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#### CAPTIVE PRIMATE SAFETY ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 23, 2009*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 80, the Captive Primate Safety Act, a bill that will protect public health and safety as well as animal welfare by prohibiting interstate commerce in primates from the exotic pet trade.

Last week, a woman from my district was brutally attacked and nearly killed by a chimpanzee that had been kept as a pet in a private home. Though the victim is currently receiving treatment at a specialized clinic, it is very likely that her wounds are grave and the effects lifelong.

An estimated 15,000 primates are in private hands in the United States, and while some may think chimpanzees and monkeys are good pets, last week's incident made tragically clear that these animals are unsafe when not under supervision of trained professionals. According to the Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition, at least 100 people have been injured by captive primates over the past decade.

Currently, twenty states prohibit keeping primates as pets, and the importation of such animals into the United States for the pet trade has been prohibited by federal law since 1975. Nevertheless, primates such as the one involved in last week's tragic incident in Stamford are bred in the United States and are readily available for purchase from exotic animal dealers and on the Internet.

By adding primates to the list of animals that cannot be purchased or transported as pets across state lines by individuals, H.R. 80 targets the pet trade and does not affect trade or transportation of animals between zoos, research facilities, or other federally licensed and regulated entities. This is a targeted, common-sense bill that will further protect our communities and promote animal welfare, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

**STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT OF 2009**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 23, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, as a mother and a former foster mother to 23 troubled teens, I strongly believe in the important role of the parent or legal guardian in a child's life. This is especially true when it comes to matters as serious as the health and wellbeing of that child. Prescription drugs, such as medication to treat psychiatric conditions, can have a major impact on the mind and body of an adult, let alone the young mind and body of a child. And, let's be clear: As adult as today's teens like to appear, they are still very much children in need of adult guidance. Critical decisions regarding the administration of prescription medications should only be made by a qualified medical doctor with the express consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Consider contraception, for example. Contraceptives can cause serious medical problems like blood clots and migraine headaches. Even worse, they can be dispensed in certain combinations to prevent implantation of new baby, a form of abortion that many parents and young girls find morally reprehensible. This "morning after pill" can also be used to hide evidence of sexual abuse, one of the very forms of abuse that this legislation is seeking to prevent.

Unfortunately, H.R. 911 would not only allow residential treatment facilities to change a child's prescription medication without the consent of her or his parent or legal guardian, but without even consulting them. Committee Republicans offered language to require consent before such a change in prescription medication, but it was defeated during committee consideration, almost by party line. The right

of consent is a necessary component of any decision affecting the life of a child, and should be explicitly stated in this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the parents and guardians that have raised and cared for these children know and understand their children and their medical histories best. Without language requiring consent prior to any change in prescription medication, the potential positive impact of this legislation is lost, and so is the important role of the parent in the life of his or her child.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD V. GARY

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Mr. Howard V. Gary, a beloved community leader in my district often credited with helping re-shape downtown Miami, who recently passed away after a five year battle with cancer.

Born on January 13, 1947, in Harlem Hospital in New York, Mr. Gary's mother moved her two sons to Miami where her family lived early in his life. He graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. He continued his education by earning a bachelor's degree in political science and business administration from Morehouse College before earning a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan.

One of the most influential figures in Mr. Gary's life was his uncle Mr. Charles Hadley. Not only did Mr. Hadley help to take care of his family, but he was also a force in Miami politics who politicians relied on to get out the black vote.

Mr. Gary was budget director in Newark, New Jersey, before relocating to South Florida in 1976 as Miami's budget and management director. He made history in the City of Miami when he was hired as the first African-American to serve as City Manager. Just 35 years old when appointed, Mr. Gary was praised for his effective management, guiding the city through the completion of MetroRail and the construction of the downtown people mover. Bayside Marketplace was conceived under his leadership as a way to revitalize downtown Miami and the declining bayfront area.

After leaving public office, Mr. Gary dedicated his life to becoming a successful bond dealer. Howard Gary and Co., the firm he owned, had been involved in 123 bond deals around the country since 1992.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Gary's extraordinary life and many accomplishments within the South Florida community. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. Moreover, Mr. Howard V. Gary was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his professional career and his personal interests.

RECOGNIZING DR. SAM HORTON DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Sam Horton and to acknowledge his contributions to the Tampa Bay area.

Sam Horton, a native of rural Hillsborough County, is a direct descendant of a founding family of the historical township of Bealsville. Bealsville was founded by 12 freed slave families after the Civil War. The courageous group homesteaded by clearing their lands, built homes and began to farm the land. They were dedicated to building a life of hope and faith in God based on their newfound freedom.

Dr. Horton was educated in Florida starting with Glover Elementary and Marshall High School in Plant City. He received his Bachelor's degree at Florida A&M University in 1949 and his Doctorate at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale.

Dr. Horton immersed himself into the Tampa community after finishing his education. He started teaching in the Hillsborough County School District in 1949, becoming a principal in 1965. Dr. Horton's passion for education and his community inspired him to establish a local chapter of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. Dr. Horton began to mentor and encourage black educators in hopes of broadening the pool of talented educators. He devoted free time to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Beulah Baptist Church, the Guardsmen and the NAACP.

Dr. Horton's career included a major first. He became the first black General Director for Secondary Education in the Hillsborough County School District in 1978. As a district administrator, he travelled several times to the African continent consulting with educators to help them improve their educational systems. Dr. Horton retired from the school system in 1991. The district honored him by naming the Jefferson High School Stadium the Dr. Sam Horton Stadium.

Dr. Horton served as president of the Hillsborough NAACP. During his tenure, he consolidated the Tampa and Plant City branches. Working closely with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Dr. Horton publicly opposed education plans that would lead to more segregated schools in Hillsborough County. He also co-founded the Empowerment Center which helps black entrepreneurs and provides tutoring for children. Dr. Horton has encouraged many local youths to participate in national academic and arts driven competitions, NAACP's ACT-SO, exposing these youths to top universities, colleges, and scholarships.

Dr. Horton was married to his wife, Doris, for 55 years and is the father of Sheila Warren and Dawyan Horton. He is the proud grandfather of Exley Jr. and Michael Warren, Clifton, Jason and Erin Horton. Michael and Exley are following in their grandfather's footsteps by teaching in Florida public schools.

The Tampa community honors Dr. Sam Horton for his outstanding contributions to the Tampa Bay area. His career in education serves as an inspiration and will continue to influence the lives of students and educators he touched in our community and abroad.

HONORING SPENCER SMITH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Spencer Smith of Kansas City, Missouri. Spencer 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Spencer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Spencer 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 Spencer Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND  
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, by definition, stimulus is to be immediate, focused, and targeted. This "stimulus bill" is no stimulus—it's spending.

The House version was packed with pork for projects like: \$3 billion for the Prevention and Wellness Fund for immunizations, including \$335 million for STD prevention programs; \$800 million to make capital grants to Amtrak; and \$600 million for GSA to replace a portion of federal motor vehicles with a plug-in.

The Senate Version added: \$400 million for a Social Services Block Grant; \$125 million for DC sewers; \$500 million for NASA exploration activities; \$300 million for FBI Construction; \$2 billion for FutureGen; \$100 million for National School lunch program equipment assistance; and \$70 million for energy efficient visitor centers.

Americans know that not all spending is stimulus. If it can't produce a job THIS YEAR—let's not spend it!

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT  
SANCHEZ**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. SOLIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Robert Sanchez, a guidance counselor formerly at La Puente High School in California.

While I was a high school student at La Puente I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Sanchez as my college guidance counselor. Each day he worked tirelessly to promote education in our school and in our community.

During my senior year in high school, Mr. Sanchez took a vested interest in my education. He personally took time to explain the college application process to me and my family and helped show me how I could go to college.

At the time no one else in my family had attended college. College seemed to be an unattainable goal, and the college application process was both expensive and daunting. If not for Mr. Sanchez's counseling and guidance, I do not know that I would have been able to go on to pursue a college education.

For youths across our nation, high school teachers and counselors are a vital part of their education with the power to influence a student's decision to pursue higher education or not. I stand here today to honor those teachers and guidance counselors, like Robert Sanchez, who work each day in our schools, with little recognition or accolades, to place the dreams of knowledge and a better future back into the hands of our children.

Robert Sanchez has dedicated his life to motivating and educating countless youths in Los Angeles County and San Diego, California. Thank you, Mr. Sanchez, for never giving up on our children.

HONORING BENJAMIN VLEISIDES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Vleisides of Parkville, Missouri. Benjamin 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin 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 Benjamin Vleisides for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING BET NETWORK'S TV  
SERIES, "HARLEM HEIGHTS"**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Randolph D. Sturup and Kurt Williamson for creating BET Network's latest television series, "Harlem Heights," premiering on March 2, 2009 at my beloved Harlem's grandest stage, the Apollo Theatre.

Harlem Heights is a half-hour reality docudrama highlighting the ups and downs of seven young African-American professionals struggling to balance hectic work schedules with complicated social lives. It offers a window into the fascinating world of New York's

young, Black and fabulous crowd. Picking up where college leaves off, the show features a diverse cast of twenty-somethings with different backgrounds and personalities but common goals: making the post college leap into adulthood and finding love and success in the big city on their own terms.

The concept of Harlem Heights evolved from the creator's deep fascination with Harlem and the Harlem Renaissance. Some of our most prolific leaders from the past in the world of literature and music such as Langston Hughes, Claude McKay, Zora Neale Hurston, and Richard Wright all lived in Harlem and started their careers there. Randy and Kurt wanted to tell the story of a group of friends all between the ages of 25–30 who represent the new Harlem renaissance and all live within the world's most famous neighborhood. The show explores the ups and downs of being in your mid-twenties in the chapter post college. Some of the issues they explore in the series include: career transition, love, life challenges, and community.

Harlem has gone through many changes. In the 1950s Harlem was predominately Black and was a thriving community. The pulse of American culture always began in Harlem through the musical and literature influences. Also Harlem is the home of some of our great political figures during the civil rights movement. There are so many historical landmarks in Harlem such as the Apollo Theater, Cotton Club, Grant's Tomb, and Abyssinian Baptist Church. Over the next two decades Harlem became a symbol of urban decay with crime and drugs that infested the community. In recent years, the Harlem community has emerged as a place of opportunity and resurgence. There's a climate of change and progression within Harlem that is symbolic and parallel to the lives of the cast of Harlem Heights. This show represents the new renaissance of young, talented and successful African-Americans that are emerging as leaders and trendsetters within the Harlem community.

So Madam Speaker, I ask that in this Black History Month, that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the creation of such a remarkable and impressive series that all Americans can equally enjoy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding requests I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

I received six projects in H.R. 1105. They include:

\$416,000 shared by FL, CA, and TX for the Florida Shellfish Aquaculture Project located at PO Box 89, Cedar Key, FL 32625. This request, funded through the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, SRG account, will fund research needs for Florida's shellfish aquaculture industries. This project will address areas, such as genetics,

product quality, health management, and species diversification, which warrant special attention in the years to come as well as immediate needs and concerns of the emergent clam farming industry, such as gear comparisons, specialization of harvesting equipment. This project will address these and other high priority needs by conducting applied multi-disciplinary research and demonstration projects involving partnerships with University of Florida researchers, extension faculty, and industry.

\$100,000 for the Levy County Sheriff's Office located at PO Drawer 1719, Bronson, FL 32621. This request, funded through the Department of Justice, OJP Byrne Discretionary Grants account, will help the Levy County Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force facilitate illegal drug investigations in Levy County. The Levy County Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force was established due to ever increasing illegal drug activities in Levy County. Levy County is a rural farming community that covers approximately 1,137 square miles of land and 50 miles of coastline along the Gulf of Mexico. The drug related activities in this area have increased to the point that arrests have over doubled since the Task Force was established. Methamphetamine, Marijuana and Crack/Cocaine are all drugs of choice within Levy County. In the last year alone, the Task Force conducted over 383 investigations that led to the apprehension of over 252 drug offenders, the seizure of 287.65 grams of powder or crack cocaine, 4.41 pounds of marijuana, 517 marijuana plants and 447.62 grams of other dangerous drugs.

\$400,000 for the Lake County Board of County Commissioners located at 315 West Main St., P.O. Box 780, Tavares, FL 32778. This request, funded through the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology account, will be used for equipment and technology for the Emergency Operations Center in Lake County. Funding for this program will go towards an 800 Mhz radio system and for equipment and technology for the Emergency Operations Center of the County. An 800 MHZ radio system will allow for the coordination of Lake County's police, fire, emergency medical services in emergency and disaster situations. The project would allow for portable radio communications across the county, which is currently not possible. Service will be provided to all county public agencies, 14 municipalities, 13 law enforcement agencies, 13 fire services, the County Emergency Medical Service, 5 Animal Service agencies and Emergency Management. Additionally, funding will allow for the acquisition of technology equipment for an Emergency Operations Center, so that emergency response and communication is improved through connectivity via computer systems, data system hardening and backup, satellite, video and teleconferencing, and remote incident command centers. Technology will enhance communication capabilities with links to various radio networks (ham operators) and call-center operations.

\$1,500,000 for the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge located at 1502 S.E. Kings Bay Drive, Crystal River, FL 34429. This request, funded through the Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition account, will be used to acquire the Three Sisters Springs tract in Crystal River, Florida. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has an opportunity to acquire

a 57 acre parcel known as Three Sisters Springs. This parcel would protect and enhance habitats used extensively by the federally endangered West Indian Manatee. Subject lands consist of 45 acres of uplands, 11 acres of wetlands (including and 8 acre fresh water lake filled by underground springs), and 1 acre of water bottoms (including three fresh water springs that are part of a system of approximately 30 springs that feed the headwaters of the Crystal River). Each of the springs is designated by the State of Florida as 2nd Magnitude.

\$380,000 for the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners located at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. This request, funded through the Transportation, Community and System Preservation account, will be used to eliminate water runoff from U.S. Highway 19. For this coastal area of the county, the watershed master plan was completed in 2002. It identified an area of critical concern concerning water runoff from nearby development as well as U.S. Highway 19. The highway has been designated by the State for near term widening and does not include additional storm water catchments. This area, known as the Southfork area near Homosassa in Citrus County, drains into pristine wetlands. The county has recognized the need to capture and treat storm water runoff before it reaches these areas. The County, with matching funds from the regional water management district, has spent to date over \$1,000,000 in acquiring land east of U.S. Highway 19 to act as a pre-catchment area. The County does not have sufficient funds to purchase the needed land west of U.S. Highway 19 and build the necessary structures for storm water treatment.

\$767,000 and \$599,000 for the SubTropical Agricultural Research Station (STARS) located at 22271 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. This request, funded through the Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses account, will be used for continued funding of the SubTropical Agricultural Research Station (Improved Cow-Beef Operations of Water Quality and Subtropical Beef Germplasm). The subtropical United States, including Florida, accounts for nearly 40 percent of the nation's cow-calf herd. These funds will be used to conduct research to support the cattle industry of Florida and the southeast aimed at boosting efficiency, safety and environmental responsibility.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER WOODS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Woods of Kansas City, Missouri. Christopher 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher 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 Christopher Woods 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. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

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

OMNIBUS FUNDING AWARD FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY METHAMPHETAMINE ENFORCEMENT AND CLEANUP PROJECT

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Justice—Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Project Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillsborough County.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3110 Clay Mangum Lane, Tampa, Florida 33618.

Description of Request: On behalf of Hillsborough County, I respectfully requested \$250,000 in funding for the county's Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup project. Methamphetamine use and distribution is a major problem in the Tampa Bay/Hillsborough County area. Realizing that methamphetamine has clear and tragic consequences, whether it's the obvious striking physical and mental affects or the cleanup of the toxic production laboratories, Hillsborough County will use this funding to combat this problem through meth prevention, treatment, and the cleanup of drug sites.

OMNIBUS FUNDING AWARD FOR THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION PROJECT

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Methamphetamine Enforcement.

Project Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Sheriff.

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830.

Description of Request: The Polk County Sheriff's Office has placed an earmark request of \$250,000 in continued funding for the Polk County Methamphetamine Project. This critical program has received previous federal funding to carry out methamphetamine prevention and mitigation programs that have shown positive results in cracking down on the growth of methamphetamine production and distribution in central Florida. This funding will cover equipment and training, thus enabling the Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to make a dedicated effort to combat the distribution and use of methamphetamine in Polk County, Florida. From 2003 through 2007, the PCSO made 3,481 methamphetamine related arrests, seized over 150,000 grams of methamphetamine, and eliminated 27 methamphetamine labs.

OMNIBUS FUNDING AWARD FOR FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: THE COOPERATIVE REEF FISH MONITORING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association).

Project Funding Amount: \$1,000,000.00.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600.

Description of Request: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is seeking \$1 million in Federal funds in FY 2010 to continue implementation of the Cooperative Reef Fish Monitoring and Research Program, a partnership between FWC and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Public criticism of fishery-related science used in management decisions highlights the need for data that has the confidence of regulators and the public. FWC and NMFS are building long-term information for improving stock assessments and management of important reef fisheries in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, with a goal of ensuring a sustainable snapper-groupers fishery. This partnership increases integration of institutional resources, knowledge, and expertise, in an efficient and cost-effective manner. During FY 2008 and 2009—part of a three-year pilot phase—FWC and NMFS staffs have focused on developing scientific sampling protocols, identifying critical data gaps, and integrating existing state and federal fisheries sampling programs. Following this pilot phase, permanent authorization for this program will ensure that State and Federal fisheries managers have access to long-term status and trend information to support science-based and proactive fisheries management decisions.

HONORING NICHOLAS ROBERT  
RITTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Robert Ritter of Liberty, Missouri. Nicholas 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 134, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas 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 Nicholas Robert Ritter 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. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. PETRI. 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, FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies—NRCS—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Address of Requesting Entity: Eisenhower Corporate Park, 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791.

Description of Request: The \$404,000 appropriation will be used for grants and technical assistance, demonstration grants, and information/educational activities related to soil erosion and sediment control of the Great Lakes. This request has been made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies—COPSTECH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: City County Government Center, 160 S. Macy Street, P.O. Box 150, Fond du Lac, WI 54935-0150.

Description of Request: Will provide \$385,000 to the City of Fond du Lac to replace all mobile and portable radios used by the Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Police Department with radios that are P25 compliant. The Fond du Lac Police Department is the largest police agency in Fond du Lac County, and this project will further provide the Department with equipment that is compatible with other agencies' communication systems, particularly in times of emergencies when multiple jurisdiction interaction is required. This request covers the cost of programming, ancillary equipment, and installation of the radios (mobiles).

Account: Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies—OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center—Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: Concorde Building, 325 N. Commercial St., Suite 400, Neenah, WI 54956.

Description of Request: The Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center, an entity of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin—Fox Valley and not-for-profit, serves as a Child Advocacy Center for Winnebago, Calumet, and Outagamie Counties. Since its inception in 2004, the Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center has had a major impact in the manner in which investigations of child abuse and neglect have been conducted in the Fox Valley. So far, about 1,000 children have been served at the Center. The \$115,000 appropriation will be used to enhance the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) by supporting new staff positions as well as pur-

chasing computer and office equipment. These enhancements will allow the CAC to take on more child abuse cases. The appropriation will be matched by private dollars. The federal government has taken responsibility to ensure that all victims of violent crimes receive adequate investigation and victim services through programs like VOCA, VAWA and the Children's Justice Act. Federal Byrne grants have also been used in many states to support efforts like Child Advocacy Centers.

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231.

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$754,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, to restore and maintain navigable channels within the Federal Project Limits at Two Rivers Harbor. The outer harbor was last dredged in 2005 and now is experiencing shoaling problems that resulted in the issuance of a Notice to Navigation Interests by the Corps of Engineers in September 2007. This request also includes funding for dredging the upstream on the East Twin River between the 17th Street and 22nd Street bridges, to a project depth of 10 feet. This section of the Federal Channel was last dredged in 1980, and in some areas is now as shallow as 3.5 feet. The project will benefit various harbor and river users by continuing to provide safe, reliable access to Lake Michigan from all properties located adjacent to the Federal Channel. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Description of Request: The \$1,195,000 appropriation will allow the U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division's Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committees to identify specific actions to resolve pollution problems by coordinating with the Corps of Engineers in dredging and sediment cleanups. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606.

Description of Request: The \$5.75 million appropriation will provide the U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, the ability to continue construction and operation of the electric dispersal barrier in the canal. \$500,000 has also been allocated for dispersal barrier II. These requests have been made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—National Park Service, from the Land Acquisition and State Assistance Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 East Wilson Street, Lower Level, Madison, WI 53703.

Description of Request: The Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation (IAP&TF) is the principal non-profit partner of the National Park Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in preserving, developing, sustaining, and operating the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IANST) and the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve (IANSR) for public appreciation and enjoyment. The Ice Age Trail is one of only eight Congressionally authorized National Scenic Trails in the National Trails System. The \$1,000,000 appropriation will allow the National Park Service to continue acquisition of the authorized interpretive site for the Ice Age Trail in Dane County and for the Park Service to grant to the State of Wisconsin to be matched by state, local and private funds for Ice Age Trail acquisition in Chippewa, Dane, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Polk, Portage, Sheboygan, Taylor, Walworth, Washington, Waupaca, and Waushara counties. This project has been requested along with other Members of Congress.

Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—National Park Service, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 East Wilson Street, Lower Level, Madison, WI 53703.

Description of Request: The Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation (IAP&TF) is the principal non-profit partner of the National Park Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in preserving, developing, sustaining, and operating the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IANST) and the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve (IANSR) for public appreciation and enjoyment. The Ice Age Trail is one of only eight Congressionally authorized National Scenic Trails in the National Trails System. The \$125,000 appropriation will be used to open new properties to the public. Activities that would be accelerated by this funding include: property boundary marking, baseline documentation (for easements), invasive species control and ecosystem restoration, equipment purchase, construction of the Trail tread and bridges, signing the Trail to established standards and developing public access facilities such as parking lots. Since the year 2000, over 7,300 acres have been acquired to protect over 43 miles of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. This project has been requested along with other Members of Congress.

Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—EPA/STAG Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 187, Kaukauna, WI 54130.

Description of Request: The \$300,000 appropriation will be used to develop improvements in sanitary sewer rehabilitation, inspection, cleaning, maintenance, and sanitary sewer overflow prevention. The Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District encompasses the communities of Kaukauna, Little Chute, Combined Locks, Kimberly and the Darboy Joint Sanitary District of Wisconsin. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake-Shore Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1290 North Ave., Cleveland, WI 53015

Description of Request: To resolve current and projected manufacturing workforce needs and to remain current with advancing technologies, Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) is in the process of creating a Center for Manufacturing Excellence. Manufacturing is the largest employment sector in LTC's district and employers cite a shortage of skilled workers. The Manufacturing Center is projected to cost \$7.4 million. The first phase opened in 2007. The federal appropriation of \$238,000 will support the second phase which will improve the quality and relevance of education by integrating advanced manufacturing technology equipment into the electromechanical and machine tool laboratories. The federal funds also will be used to hire and train additional faculty. The federal government has a vital interest in ensuring our workforce is able to meet the demands of the today's economy and respond to the changing technology, while offering employment opportunities.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marian College (recently renamed Marian University)

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 South National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Description of Request: \$190,000 will be used to establish a collaborative abilities-based Master's Program in Nursing Education. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. Through this program, Marian College (University) proposes to create the relationships and infrastructure to support collaborative agreements among a group of nursing programs at colleges, universities, and technical colleges within Wisconsin. Although the proposed program would have as its primary focus nursing education, students would be able to obtain advanced clinical preparation in specialty areas. This venture would be the first in Wisconsin to join private and public colleges in order to create new models that wisely use the scarce faculty resources available. Specifically, the federal dollars will be used for faculty, staff, equipment and travel. Marian College plans to spend \$550,000 on this effort using its own resources and private funding sources outside of Marian College. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. This will address a national and state-wide need for nurses as identified by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901

Description of Request: \$95,000 will be used for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Processes and Environmental Research (CASPER) Northeast Wisconsin Environ-

mental Footprint Project. This project will establish a benchmark for sustainable business activity in Wisconsin, and this information will be used to partner with area businesses to foster corporate environmental sustainability and economic development. Specifically the federal funds will be used for: research, staff training and travel, resource acquisition and office expenses. The federal government supports many programs to promote energy conservation and renewable energy. This program will aid economic development by empowering local businesses to lessen their environmental footprints.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU)

Address of Requesting Entity: 122 West Washington Avenue, Suite 700, Madison, WI 53703

Description of Request: WAICU launched the WAICU Collaboration Project in 2002. It is a comprehensive initiative to perform all administrative support (back office) functions of Wisconsin's 20 private colleges and universities on a collaborative basis. By working closely with other participating institutions to reduce paperwork and consolidate back office functions, the colleges and universities will be able to concentrate on their primary mission of teaching and learning. Also, saving money will free additional funds for students in financial need and for improvements in academic programming. The objectives include: saving money (controlling college costs); improving the quality of services to students, faculty, and staff; and serving as a national model for controlling college costs. In sum, this is a project about access, affordability, and accountability for higher education. This project will serve as a model for other states, specifically private colleges, for reducing costs. The appropriation of \$285,000 will provide continued implementation of the WAICU Collaboration Project which will be used for personnel and technology costs. WAICU member colleges and universities and private foundation grants provide additional funding for this project.

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: 16 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Description of Request: The appropriation of \$570,000 will be provided to begin the construction of an overpass across the Wisconsin Central Railyards located in the Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The rail/classification yard is the largest of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and connects the rail operations of the Canadian National Railroad in Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The overpass would not only allow for the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic through the community, but would allow for the delivery of essential services to the residents of the community. The overpass would consist of a 532' bridge span across the yard and access ramps to the connecting roads on both sides of the bridge structure. The proposed bridge structure would be supported by columns placed between the

six sets of tracks that now cross Lakeshore Drive. The two sets of warning gates could be eliminated as all access to the crossings would be removed. The potential for a train/vehicle collision would be totally eliminated. The cost of the project will be split 80% Federal, 10% Village of North Fond du Lac, and 10% Wisconsin Central. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Military Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 City Center, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Description of Request: The \$142,500 appropriation will go toward constructing a 45,000 square foot state of the art educational facility onto the existing "Fields of Honor" Military Veterans Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It would be located on a 10 acre tract a half mile south of the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds (Wittman Regional Airport) overlooking Highway 41. It will contain displays of artifacts and memorabilia ranging from the Revolutionary War to the present; a multi-faceted Educational Center including a library, art gallery, 80 seat theater, an audio/visual center; administrative offices; and banquet rooms. It will also provide a unique gathering place for veterans and school groups, and become a showcase attraction for the area economy. A 5% match is required by the Military Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc. in order to receive the allocated money.

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—FTA/Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Ave., Madison, WI 53702

Description of Request: The \$269,800 appropriation will be used for renovation of the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Transit System's administrative/maintenance facility, shop equipment, maintenance vehicles, rehabilitation of its bus terminal, and yard equipment and maintenance.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF RISON HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rison High School in Rison, Arkansas, for having been selected as one of the top high schools in America by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News and World Report honored Rison High School with its Silver Medal, one of only four schools in Arkansas to receive such recognition. In order to qualify for this honor, a high school must have a challenging college-ready curriculum, performed well on standardized tests, and provide support and programs that best serve students from all backgrounds, according to the report.

I am personally proud of Rison High School for working to achieve excellence in the classroom and helping to ensure their students have the means they need to succeed in this

21st century global marketplace. A stellar education requires not only good educators and administrators, but also support from the surrounding community. The Rison community, with its top-notch educators, active parents and involved local leadership, deserve much-needed praise for their unified efforts in providing Rison High School students with a world-class education, and I am pleased that U.S. News and World Report took notice.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Rison High School on this significant accomplishment and hope they will continue to strive for excellence in the years to come.

COACH LARRY HOLLEY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding leadership of Coach Larry Holley on the occasion of his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on February 7, 2009.

Larry Holley has been the head men's basketball coach at William Jewell College since the 1979–80 school year. He is truly among America's elite coaches, having won more than 750 games during his career and having received 14 Coach of the Year Awards. Coach Holley is ranked #3 among all NAIA coaches and #8 among active four-year college coaches. We are truly lucky to have him as a coach in Northwest Missouri.

True to his dedication, Coach Holley is a 1967 William Jewell graduate. He lettered in three different sports, was President of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and was always a leader in his academics, school activities and his entire community in general.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Coach Larry Holley for his dedicated service to William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. Larry's commitment to his team, the school and our community provide a strong example of the kind of leader we should all work to be. I know Larry's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and best wishes on many more years of happiness and success.

#### CONF. REPORT ON H.R. 1

SPEECH OF

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Stimulus bill we're voting on today is supposed to stimulate business and create jobs. However, one provision of the bill will do just the opposite. Title II of the Conference Report on H.R. 1, under the Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, provides \$2 billion in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG). This funding is frequently used by local government agencies to fund pretrial

release for criminal defendants. The problem is that it's at taxpayer expense.

When a defendant is given a pre-trial release bond or personal recognizance bond, he is released on his own recognizance. For example, a bond may be set at \$10,000, and the defendant is released on his promise to return based on his "word" alone. If the defendant does not return, the sheriff has to go find him. The taxpayers are usually out \$10,000 because judgments are seldom obtained from defendants for failure to appear.

On the other hand, when a surety bond is used, the court enters into a contractual agreement with a bonding company. The defendant also makes an agreement with the bonding company, and pays the company 10%. Then the defendant is released with the understanding that the bonding company will pay the court \$10,000 if the defendant does not show up. Plus the bonding company is obligated to go and look for the defendant if the defendant does not appear in court. This form of free enterprise takes taxpayers off the financial hook.

Mr. Speaker, by allowing taxpayer money to go to pretrial release, the free enterprise system is greatly hindered. Instead of providing jobs, jobs are taken away from the private sector—namely the bonding and insurance community.

As a former judge, I found that defendants released on pretrial bonds seldom reappeared in court. With surety bonds, however, they were much more likely to show up because they had a vested financial interest in appearing. Plus, the bondsman looks for defendants who fail to appear.

During my 22 years as a criminal court judge, I saw how if left alone, the free enterprise system guarantees the best result. By allowing private enterprise to take part in the process, people are held accountable, and taxpayers are protected.

Mr. Speaker, this so-called "Stimulus" bill will not stimulate the economy with jobs. It will only further stifle the free enterprise system, take jobs, and will leave taxpayers with the bill. This is just one of many examples of flaws in this bill.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, tonight the President plans to address the American people in his first State of the Union. I can only hope that the President won't say what we're expecting: that the key to solvency is to lose a war and raise taxes. Congress just passed the Democrat's trillion dollar plus stimulus plan, with hundreds of billions of dollars in spending for special interest groups. Later this week we will consider the 2009 Appropriations Omnibus, which will include an 8% increase over last year's spending.

We will hear some good ideas that embrace the fiscally responsible bi-partisan change the president was elected on. I hope the Democrat leadership doesn't turn it into taxing and spending as usual. Madam Speaker, we all know that the way to a balanced budget is

through across-the-board spending cuts. The way to stimulate an economy is through tax breaks, not increases. I urge the President to start there.

#### SEATBELTS FOR INCREASED BUS SAFETY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, most of us are aware of the bus accidents that have been occurring around the country. Two years ago there was a fatal bus accident involving the Westbrook High School girls' soccer team in Beaumont, Texas. Just this year, there was an accident in Sherman, Texas, which involved several Vietnamese community members. Similar incidents occurred in Liberty, Missouri, Arlington, Virginia, New York City, and New Orleans, to name a few.

These tragic bus accidents demonstrate that school bus safety reform is an urgent issue. While school buses are among the safest mode of transportation, these re-occurring accidents are unacceptable. School buses need to be safer.

The widespread bus crashes have sparked a comeback in the idea of seatbelts in buses. Seatbelts raise the issue of whether they would increase bus safety.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas safety belt use has topped 90%, this being the third year in a row. The majority of people in Texas are wearing their seatbelts in cars and trucks. But few to no passengers are wearing their seatbelts in school buses! Currently, there is no federal mandate on seatbelts in buses.

Every state, except New Hampshire, requires by law that car and truck drivers and passengers wear seatbelts. This is because seatbelts work—they increase a passenger's chance of survival in a crash. In short, seatbelts save lives.

If laws require passengers of cars and trucks to wear seatbelts, why are there no requirements for buses to even include seatbelts? In many states there are variations of "Click it or Ticket" policies that threaten motorists who don't wear seatbelts, yet no such laws apply to the buses that carry our children and community members on a daily basis.

Certainly, buses are made very different from cars and trucks. For one, buses can carry many more passengers than any car. Some of these differences might lead one to believe that there should not be a mandate on seatbelts in buses. These differences have not stopped bus drivers from being required to wear seatbelts. So why not for school bus passengers as well?

Some claim that seatbelts may not be properly worn by passengers or cause injury. If anything, it shows that seatbelts should be made better. However, to completely disregard seatbelts as a safety precaution is absurd.

The answer appears to be that of common sense. While seatbelts are in no way a quick fix and there are many questions surrounding seatbelts in buses, they should be looked into as one of the very many necessary measures taken to ensure school bus safety.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican guidelines on earmarks, I submit the following statement for the record regarding H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: The Hon. FRANK R. WOLF.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Provision: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: One Park Center Court, Manassas Park, VA 20111.

Description of Request: In response to increasing gang activity in northern Virginia, a multi jurisdictional law enforcement task force was established in 2003 to more effectively respond to gang activity. As a result of the task force's efforts, criminal gang activity has declined by more than 50 percent. In order to sustain and maintain these impressive results, the task force requested \$2.5 million in funding, which is included in H.R. 1105.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Provision: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northwest Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 49, Berryville, VA 22611.

Description of Request: In response to increasing gang activity in the Shenandoah Valley, this task force was established to coordinate and share information with their counterparts at the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the entire northern Virginia region is a hotbed of gang activity. In order to better fight gang activity in this area, the task force requested \$750,000 in funding, which is included in H.R. 1105.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Provision: Capital Investment Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Aviation Circle, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Description of Request: H.R. 1105 provides \$29.1 million to be used for extending the Metrorail system through Tysons Corner to Washington Dulles International Airport. Northern Virginia continues to be one of the country's fastest growing areas, but with that has come the distinction of being the second worst traffic congested region in America. Congressional funding to bring a much needed mass transit system linking the West Falls Church Metro station to Washington Dulles International Airport was first approved in FY 1999.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall Nos. 72,

73, and 74. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 601: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass; H.R. 44: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass; and H.R. 911: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

RECOGNIZING ALCALDESSA ELIZABETH KEMP OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize Elizabeth Kemp, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2009 Alcaldessa, or Honorary Mayor.

The title, "Alcalde" or "Alcaldessa" when referring to a woman, is the Spanish word for "Mayor." During the Spanish colonial period in California, the Alcalde was the primary civil authority. In modern times in the City of Sonoma, it is an honorary title and the contemporary Alcalde or Alcaldessa presides over ceremonial events for the city.

Alcaldes and Alcaldessas are nominated by the community and are representative of individuals with a long record of volunteer work. Ms. Kemp is no exception to this rule.

Ms. Kemp attributes her community activism to her early years in London during WW II. That experience led her to be aware of the needs of others and to an understanding that anyone's circumstances can change in a matter of minutes. She emigrated from England when she was 21 and has lived in Sonoma since 1969.

In 2000, Ms. Kemp recognized that many migrant workers had no place to live and were sleeping under bridges. She helped to organize one temporary camp, then joined with Vineyard Workers Services to create two more camps that are open during harvest. She currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Vineyard Workers Services.

Ms. Kemp initiated the Brown Bagger program in 2004. The program prepares and distributes more than 180 nutritious lunches each week to the homeless and others who are unable to purchase food. This past summer, Ms. Kemp organized a group of volunteers to provide bag lunches to students who normally receive free lunches at school when school is in session and to their younger siblings. As a member of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Overnight Support, Ms. Kemp has also been involved in the development of the first permanent homeless shelter in Sonoma.

And, lest we think her interests are only parochial, Ms. Kemp is an active member of Friends of Turkana, a local group that raises funds for two medical missions in East Africa.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth Kemp is a beloved and vitally important member of the community and it is appropriate that we acknowledge her today as Sonoma's Alcaldessa for 2009.

THROUGH UNITY, STRENGTH—  
TRAGEDY AT TEXAS A&M**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Texas A&M Aggies are known to boast many mottos, but a saying less famous than "Gig 'em" or "Hullabaloo" is one they lean on during times of hardship: "Through Unity, Strength." Last month, the student body was struck with another tragedy and two of Texas' warriors were taken from their families, friends and fellow students. The student body has banded together to get through this tragedy and in that unity they, once again, are finding their strength. I would like to take this opportunity to honor the two men who dedicated their lives to serving this country and whose time was cut short by a tragic accident.

On January 12th, during routine helicopter training on Texas A&M's campus, two soldiers were killed in the accidental crash. Lieutenant Zachary Cook was a recent A&M graduate and had just been commissioned as a United States Army officer. His temporary assignment was with Texas A&M's ROTC program which was holding the training demonstration for some ROTC cadets. Zachary, 22, was a former member of the Corps of Cadets Company D-1 and had just received his degree in December. There has already been an outpouring of support for this young man from A&M's student body and there will assuredly be hundreds of voices answering "Here" during roll call at the university's memorial service known as "Muster" in April.

Sergeant Charles Mitts, 42, of Spring, TX also died in the helicopter crash. Sergeant Mitts had served his country dutifully his entire adult life. After graduating from high school in Killeen, TX Charles served in both the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his deployment to Iraq he served in General Petraeus' personal helicopter unit and he was currently enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard. Sergeant Mitts devoted his life to serving this country and is one of the many warriors that Texas is proud to call its own.

Madam Speaker, we honor these soldiers and their oath to serve us and protect all that we hold dear. Across the entire state Texans are honoring Sergeant Mitts, Lt. Cook and their families. As P.H. Duval Jr. put it so eloquently in his famous poem "The Last Corps Trip"—

It was Judgment Day in Aggie land  
And tenseness filled the air;  
All knew there was a trip at hand,  
But not a soul knew where . . .  
. . . And the band poured forth the anthem,  
In notes both bright and clear  
And ten thousand Aggie voices  
Sang the song they hold so dear.  
And when the band had finished,  
St. Peter wiped his eyes  
And said, "It's not so hard to see  
They're meant for Paradise."  
And the colonel of the Cadet Corps said  
As he stiffly took his stand,  
"It's just another Corps Trip, boys,  
We'll march in behind the band.

And that's just the way it is.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. 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 the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alamo Community Colleges.

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 W. Sheridan, San Antonio, TX 78204-1429.

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for the Alamo Region Energy Futures Park Center of Excellence with Alamo Community Colleges. The funding will help establish the Futures Park which will house advanced energy credit and non-credit instructions for students, education, and business and industry. The center will combine education and training with practical hands-on applied research. It is my understanding that approximately 30% of instructional costs will be reimbursed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and that scholarships will be made available through the ACCD Foundation and Alamo Workforce Board. The ACCD Foundation will also be raising funds to share in the costs of this program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Airport Improvement Projects.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Antonio.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Texas 78283.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,187,500 for the City of San Antonio's Department of Aviation. Funding would be used for Airport Improvements including: Install shoulder areas to adjoining movement area pavements; Airfield Pavement Improvements and Airfield Electrical System Upgrade. The San Antonio International Airport receives Airport Improvement Program funds allocated to major capital improvement projects such as the current runway and taxiway extension work under design. \$650,000 in airport self-generated funds will be allocated for matching. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: DOJ; COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin.

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the Austin Police Department. The funding would be used to purchase surveillance cameras and deploy them in high crime areas in Austin. The project will provide the Austin Police Department with the capability to monitor violent crime hotspots from a central location. The City of Austin will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor

my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin, TX.

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 W. 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Austin, Texas 78701.

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention in Austin, TX. The funding would be used to construct a non-structural sanitary sewer overflow prevention project. It will prevent sanitary sewer overflows that threaten public health, property, surface waters and the ecologically fragile Edwards Aquifer. The project will help the City of Austin meet federal clean water mandates and it will help protect a regional aquifer that is vital to public and environmental health. It is my understanding that the City of Austin will be matching 45% of the cost of the project through the city sewer rates. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Department of Energy; Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bexar County, Texas.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,750 for Bexar County. Funding would be used for materials and labor for the installation of photovoltaic panels at the new Bexar County Parking Garage for the purpose of re-charging plug-in hybrid vehicles. The project will promote the use of renewable energy while minimizing the impact of vehicle emissions. It is my understanding that Bexar County will be contributing \$326,000 towards this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Operations & Maintenance Civil Works Projects.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,422,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake, Texas. Funding for this project would be used for operations and maintenance in Canyon Lake, Texas and to repair conduit liner, service and emergency flood gates. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: National Park Service—Historic Preservation Fund—Save America's Treasures.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Braunfels.

Address of Requesting Entity: 150 North Seguin, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for the Comal County Courthouse Restoration. Funding for this project will preserve and rehabilitate the historic Comal County Courthouse. The restorative work includes improving fire safety and accessibility to persons with disabilities by replacing outdated and hazardous building systems and restoring and reconstructing architectural elements that have been removed or concealed

in past remodeling efforts. This project has wide community support and it is my understanding that the County has already provided \$750,000 in funding for preliminary planning and specifications. The County and the City will continue their collaborative efforts to identify and secure funding sources to ensure the preservation and restoration of this structure. The work will lead to improved accessibility and enhancement of the facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Investigations Civil Works Studies.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$382,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funding regarding the Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins. Funding would be used to complete the draft interim feasibility report for the Cibolo Creek IFS, complete the plan formulation phase of the Leon Creek IFS, and initiate the plan formulation phase of the Alamo Heights IFS. The partners in the projects have committed to match the federal funding at the required levels. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Investigations Civil Works Studies.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$406,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funding regarding the Lower Colorado River Basin. Funding would be used to complete the Williamson Creek study and continue the other Interim Feasibility Studies within the basin. It is my understanding that this project is a 50/50 match with the Lower Colorado River Authority. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Housing and Urban Development Department Economic Development Initiative Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Braunfels.

Address of Requesting Entity: 424 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Description of Request: I have secured \$142,500 for the City of New Braunfels Downtown Infrastructure Improvements. The City of New Braunfels is a Texas Main Street city and has a comprehensive Downtown Master Plan for its Central Business District. A key component is the relocation of overhead utilities to underground locations, which will facilitate other portions of the redevelopment project, including streetscaping and drainage. The City has already contributed \$111,000 to the project and has received a \$14,000 Certified Local Government Grant from the Texas Historical Commission for the preliminary planning. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Investigations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,264,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funding regarding the Lower Colorado River Basin. Funding for this project would be used to initiate buyouts of the Timber Creek area and Onion Creek Forest/Yarrabee Bend areas, and complete the DDR and P&S for Wharton, TX. It is my understanding that as a result of a local bond referendum in 2006, the City of Austin has a 35% match for the project in hand. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2910 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702.

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,612,500 for the Capitol Metro's Paratransit Services Vehicles. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Capital Metro provides door-to-door van and sedan paratransit service throughout Central Texas for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. Capital Metro will be replacing many of the vans and sedans that serve this program, as they are retired during the coming fiscal year. Central Texas' disabled population relies heavily on Capital Metro's paratransit services to provide transportation to jobs, classes and medical appointments. As many disabled veterans are returning to Central Texas following their tours of duty, our paratransit services will be required to accommodate their needs and requirements. The replacement of retired vehicles, and the expansion of the paratransit fleet, will allow Capital Metro to continue this important program. Local sales tax will provide matching funds. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Community Health Development, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 South Evans, Uvalde, TX 78801.

Description of Request: I have secured \$143,000 for the Community Health Center Infrastructure Capacity Project for Real County. The funding would be used for new equipment/furnishings to strengthen capacity to continue serving Real County residents with quality health care. Successful completion of the project will enable CHDI to maintain a high level of quality care, improved staff efficiencies and, increase the number of patients served. There are no other funding sources for this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: DOJ; OJP Juvenile Justice Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Antonio Fighting Back.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2803 E. Commerce St, San Antonio, TX 78203.

Description of Request: I have secured \$450,000 for San Antonio Fighting Back. The funding would be used for equipment and services to combat juvenile delinquency and victimization of children and improve the juve-

nile justice mission in San Antonio. Activities to be funded will be capacity building training and strategies and technical assistance that will assist faith-based and community-based organizations in organizational development, fund development, program development, financial management, communications and public relations, grant writing skills, personnel and human resources training, program evaluation, and community networking. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Construction Civil Works Projects.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$10,000,000 for the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project. Funding would be used to award and initiate a fully funded construction contract for Phase IIa; complete the design of Phase III; initiate 95% design of Phase IV of Mission Reach; and continue the Woodlawn Study. It is my understanding that several entities in the community are prepared to provide \$49.7 million of local funding. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Antonio Water System.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the San Antonio Water System and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements. The funding would be used to construct the renewal of the wastewater collection system in various areas of San Antonio, TX. The water and wastewater infrastructure of San Antonio is in continuous need of improvement. The significance of this project is to maintain safe, sanitary water and sewer systems that will not only promote and protect public health but also contribute to SAWS' robust recycled water system, which in turn leads to reductions in freshwater pumping. SAWS will provide local matching funds in the amount of 45%. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: DOJ; OJP Juvenile Justice Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Braunfels.

Address of Requesting Entity: 424 South Castell, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Description of Request: I have secured \$50,000 for the City of New Braunfels. The funding would be used for equipment and services to establish a Teen Court in New Braunfels. The program provides first-time juvenile misdemeanor offenders an alternative to the criminal justice system while ensuring they assume responsibility for their action. It provides a cost effective and successful means of handling minor juvenile offenders. The City of New Braunfels is prepared to provide a 20% share in the cost of the program. It is my understanding that by the second year of the program the Teen Court will be maintained fully by City funds and program fees. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.  
Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trinity University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One Trinity Place, #48, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 for Trinity University. The funding would be used for creating an Educators' Technology Teaching Laboratory. This facility will incorporate advanced networking, utilizing laptop PCs and easily reconfigurable furnishings enabling rapid reconfiguration targeting teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade public schools in the South Texas Region. The project is intended to demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach and to be a model of how to prepare teachers to work with technology in the classroom. The remaining funds for the project will be supplemented by Trinity University Resources. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of the Incarnate Word.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 for the East Side Community Clinic. The funding would be used to build and establish a new health care facility that will provide vital medical services, such as pharmaceutical, nursing, and nutrition counseling, currently unavailable or inaccessible to many in the area. The East Side Community Clinic will be supported by the University of the Incarnate Word and the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital. It is my understanding that besides the requested appropriations amount, the San Antonio community, local and state foundations, and corporations will be cultivated for gifts and grants to fund this clinic. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: ARS Building and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kerr Economic Development Foundation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1700 Sidney Baker, Suite 100, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,957,000 for the Knipling-Bushland Laboratory in Kerr County, TX. The funding will be used to complete design and engineering for a modern laboratory for critical research to create technology and information to support the needs of APHIS/VS Fever Tick Eradication Program, the U.S. cattle industry, public health to discover new methods to control ticks biting flies of veterinary importance and ticks of medical importance. The City of Kerrville's Economic Improvement Corporation has agreed to fund carrying costs up to \$525,000 for the land purchased by the Kerr Economic Development Foundation for \$1.2 million which will be used as a location for the facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Department of Transportation/FHWA/Federal-Aid Highways, Federal Lands.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF) of San Antonio.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 South Flores Street, San Antonio, TX 78283.

Description of Request: I have secured \$950,000 for the City of San Antonio's Fort Sam Houston Access: Rittiman/Harry Wurzbach Corridor Improvements. To prepare for BRAC expansion, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) coordinated a study to identify improvement alternatives to transportation systems immediately surrounding Fort Sam Houston. Funding will be used to extend, widen, and restripe Harry Wurzbach Road and Rittiman Road. State/local funds will be used as necessary to complete the system of improvements identified in the MPO Traffic Study. Recently, the City of San Antonio passed a \$550 million bond program, and there are funds dedicated to many of the transportation projects around Ft. Sam Houston. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### STATEMENT IN MEMORIAL OF OFFICER JOHN PAWLOWSKI

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, on February 13, 2009, Officer John Pawlowski, a five-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, was shot and killed while responding to a report of a disturbance.

Officer Pawlowski, who was only 25, left behind a wife, Kim, with whom he was eagerly anticipating the birth of their first child in just a few months. He worked in the 35th Police District, and was known by his friends and colleagues as "a good cop."

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said Pawlowski was a "hero" and that his loss was "felt by all Philadelphians."

The Philadelphia Inquirer said Pawlowski "served this city with merit."

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said Pawlowski's death was "absolutely devastating to all of us."

Officer Pawlowski came from a police family. His brother, Robert, is a Corporal who works in the police radio room and his father is a retired lieutenant with the Special Victims Unit. He was a family man who considered the Police Department part of his family.

Now Officer Pawlowski joins Officer Gary Skreski, Officer Chuck Cassidy, Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, Officer Isabel Nazario, Sergeant Patrick McDonald, and Sergeant Tim Simpson as Philadelphia Police that have been killed in the line of duty since 2006.

The sacrifices that all of these brave individuals have made to keep Philadelphia safe from criminals cannot be repaid. These guardians must be remembered and honored. They are examples for all Philadelphians and all Americans about the virtues of honor, integrity, and service.

I ask that the House of Representatives extend its condolences to Kim Pawlowski, her family, and the Philadelphia Police Department for another devastating loss.

We will never forget you, Officer John Pawlowski. Rest in peace.

HONORING THE CHELSEA LUMBER COMPANY FOR THE 2008 LARGE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today the Chelsea Lumber Company as they receive the 2008 Large Business Leadership Award by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Chelsea Lumber Company is one of Chelsea's oldest businesses having celebrated their 100th anniversary in May of 2008. A recent acquisition assisted with positioning Chelsea Lumber Company as southeast Michigan's largest home center with the largest inventory of any lumberyard in the region. On a local level, Chelsea Lumber Company contributes immensely to the economic impact of the City of Chelsea. Chelsea Lumber Company has been a longtime member of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and their community involvement includes providing employment for many area youth and donating their materials to many local groups for projects and events. Many of their staff contributes their time serving on numerous community committees and donating their time at many Chelsea area sporting events. The owners have all remained or come back to Chelsea after college to raise their families, proving their belief in this community's values. It is with deep appreciation for their many contributions that I congratulate and commend the Chelsea Lumber Company for their faithful commitment to service and quality and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: The Renaissance Pointe YMCA.

Entity: YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne.  
Address: 347 W. Berry, Suite 500, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Amount: \$142,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: This project would provide a landmark facility in a depressed area to help children and families through education, arts, and recreation programs. Similar revitalization efforts have been successful in the state of Indiana, and this project can be used as a model for revitalization in depressed areas across the United States. Federal appropriations are needed for the following reasons: (1) the high cost of preparing a Brownfield site for construction, which would not be applicable under normal circumstances; (2) those in the community directly served by this YMCA are prevented from making large contributions to this project due to socioeconomic circumstances.

Finance Plan: All of the funds would be used for construction on the Brownfield site.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Fort Wayne International Runway 5–23 Shoulder Reconstruction Project.

Entity: Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority.

Address: Lt. Paul Baer Terminal, Suite 209 Fort Wayne, IN 46809–3194.

Amount: \$817,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: As a result of the Annual Airport Certification/Safety Inspection conducted on September 5–6, 2006, the following comment/recommendation was provided by Birkely M. Rhodes, Airport Certification/Safety Inspector (AC/SI): “The Runway 5–23 shoulders have deteriorated well beyond maintenance levels. Plan and program a repaving project.”

This proposed reconstruction project would allow the airport to be in compliance with the above AC/SI recommendation. This project will provide for the reconstruction of approximately 5,150 lineal feet of existing shoulders, adjacent to Runway 5–23, with new 25’ paved asphalt shoulders. The project scope will include the removal of the existing shoulders, grading/drainage improvements, new runway edge lights, and paving of the new shoulders.

Finance Plan: Specific to this request, about \$4M has been spent on this project over the last 3 years, in the first two phases. The local source of funding is Airport Revenues. The requested funding would be allocated to the Construction and Services During Construction (inspection) contracts, as well as reimbursement for Design contract to the Authority. All costs identified and incurred are AIP-eligible.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Career and Technical Education Program.

Entity: Grace College and Seminary.

Address: 200 Seminary Lane, Suite 333, Winona Lake, 46590.

Amount: \$95,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Funds will provide a more non-traditional education opportunity for adult learners through special programs that can be accessed electronically as well as on site during evenings and weekends. This program will help better educate the workforce of northern Indiana, and provide access to educational opportunities to minorities and other underserved segments of the population. Northern Indiana is one of the hardest hit areas in the country during this economic downturn.

Finance Plan:

*Budget*

Equipment .....	\$30,000
Course prep .....	60,000
Administration .....	250,000
Learning House fees .....	70,000
Training .....	50,000
Faculty .....	150,000
Project sustainability .....	500,000
Marketing .....	140,000

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Literacy and Graduation Rate Improvement for Goshen’s English as a Second Language (ESL) Students.

Entity: Goshen Community Schools.

Address: 721 E. Purl St., Goshen, IN 46526.

Amount: \$285,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: These funds will allow Goshen Community schools to purchase and implement a technology system that will help our schools’ ESL students overcome their language barriers to learning and improve their literacy skills so they can successfully graduate from school on time with their English speaking peers. Goshen Community Schools is a public school corporation in northern Indiana with a high percentage (currently 37 percent) of ESL students.

Finance Plan:

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Budget Amount</i>
Staff Development (SIOP) Training .....	\$20,000
Substitutes for Teachers being Trained .....	4,000
Staff Trainer integration of computer software .....	78,000
Computer Hardware and ESL Software .....	165,000
Curriculum Resources .....	4,000
Literacy Materials for middle and high school .....	14,000
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	285,000

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Middlebury Economic Development.

Entity: Town of Middlebury/ Redevelopment Commission.

Address: 418 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 812, Middlebury, IN 46540.

Amount: \$95,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: This money will help Middlebury develop a comprehensive city plan for economic development that takes into account infrastructure needs, land use planning, downtown redevelopment while balancing the needs of the large Amish population with that of the larger community.

Finance Plan: All of the funds will be used to construct a comprehensive city plan for economic development.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Energy Efficient Electronics Cooling Project.

Entity: Parker Hannifin/Climate Systems Division.

Address: 10801 Rose Avenue, New Haven, Indiana 46774.

Amount: \$951,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: The national significance of this project relates to the expressed goal of Congress and the White House to reduce energy consumption in this country to further enhance our national energy security. Due to the national interest in energy security, one of the focuses of the Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is the improvement of heating and cooling systems in buildings. The website quotes this important goal as follows: “By conducting R&D in cooperation with industry partners, DOE seeks to accelerate the development and introduction of highly efficient heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air-conditioning systems, and water-heating technologies.” (<http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/tech/hvac/>)

The Energy Efficient Electronics Cooling Project will further this important federal goal by involving industry partners in research and development to accelerate the development

and introduction of highly efficient air-conditioning systems, especially for data centers. The project will also advance national security by reducing the vulnerability of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems by reducing or eliminating the risk of mechanical failure of systems due to heat-induced data management failure. Because of these national benefits, the federal government rightly deserves a facilitating role in this technology’s realization.

Finance Plan: All of the funds will be used in research and development to accelerate the development and introduction of highly efficient air-conditioning systems, especially for data centers

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Bass Modernization Initiative.

Entity: University of St. Francis.

Address: 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$100,000.  
Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1903 Bass Mansion, the former home of local industrialist John Bass, is an architectural wonder with winding staircases, original wall coverings and painted murals, hand-carved fireplaces, and other amenities unique to the Victorian era. The University is seeking to restore the Bass Mansion to its rightful place as one of Fort Wayne’s great community resources.

Federal funds to support this project will enable the University to re-open the Bass Mansion to the community in a significant way, with historic collections on display and rooms available for community-based events.

Finance Plan: A recent survey by an architectural and engineering firm has identified a three-phase renovation and restoration plan at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000. Specific priorities include: general roof stabilization as well as replacement of flat roofs; foundation repair, a drainage system and sealing; mechanical/electrical replacement and updating; elevator installation; selected interior wall surface treatment; floor and stair repair; mortar joint pointing and repair, and door and window repair. St. Francis University has a fundraising effort underway, with more than \$2,500,000 already raised.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Health Sciences Laboratory Construction and Equipment Initiative.

Entity: University of Saint Francis.

Address: 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$190,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: The national shortage of nurses and other health care professionals is well documented. The University of Saint Francis has built a strong reputation as an educational leader in the health care industry. The university seeks to graduate high quality students with strong backgrounds in areas of great need to the medical profession, especially nursing. Through its undergraduate and graduate teaching, laboratory experiences and community outreach efforts, the University contributes significantly to the advancement of scientific learning and skilled health care professionals working in both the Fort Wayne region and nationwide.

Federal resources to support this initiative will further enhance the value of education in

the biological and health sciences and the quality of the professional healthcare workforce in the Fort Wayne Region. The University of Saint Francis plans to construct a health sciences laboratory and purchase needed equipment in order to provide the next generation of health care professionals with the most modern and technologically up-to-date education possible.

Finance Plan: Funds will be used for the construction of a health sciences laboratory and to purchase needed equipment.

COMMENDING BILL BALLAGH FOR HIS 2008 SMALL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. MARK H. SCHAUER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today Bill Ballagh of State Farm Insurance as he receives the 2008 Small Business Leadership Award by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. On a local level, Bill is a strong supporter of many events in the Chelsea community. He is an active board member of the Chelsea Senior Center and has been a valuable source of ideas and advice for the board in both the financial aspect and the improved image for the Center and its programs. Many local agencies and fundraisers have appreciated Bill's support by allowing them to promote their projects in his windows and the side of his downtown office building.

Bill goes above and beyond when it comes to serving his customers. As he writes and reviews policies for customers, he may direct them elsewhere if he feels they may be better served—without financial gain for himself and also points out ways that policies written by others can be improved upon to better meet their needs, again, without financial gain for himself. Bill has served Chelsea since 1996 in his business and consistently goes the extra mile making his clients feel they're more than just part of a business relationship.

It is with deep appreciation for his many contributions that I congratulate and commend Bill Ballagh of State Farm Insurance for his faithful commitment to service and quality and wish him and his family the best in all their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. These earmarks are contained in Division C—Energy and Water Development:

SOUTHWEST COASTAL LOUISIANA HURRICANE PROTECTION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$956,000 to advance the authorized Southwest Coastal Louisiana Hurricane Protection, LA project. The Corps is directed to expedite the study under the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The funds will be used to continue the feasibility phase including the Chenier Plain Sustainability Initiative. Activities include plan formulation, hydrology and hydraulic analyses, economic inventory, environmental analyses, and stakeholder and public involvement.

CALCASIEU LOCK, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$574,000 to advance the authorized feasibility study for the Calcasieu Lock, LA project. The study is needed to replace the lock. Funds will be used to address economic and environmental concerns. A rate review will be undertaken to determine the economic impacts of the without-project conditions, and will be accompanied by an analysis to identify impacts from flooding of agricultural areas. The Calcasieu Lock is a bottleneck on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway system in Louisiana, causing delays in transportation and interstate commerce.

CALCASIEU RIVER AND PASS NAVIGATION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$155,000 for the authorized Calcasieu River and Pass Navigation, LA project. The study is needed to investigate ways to improve navigation on the Calcasieu Ship Channel by adding passing lanes and anchorage areas. Currently only one-way traffic is allowed because of the narrow channel and hazardous cargo. The funds will be used to complete the feasibility study and initiate the PED phase. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

CALCASIEU RIVER BASIN

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$75,000 to advance the authorized feasibility study and initiate the PED. The study is needed to investigate methods of providing flood control and environmental enhancement measures in the Calcasieu River Basin. Additional funds could be used to initiate the plans and specs for the first construction contract. Other beneficiaries include the residents of Calcasieu Parish.

LCA—ECOSYSTEMS RESTORATION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$8,604,000 to advance the studies for the authorized Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Ecosystems Restoration, LA project. The funding is needed to continue eleven feasibility studies and initiate six PED studies. Activities include completing and submitting to the Secretary a final report on the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program Feasibility Program, completing identification of initial BUDMat projects; beginning plans and specs on Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration project; and continuing studies initiated in FY08. Additional beneficiaries include residents of Louisiana.

CALCASIEU RIVER AND PASS, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$13,894,000 for the authorized Calcasieu River and Pass, LA project. Funds are needed to keep international commerce moving without delays and light loadings. Funds will be used to operate and maintain the Calcasieu River Salt Water Barrier and the channel, dredge bar channel, dredge mile 5 to 17 and Devil's Elbow, foreshore dike construction for protection of disposal areas and to reduce shoaling, and maintenance of dredged material disposal facilities. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

FRESHWATER BAYOU, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$1,716,000 for the authorized Freshwater Bayou, LA project. The lock is crucial to support offshore oil industry to provide the necessary fuel, supplies and food to offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and also to support commercial fishing. The funds will be used for operations and maintenance and to dredge two critical reaches to support the energy infrastructure along the Freshwater Bayou, LA.

MERMENTAU RIVER, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$1,828,000 for the authorized Mermentau River, LA project. Funding is required to dredge and continue ongoing repairs along the Mermentau River, including operations of Catfish Point and Schooner Bayou Control Structures, maintenance of the control structures, including water control data systems, real estate, and dredge Mermentau Bar Channel, and boat-house replacement at CPCS.

BAYOU TECHE & VERMILION RIVER, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$13,000 for the authorized Bayou Teche & Vermilion River, LA project. The funding will be used for ongoing repairs, debris removal, and operations and maintenance for the Bayou Teche & Vermilion River.

BAYOU TECHE, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$194,000 for the authorized Bayou Teche, LA project. Funding will be used for dredging and ongoing operations and maintenance for the Bayou Teche. Activities include surveys of the channel, environmental studies, real estate management, and operate and maintain Keystone Lock.

CALCASIEU RIVER, MILE 5.0-14.0, CAMERON PARISH

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 204

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Calcasieu River, Mile 5.0-14.0, Cameron Parish project within the Corps CAP 204 program. Funds will be used to complete the design and implementation phase for the beneficial use of dredged materials project along the Calcasieu River. The project provides for the placement of shoal material from the Calcasieu River, Mile 5 to Mile 14, into the Cameron Creole Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

TOWN OF CARENCRO, LAFAYETTE PARISH, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 205

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Town of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, LA project within the Corps CAP 205 program. The funds will be used to continue the design and implementation phase for the small flood control project in the Town of Carencro. Additional beneficiaries include the residents of the Town of Carencro.

BAYOU QUEUE DE TORTUE, VERMILION PARISH, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 205

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Bayou Queue de Tortue, Vermilion Parish,

LA project within the Corps CAP 205 program. The funds will be used to complete the feasibility for a small flood control project in Bayou Queue de Tortue. Additional beneficiaries include the residents of the Town of Gueydan.

HONORING HALL-OF-FAME UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH LUTE OLSON

### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Robert Luther "Lute" Olson, the former men's basketball head coach at the University of Arizona.

In his long and illustrious collegiate career Lute Olson amassed a record of 780-280 in 34 seasons, including a 589-187 mark in his time at Arizona. He holds the all-time record for Pac-10 victories with 327. He is also one of only 17 coaches with over 1,000 victories, spanning a career as a high school, junior college, and college head coach.

On March 29, 1983, Coach Olson became the head coach at Arizona after successful runs at Long Beach State and the University of Iowa, the latter of which he guided to the 1979 Big Ten title and the 1980 Final Four. Few could have predicted the meteoric rise of the program he turned around from a 4-24 record in 1983. Just 2 years later, he guided the team to the NCAA tournament and began the Nation's longest active streak for NCAA tournament appearances, currently at 24 consecutive seasons.

Lute Olson transformed the University of Arizona and the Tucson desert into a college basketball oasis. In his 24 seasons he won one national championship, reached 4 Final Fours, and won 11 Pac-10 titles, solidifying the program as a perennial title contender and bringing national prestige to both city and school.

At the top of his game, Coach Olson took the Wildcats on an improbable run to the 1997 national title, including victories over three No. 1 seeds, a feat not achieved before or since. For these accomplishments, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Sept. 27, 2002.

Lute Olson's successes were not limited to the hardwood. As a high school teacher in Mahanomen, Minnesota, he taught six classes, was head coach of the basketball and football team, and assistant coach on the baseball team. He went to become a junior high counselor in Colorado, high school coach in Southern California and entered the collegiate ranks in 1972.

Along the way, as a teacher and coach, Lute Olson has encouraged students to live healthy, work hard and pursue their dreams. He has inspired and encouraged students across the country, in Tucson, and at the University of Arizona. Many young people have benefited from his guidance and are proud to call him their mentor.

I am pleased to acknowledge and thank Coach Olson for his great leadership and outstanding contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING ALCALDESSA ELIZABETH KEMP

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize Elizabeth Kemp, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2009 Alcaldessa, or Honorary Mayor.

The title, "Alcalde" or "Alcaldessa" when referring to a woman, is the Spanish word for "Mayor." During the Spanish colonial period in California, the Alcalde was the primary civil authority. In modern times in the City of Sonoma, it is an honorary title and the contemporary Alcalde or Alcaldessa presides over ceremonial events for the city.

Alcaldales and Alcaldessas are nominated by the community and are representative of individuals with a long record of volunteer work. Ms. Kemp is no exception to this rule.

Ms. Kemp attributes her community activism to her early years in London during WW II. That experience led her to be aware of the needs of others and to an understanding that anyone's circumstances can change in a matter of minutes. She emigrated from England when she was 21 and has lived in Sonoma since 1969.

In 2000, Ms. Kemp recognized that many migrant workers had no place to live and were sleeping under bridges. She helped to organize one temporary camp, then joined with Vineyard Workers Services to create two more camps that are open during harvest. She currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Vineyard Workers Services.

Ms. Kemp initiated the Brown Bagger program in 2004. The program prepares and distributes more than 180 nutritious lunches each week to the homeless and others who are unable to purchase food. This past summer, Ms. Kemp organized a group of volunteers to provide bag lunches to students who normally receive free lunches at school when school is in session and to their younger siblings. As a member of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Overnight Support, Ms. Kemp has also been involved in the development of the first permanent homeless shelter in Sonoma.

And, lest we think her interests are only parochial, Ms. Kemp is an active member of Friends of Turkana, a local group that raises funds for two medical missions in East Africa.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth Kemp is a beloved and vitally important member of the community and it is appropriate that we acknowledge her today as Sonoma's Alcaldessa for 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL K. CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding Member requested funding that was included as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

In the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources—Rural Water account, \$109,000 for improvements to an irrigation canal in Tom Green County, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tom Green County Water Control Improvement District No. 1, which operates and maintains the canal and can be reached at P.O. Box 488, Veribest, Texas, 76886. The canal is 16 miles long and runs northeast from the city of San Angelo, Texas. The funding will be used to complete repairs and upgrade the canals water control systems to help better distribute and conserve water, as recommended in a 2007 report by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations account, \$406,000 for a study in the Lower Colorado River Basin of Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lower Colorado River Authority which can be reached at P.O. Box 220, Austin, Texas, 78767. The study area is bounded by the Guadalupe, Lavaca, and Colorado-Lavaca river basins on the west, and the Brazos and Brazos-Colorado basins on the east. This study is investigating water resource problems, needs, and opportunities, to determine whether improvements for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration and protection, water quality, water supply and allied purposes have a Federal interest. The funding will be used to complete the Williamson Creek study and continue other interim feasibility studies within the basin.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$842,000 for the O. C. Fisher Dam and Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Tom Green County, on the North Concho River, near the City of San Angelo, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations and routine maintenance.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$2,000,000 for Proctor Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Comanche County on the Leon River, about eight miles northeast of the city of Comanche, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations, routine maintenance, and to replace and repair piezometers.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$1,373,000 for Hords Creek Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Coleman County about 13 miles west of the city of Coleman, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations, routine maintenance, and to upgrade hydraulic pumps and controls for flood gates.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account funding in the amount of \$206,000 for Animal Fiber Research. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901. The funding will be used to increase profitability of the sheep and goat industries in the United States and Texas while providing U.S. consumers and the military with high-quality ani-

mal fibers and meat at internationally competitive prices. Emphasis will be placed on improving wool quality and increasing wool production and also on multi-state collaborations in which sheep and goats will be used to improve rangeland environments through prescribed grazing of invasive species.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Special Research Grants account funding in the amount of \$946,000 for the Center for Food Industry Excellence. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas Tech University, located in Lubbock, Texas. The funding will be used to conduct systematic development and evaluation of production, processing, and preparation methods of food products (from farm to table) to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account, to provide partial funding in the amount of \$693,000 for Center for North American Studies. Funding for this project will go directly to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. This funding will assist in the continued development of the center. The focus is to further expand activities in education and training, research policy analysis, and cooperative study as related to trade issues.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Special Research Grants account, funding in the amount of \$1,730,000 for the International Cotton Center. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas Tech University, located in Lubbock, Texas. The funding will be used to support several research projects investigating means of increasing the profitability and sustainability of cotton and other natural fiber production through the development of new uses for cotton fiber among others.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account, funding in the amount of \$3,220,000 for the Efficient Irrigation program (both research and extension arms). The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University. The funding will be used to provide resources for research, training, education, and technical assistance to agricultural and municipal water system operators, teaching them about irrigation system efficiency and about reducing biological and chemical hazards through alternative treatment of water and wastewater.

In the Agriculture Research Service (ARS) account, to provide partial funding in the amount of \$515,000 for the Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center. Funding for this project will go directly to Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas. This funding will be used to continue to integrate the efforts among the three institutions to develop a series of multi-institutional and multidisciplinary teams that bring together new technologies and knowledge that focus on improvement of profitability in each stage of sorghum production, processing and marketing.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education account, to provide funding in the amount of \$285,000 for Midland College in Midland, TX for technology upgrades, including purchase of equipment. The funding would be used to for the purchase of new computers, specialized software and multi-media projector equipment as part of the ongoing technology upgrade program. The Advanced

Technology Center (ATC), operated by Midland College, offers a wide range of programs that are used by students from elementary schools, high schools and colleges seeking to learn computer and other technical skills, by workers upgrading their skills to retain their jobs or get new ones, by businesses who are training employees, and by individuals.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education account, to provide funding in the amount of \$95,000 for the Midland Independent School District, located at 615 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX for a teacher training initiative in conjunction with Texas Mathworks. Texas Mathworks is a center for mathematics education formed by Texas State University System to develop model programs and self-sustaining learning communities that engage Texas K–12 students in doing mathematics at a high level. Texas Mathworks proves to be an effective model for engaging and retaining students' interest in math and science, enabling teachers to effectively teach it at the highest levels.

In the Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE) account, to provide funding in the amount of \$143,000 for the Wallace Accelerated High School, located at 149 S. Hwy 208, Colorado City, TX, for a charter campus for at-risk students in grades 8–12, including purchase of equipment. The funding will be to support a charter campus for at-risk students in grades 8–12. The campus not only assists students with their educational needs but also in realizing the importance in being a productive citizen within the community and country.

In the Department of Justice, DJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants account, to provide funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the Texas State University Train-the-Trainer (ALERRT) program. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Program at Texas State University-San Marcos, located at 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas. Funding will be used to support the ALERRT program, which was established by Texas State University, to provide first responders with the tactics they will need to effectively respond to active shooter situations.

Project funding for the construction of on/off ramps of I–20 for Garfield and Cotton Flat Road in Midland, TX in the amount of \$380,000. The funding will be appropriated from the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. The project is included in the I–20 Corridor Master plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Project funding in the amount of \$475,000 to widen the 45 mile section of SH–349 in Martin and Dawson County by two additional lanes as a portion of Trade Corridor 56 designated and funded (1.6 mil) by SAFETEA–LU as a high priority trade corridor. The funding will be appropriated from the Transportation, Community and System Preservation account to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. This section of SH–349 is a part of the Ports to Plains Corridor, two National High Priority Corridors and the Texas Trunk System.

Project funding in the amount of \$190,000 for the Economic Development Initiative that will include streetscaping, environmental remediation, infrastructure improvements and demolition of dilapidated buildings of downtown

Midland, TX. The funding will be appropriated from the Economic Development Initiatives account to the City of Midland, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, TX 79701.

Project funding in the amount of \$142,500 for an Economic Development Initiative that will include enhancing an economically depressed area along the North Concho River through downtown San Angelo. The funding will be appropriated from the Economic Development Initiatives account to the City of San Angelo, City Hall, 72 W. College Ave, San Angelo, TX 76903. The City has contributed over \$6 million for the project and continues to contribute through a ½ cent sales tax. The initiative includes improving accessibility multi-use pathways, connecting commercial and residential areas and improving river access, lighting, landscaping and other public spaces along the Concho River and downtown San Angelo.

Project funding in the amount of \$237,500 for construction of a multi-modal terminal that will house customer service centers, administrative offices and development space for the Concho Valley Transit District. The funding will be appropriated from the Buses and Bus Facilities account to The Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded a multi-year \$1.5 million grant to support future development and the project received \$250,000 in FY08. This project has been authorized by SAFETEA-LU.

Project funding in the amount of \$190,000 for preliminary engineering, and construction of a transit authority administration facility to manage 8,500 square miles of regional public transit system. The funding will be appropriated from the Buses and Bus Facilities account to The Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Huron County, Michigan Sherriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 S. Heisterman St. Bad Axe, MI 48413.

Description of Request: Funds would be used for law enforcement technologies.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac County, Michigan Sherriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 65 N. Elk Street, Sandusky, MI 48471.

Description of Request: Funds would be used to replace their current computer system which lacks storage capabilities and is antiquated. The goal is to convert the current system to a Windows platform which would allow for more interoperable connectivity with agencies at the local, state and federal level.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lapeer County Sheriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3231 John Conley Dr. Lapeer, MI 48446.

Description of Request: Funds would be used to add Mobile Data Terminals to eight patrol cars.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Small Business Administration—Business Loan Programs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Main St. 7th floor, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

Description of Request: The funds would be used to provide a variety of much needed programs and services including training such as business plan and marketing writing and assistance. Additionally it would serve businesses and entrepreneurs in Macomb County who currently does not have access to vital services.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thumb Rural Health Network.

Address of Requesting Entity: 210 S. First St. Harbor Beach, MI 48441.

Description of Request: Funds will be utilized to establish and enhance integrated communications systems for a small network of small, rural critical access hospitals. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, establish a system wide communications and triage network thus cutting down movement between these 5 hospitals located all over Michigan's thumb area.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Higher Education (FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saint Clair County Community College.

Address of Requesting Entity: 323 Erie St., Port Huron, MI 48061.

Description of Request: This funding would be used to develop a 2 year alternative energy degree.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Higher Education (FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County Community College.

Address of Requesting Entity: 14500 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop a comprehensive 2 year alternative energy degree.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Investigations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South-eastern Michigan Council of Governments.

Address of Requesting Entity: 535 Griswold St. Ste. 300 Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to establish a partnership of federal, State of Michigan and local agencies to guide the implementation of the Lake St. Clair Management Plan. Funds would also be used to develop a strategic implementation plan that will guide the Army Corps in its implementation of the Management plan. Both activities are a requirement of Section 3089 of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging channels in Lake St. Clair.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Caseville harbor.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging the Clinton River.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Lexington Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Port Austin Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Port Sanilac Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging the St. Clair River

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EERE-Building Technologies

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 323 Erie St. Port Huron, MI 48061

Description of Request: This funding would be used for infrastructure to match and accommodate a developing curriculum regarding alternative energies.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: TCSP Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Sanilac

Address of Requesting Entity: 60 W. Sanilac Rd. Sanilac County Courthouse, Room 214, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: The funding would be used for a bike path between Lexington and Port Sanilac

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sandusky

Address of Requesting Entity: 26 W. Speaker St. Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: This funding would be used for the extension of the runway and new taxiway.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac Count Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 25 S. Arthur St. Carsonville, MI 48419

Description of Request: This funding would be used for the replacement of buses.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 230 South Monroe St. Lapeer, MI 48446

Description of Request: This funding would be used for the replacement of buses.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Project Name: Southeastern Poultry Research Laboratory, Athens, GA

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, Agriculture Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ARS's Southeastern Poultry Research Lab, Athens, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 934 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30605

Description of Request: Funds will be used for planning and design of the Biocontainment Laboratory and Consolidated Poultry Research Facility in Athens, GA. The new lab will combine the research of other labs, modernize biocontainment facilities, and be the primary lab for federal research on Avian Influenza and all avian research/diseases.

Amount: \$2,427,000

Project Name: GA Soil & Water Conservation Commission Cooperative Agreement

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 4310 Lexington Road, Athens, GA 30603

Project Description: Project is a cost/share grant program that helps farmers with construction or renovation of on-farm agriculture water storage facilities for irrigation and drought preparedness.

Amount: \$2,423,000

Project Name: University of Georgia's Blueberry Research

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, CSREES

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Project Description: Development of new cultivars and management practices that increase production efficiency and improve quality of fruit delivered to consumers.

Amount: \$207,000

Project Name: University of Georgia's Phytophthora Research

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, CSREES

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Project Description: Research on controlling or eliminating fruit/vegetable rot disease during production.

Amount: \$178,000

Project Name: University of Georgia's Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality Enhancements

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, CSREES

Requesting Entity: University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Project Description: Research on discovery and use of variable rate irrigation technologies. These technologies will save billions of gallons of irrigation water each year, while increasing agriculture productivity and improving water quality.

Amount: \$346,000

Project Name: University of Georgia's Cotton Insect Management

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, CSREES

Requesting Entity: University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Project Description: Continuing research on cotton insect management in the Southeast where pests are primary causes of cotton yield loss and quality damage.

Amount: \$346,000

Project Name: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction  
Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Georgia 31402

Project Description: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project construction funding to develop plans and specifications and the Project Partnership Agreement required before construction can start to deepen the harbor channel from the current 42 foot channel to a depth of as much as 48 feet.

Amount: \$670,000

Project Name: The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Georgia

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Georgia 31402

Project Description: Dredging trouble spots on the waterway and for general maintenance of the Georgia portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

Amount: \$966,000

Project Name: University of Georgia's Bio-refinery Demonstration Project

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Biomass

Requesting Entity: The University of Georgia  
Address of Requesting Entity: Office of VP for Research, Boyd Research Building, UGA, Athens, GA

Project Description: Development of biomass processing, biochemical and thermochemical technologies, and train the future workforce so they can satisfy the needs of a growing new industry.

Amount: \$1,189,375

Project Name: Atlanta Environmental Infrastructure

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction  
Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628

Project Description: Sewer system repairs.

Amount: \$1,818,000

Project Name: Glynn County Airport Commission

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Airport Improvement Program

Requesting Entity: Glynn County Airport Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 295 Aviation Parkway, Suite 205, Brunswick, Georgia 31525

Project Description: For airfield drainage rehabilitation and general aviation taxiway expansion.

Amount: \$755,250

Project Name: Homerville Industrial Park

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Homerville, GA  
Address of Requesting Entity: 20 South College Street, Suite A, Homerville, GA 31634

Project Description: For design and construction that includes installation of a new sewer system that will serve the new industrial park.

Amount: \$285,000

Project Name: Wayne Memorial Hospital

Bill Number: H.R. 1005

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Requesting Entity: Wayne Memorial Hospital  
Address of requesting entity: 865 South First Street, Jesup, GA 31545

Description of Request: For construction, renovation, and equipment costs.

Amount: \$761,000

Project Name: Armstrong Atlantic State University Cyber Security Research Foundation Inc.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE  
Requesting Entity: Armstrong Atlantic State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419

Description of Request: For curriculum development and the purchase of equipment.

Amount: \$428,000  
 Project Name: Southeast Georgia Health System  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration  
 Requesting Entity: Southeast Georgia Health System  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 2415 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520  
 Description of Request: Purchase of medical equipment.  
 Amount: \$381,000

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 EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9).

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

Project Name: Operation Our Town.

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Operation Our Town.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5506 6th Avenue Rear, Altoona, PA 16602.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$300,000 for Operation Our Town.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to facilitate partnerships between community and business leaders to fight illegal drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention strategies. Operation Our Town focuses on coordinating resources to reduce the threats faced by drugs and related crimes as part of the ongoing national war on drugs and gangs.

It is also my understanding that approximately 33 percent of funding would be used for coordination with law enforcement, approximately 17 percent of funding would be used for prevention, approximately 17 percent of funding would be used for treatment, approximately 30 percent of funding would be used for blight eradication, and approximately 3 percent would be used for other expenses.

Project Name: Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance—Interoperable Communications Initiative.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$500,000 for Interoperable Communications Initiative.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to purchase and upgrade equipment for first responders in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Improved equipment will increase emergency, disaster assistance, and recovery efforts.

Increased interoperability will greatly improve the ability of Franklin County to assist in supporting critical response efforts for nearby major metropolitan areas and federal facilities including Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC, Harrisburg, PA, Letterkenny Army Depot (PA), Camp David (MD), and Fort Detrick (MD).

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for the acquisition of emergency services communications units, with approximately 40 percent of funding used to acquire portable units, approximately 40 percent of funding used to acquire base and mobile units, and approximately 20 percent of funding used to acquire pager units.

Project Name: Saint Francis University Center for Global Competitiveness.

Account: International Trade Administration.  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Francis University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$350,000 for Saint Francis University Center for Global Competitiveness.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to create jobs and stimulate economic development by assisting local small and medium sized businesses.

Specifically, the Saint Francis University Center for Global Competitiveness provides specialized marketing assistance to small and medium sized global businesses in a ten county region helping them to become more competitive in a global economy including international trade and expansion into domestic markets.

It is also my understanding that approximately 50 percent of funding will be used for labor costs, approximately 40 percent of funding will be used for coordination with Saint Vincent College, and approximately 10 percent of funding will be used for equipment and other expenses.

Division C—Energy and Water Development.

Project Name: South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program.

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction.  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers—Baltimore District.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$4.5 million for South Central Environmental Infrastructure.

It is my understanding that funding for the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program will provide design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in South Central Pennsylvania. The program provides the funding necessary for local communities to install basic sewer and water systems and is a key aspect of building and enhancing infrastructure for many rural communities in Pennsylvania. The program was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-580).

It is also my understanding that funding will be administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers as authorized to provide design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in South Central Pennsylvania.

Project Name: Juniata Hybrid Locomotive.

Account: Department of Energy, EERE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 17 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$713,625 for Juniata Hybrid Locomotive.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to assess and develop technological alternatives to diesel locomotives and to develop a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly locomotive for yard, local, and main line applications. Associated with this research effort is the development of energy management and control technologies required to maximize the energy efficiency of hybrid locomotives. Converting the existing locomotive fleet to new technologies would reduce both emissions and our dependence on foreign oil, reducing impacts on the environment and improving our national and energy security.

It is also my understanding that approximately 20 percent of funding would be used for labor costs, approximately 20 percent of funding would be used for engineering consultants, approximately 20 percent of funding would be used for charger components, and approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for locomotive components.

Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial.  
 Account: National Park Service, Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service.

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$1.2 million for Flight 93 National Memorial.

It is my understanding that funding will be used for construction costs at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The Flight 93 National Memorial honors the men and women who gave their lives in the first counterattack of the Global War on Terror on September 11, 2001.

The Flight 93 National Memorial Act (P.L. 107-226) established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial "to commemorate the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital."

It is also my understanding that funding will be used by the National Park Service as authorized for construction and associated costs such as design development and construction management at the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Project Name: Historic Mishler Theatre.

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blair County Arts Foundation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1212 Twelfth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$150,000 for the Historic Mishler Theatre.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used for renovations to the Mishler Theatre in Blair County, Pennsylvania. Known for its cultural and architectural significance and listed on the National Register of

Historical Places, renovations to the Mishler Theatre are vital to preserving and restoring this vibrant center for the arts.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for the acquisition costs, labor, and construction related to improvements of the facility for performers and patrons.

Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

Project Name: Altoona Regional Health System, Equipment.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Altoona Regional Health System.

Address of Requesting Entity: 620 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$238,000 for Altoona Regional Health System for facilities and equipment.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to purchase digital mammography and radiology equipment in preparation for developing a breast imaging center. This project will ensure improved accessibility for residents in Blair County and surrounding areas to state of the art breast imaging to replace traditional film-based mammography.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for the purchase of digital mammography screening equipment and radiology workstation equipment. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Nason Hospital, Equipment.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nason Hospital.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 Nason Drive, Roaring Spring, PA 16673.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$143,000 for Nason Hospital, Roaring Spring, PA for purchase of equipment.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to purchase a high definition camera system for orthopedic arthroscopic procedures. This equipment will increase productivity within the operating room and produce more confident diagnoses, benefiting both patients and physicians.

It is also my understanding that approximately 75 percent of funding will be used for equipment and installation and 25 percent of funding will be used for a service agreement. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Somerset Hospital, Equipment.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Somerset Hospital.

Address of Requesting Entity: 225 South Central Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$190,000 for Somerset Hospital, Somerset, PA for facilities and equipment.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to purchase equipment to increase patient safety, enhance efficiency, and reduce operational costs. These technology upgrades will greatly benefit residents of the Somerset, Pennsylvania area.

It is also my understanding that approximately 15 percent of funding would be used for a pharmacy system/bar coding, approximately 60 percent of funding would be used for electronic medical records, and approximately 25 percent of funding would be used for physician order entry system. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Project Name: AMTRAN Transit System Improvement.

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AMTRAN.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$475,000 for Bus Facility, AMTRAN Transit System.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used by AMTRAN, the local transit system in Altoona, PA, for improvements to their system. Specifically, it is my understanding that these funds will be used for a new bus facility.

It is also my understanding that approximately 40 percent of funding will be used for real estate acquisition, approximately 10 percent of funding will be used for environmental mitigation, approximately 10 percent of funding will be used for demolition and site preparation, and approximately 40 percent will be used for building renovation. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs.

Account: Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service.

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$4.275 million for Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used by the National Park Service for road, parking, and utility improvements related to the Flight 93 National Memorial. The Flight 93 National Memorial honors the men and women who gave their lives in the first counterattack of the Global War on Terror on September 11, 2001.

The Flight 93 National Memorial Act (P.L. 107–226) established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial “to commemorate the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation’s Capital.”

It is also my understanding that funding will be used by the National Park Service for construction costs.

Project Name: Hollidaysburg Car Shop Redevelopment Project.

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$95,000 for transformation of the current facility into one that can be utilized for manufacturing, contributing to economic development and stimulating job creation.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to support redevelopment efforts for the former Hollidaysburg Car Shop property based upon a recently completed redevelopment strategy and plan to promote job retention activities and economic development.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for activities related to site preparation, building improvements, and environmental remediation. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Altoona Recreational Facility.

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$71,250 for development of a multi-faceted outdoor park for the local community.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used for the development of a multi-faceted outdoor park for the local community. The facility will offer a safe and positive environment for young people and provide safe alternatives to the temptations of drug use, gangs, and violence.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for construction and related costs associated with skateboard ramps, playground equipment, trails, pavilions, and restroom facilities. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Indiana County Business and Industrial Park.

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Indiana County Commissioners.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA 15701.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$190,000 for acquisition and development of a new pad ready business/industrial park consisting of approximately 150–200 acres.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used for the development of a new industrial park to help serve the growing economy of the region. The project will assist in the growth of an emerging technology and manufacturing market. I further understand that it is estimated the completion of the new industrial park will create 300 to 500 new jobs.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for all development phases including

acquisition, master plan design, engineering, and construction costs. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

Project Name: Community Redevelopment and Restoration, Lower Fairview.

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Nehemiah Project.

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Valley View Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$71,250 for redevelopment of buildings in the downtown Lower Fairview area of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will be used to aid in the redevelopment of buildings in the Lower Fairview area of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Specifically, I understand the project is centered on the rehabilitation of an abandoned and condemned church building that used to serve as a safe haven for those in need. Once restored, the facility will be home to a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of area residents and provide tools to put them in a position to succeed in the future.

It is also my understanding that funding will be used for a variety of acquisition and construction needs. I also understand that the funding provided is only a piece of the total funding required for this project and anticipated allocations may change.

RECOGNIZING BETH LEES AS THE  
2010 SANTA ROSA COUNTY  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Beth Lees, Santa Rosa County's 2010 Teacher of the Year.

From an early age, Ms. Lees has expressed a passion and talent for teaching. Inspired by the work of her mother, also a teacher, Ms. Lees would work on the blackboard and create curriculum in the imaginary games of "school" she played as a child. This early interest blossomed into an enduring devotion to the profession of teaching and to helping children realize their intellectual potential.

Ms. Lees began her teaching career at Troy University, where she earned a B.A. in elementary education and a master's of science in Education. After graduating, she began teaching third grade and spent the next 12 years teaching third, fourth, and fifth grade. Her education and early experiences have resonated in her current teaching style. Ms. Lees is known for her exciting curriculum and students and teachers often remark on her ability to make the material fun and dynamic. Her enthusiasm is contagious and the structure she provides her students, especially in the way of reading comprehension, is vital to their long-term academic success.

The title of Teacher of the Year is an honor and is evidence of Ms. Lees's exceptional ca-

pabilities as an educator. Beyond the title lies Ms. Lees's dedication and devotion, to not only her students, but to the entire community. Her teaching skills and affable personality have influenced many and pushed countless students to a higher level of academic achievement. Ms. Lees's outstanding accomplishments have distinguished her as one of the great teachers in northwest Florida, and the First District of Florida is honored to have her as one of their own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I am proud to recognize Beth Lees on this outstanding achievement and for her exemplary service in the Santa Rosa School District.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BENITA DURAN

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. SOLIS of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Benita Duran, a dedicated, hard working woman whom I am very fortunate to have had on my staff for more than eight years.

Benita joined my staff in November 2000 while I was serving as a member of the California State Senate. She stayed with me during my transition into service as a Member of Congress and has been my Deputy District Director since 2004.

During her time in my office, Benita demonstrated that she is a hard working individual committed to advancing the public interest. She demonstrated her passion for issues affecting underserved communities and the lives of working families daily in her work. True to her roots, the residents of El Sereno were first and foremost in her heart and mind.

Benita is strongly committed to our nation's servicemen and women, veterans and their families. She worked tirelessly to ensure that countless numbers of veterans received the medals and recognition they earned, and stood by the families of who lost their loved ones in service to our nation.

Benita was equally committed to helping all residents resolve issues which required Federal assistance. She paid personal attention to each case, whether it was helping resolve an IRS issue to helping people achieve the American Dream of securing their citizenship.

As my Deputy District Director, Benita managed my two district offices and staff in a mature, thoughtful, organized manner. Through her words and actions, Benita trained, mentored and inspired my staff to constantly challenge themselves to meet new goals while helping them along the way. I knew Benita could be counted on to deliver. I am grateful to have had her assist me in this capacity while my work kept me in Washington, DC.

Benita's passion, dedication and commitment to public service will be sorely missed. I am confident she will continue to excel in all future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL  
WATER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing "The National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009," which coordinates national research and development efforts on water and provides a clear path forward to ensure adequate water supplies for generations to come.

In the United States, over 50,000 water utilities withdraw approximately 40 billion gallons per day of water from the Nation's resources to supply water for domestic consumption, industry, and other uses. When severe water shortages occur, the economic effect can be substantial. According to a 2000 report from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, eight water shortages from drought or heat waves each resulted in \$1 billion or more in monetary losses over the past 20 years.

Water is essential to everything we do, and there is no substitute for it. Many Americans are unaware how stressed our water supplies have become. This situation will continue to be exacerbated by increases in population and energy demand and shifting weather patterns caused by climate change. In order to meet the water demands of the future, it is essential that we have the tools needed to utilize water resources efficiently and to maintain the quality of our water supplies. Sound water management is essential if we are to meet society's water needs for industry, agriculture, recreation, and power.

An adequate supply of treated water is integral to many industries, including agriculture and food processing, beverages, power generation, paper production, manufacturing, and mineral extraction. Water shortages can negatively affect companies and entire industries and reduce job creation and retention. Current industry trajectories, population growth, and dwindling water supplies all point to increased water shortages. Increased water demand will come with increased costs to all businesses, industries, and municipalities which rely on the same water resources. The Association of California Water Agencies reported in April 2008 that California is now losing income and jobs due to the State's water supply crisis.

If we are to meet the water crises of the future, we need an effective research and development effort that provides tools and information to manage our water resources effectively. Coordination of the 20 Federal agencies responsible for water programs is a logical place to start. The 2004 National Academies Report on Federal Water Research stated that the United States is not getting its money's worth on water resources research because of a lack of coordination.

The legislation I am introducing today builds on the Bush Administration's effort to coordinate Federal research on water resources by establishing an interagency committee—the Subcommittee on Water Availability and Quality (SWAQ) of the National Science and Technology Council. The bill codifies this subcommittee and provides it explicit Congressional authorization.

The bill also incorporates recommendations from the 2004 report by the National Academies of Science entitled, *Confronting the Nation's Water Problems: The Role of Federal Research* to strengthen the committee's role in setting priorities and developing an integrated budget to support research on water resources. The Academy's report indicated that SWAQ is an effective forum for agencies to share information about their efforts on water. However, the report identified several issues that needed to be addressed to make SWAQ an effective coordinating body.

This bill strengthens the budget function for SWAQ through participation of OMB on the subcommittee. In addition, SWAQ is directed to engage in outreach activities to develop connections to state and local governments, to a wider community of stakeholders, and to the public. These recommendations, and others, helped to form the basis of the initiative.

The Science and Technology Committee held hearings in 2008 to examine the problems associated with dwindling water supplies across the Nation and to receive testimony as to the recommended role of the Federal Government in meeting these challenges.

Witnesses at these hearings offered recommendations for improving the legislation and their suggestions were incorporated into the introduced language including the following: additional research outcomes, better mechanisms for public involvement, and improved facilitation of communication and outreach opportunities with non-governmental organizations.

It is critical that we actively pursue technological innovations to ensure future water supplies, and that Federal dollars spent on these efforts are utilized in a cost-effective manner. I offer this legislation to improve and coordinate Federal research and development efforts on water. I urge my colleagues to support the legislation and to speed its enactment into law.

### CAPTIVE PRIMATE SAFETY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 23, 2009*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 80, the Captive Primate Safety Act. This timely legislation would help ensure the safety of not only chimpanzees and other nonhuman primates, but for humans as well.

This legislation would keep chimpanzees and other nonhuman primates out of the pet trade and out of pet shops and out of our homes. In effect, this bill would prevent nonhuman primates from becoming pets, and instead, keep them in their natural environment or in a properly maintained facility.

There are several reasons why we must pass this legislation.

First, pet chimpanzees and other nonhuman primates can be very dangerous, even after years of attentive care.

The recent horrific attack by a pet chimpanzee reminds us that no matter how much care a well-intentioned pet owner gives a pet chimpanzee, chimpanzees and nonhuman primates remain wild animals.

Second, most people can not provide the appropriate care for chimpanzees and other nonhuman primates.

Last year I had the privilege to hear Jane Goodall testify at Natural Resources Committee legislative hearing in support of the Captive Primate Safety Act.

Dr. Goodall has dedicated her life to ensuring captive primates receive the attention and care they deserve, and that is why she strongly opposes having primates as pets.

She testified that although chimpanzees may seem attractive as pets, primates have complicated needs that are impossible for even well-intentioned pet owners to provide. For example, by the age of five, chimpanzees are often stronger than human adults and become destructive, difficult to contain, and dangerous.

Let us follow Jane Goodall's lead and work to protect these animals, not subject them to inadequate conditions.

Third, as a nurse, I am greatly concerned with the public health risk posed by nonhuman primates. Nonhuman primates are so genetically close to humans, diseases can easily transfer from nonhuman primates to humans. Zoonotic diseases have produced some of our history's most deadly disease epidemics: the plague, the ebola virus, and cholera, to name a few. It is clear, when we have unnecessary contact with nonhuman primates, we carelessly jeopardize the public's health.

Finally, chimpanzees and other nonhuman primates are wild animals, they do not belong in our homes or in pet shops. No matter how much love and attention nonhuman primates are given, they remain complex, wild, and unpredictable animals.

The Captive Primate Safety Act is good legislation for both primates and people. It will add primates to the list of wildlife species prohibited from interstate or foreign commerce and thus, keep nonhuman primates out of the pet trade.

Thank you and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in the supporting this timely legislation.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Mobile Harbor Turning Basin.  
Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama State Port Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 250 North Water Street, Suite 300, Mobile, AL 36602.

Description of Request: Provide \$4.785 million to construct the Mobile Harbor Turning Basin project as authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (PL99-662 Ninety-ninth Congress, Second Session) under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction General Account. Initial project request anticipated expenditures of .04 per-

cent will be used for land; .11 percent will be used for navigation aids; .11 percent for removal of existing concrete debris; 3.97 percent for mobilization, preparation and demobilization of a 26 CY Bucket Dredge; 4.20 percent for mobilization, preparation and demobilization of a 30 inch Pipeline Dredge; 67 percent for the removal of and placement in designated dredge disposal areas approx. 2,699,232 cubic yards of dredged material; 5.32 percent for planning, engineering and design work; 2.42 percent for construction management; 12.57 percent in project construction contingency; and 3.83 percent in project escalation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted an Environmental Assessment in accordance with Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Pts. 1500-1508) resulting in a FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI). Construction of the authorized turning basin has been evaluated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Corps General Reevaluation Report (GRR) to alleviate harbor delays and improve safety conditions, and reflects a benefit-to-cost ratio of 3.46 to 1. This project is permitted. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Construction account. The Alabama State Port Authority, the 10th largest port in the U.S., is the federally designated local sponsor for the Port of Mobile Harbor and will provide the 25 percent cost share for the Mobile Harbor Turning Basin project. The Alabama State Port Authority's 25 percent cost share funding is secured. Turning basin will help serve a new container terminal, coal terminal and two raw material terminals.

Project Name: Mobile Harbor.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama State Port Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 250 North Water Street, Suite 300, Mobile, Alabama 36602.

Description of Request: Provide \$20.014 million for normal Operations and Maintenance of the Mobile Harbor Project, Mobile Alabama. Mobile Harbor is the nation's 10th largest port and is critical to the movement of a variety of products necessary for the nation's economy. Mobile Harbor handles 59 million tons of cargo annually and serves a wide range of Alabama and southeastern industries. Approximately \$20.014 million of these funds will be used for maintenance dredging of the bay and river channels, as well as for condition surveys, dredging surveys, disposal area maintenance and ESA/WQC coordination. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account.

Project Name: Coosa-Alabama River Lakes.  
Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations & Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District.

Address of Requesting Entity: USACE Mobile District, 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602.

Description of Request: Provide \$17 million for normal operations and maintenance of the Alabama River navigation channel as authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 1947. Initial project request anticipated expenditure of 4 percent will be used for environmental stewardship; 45 percent will be used for hydro-power maintenance; 29 percent will be used for navigation; 19 percent will be used for continued maintenance on public access sites; and 3 percent will be used for other project expenses.

Project: Scanning Hydrographic Operational Airborne LiDAR Survey Systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District.

Address of Requesting Entity: USACE Mobile District, 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

Description of Request: Provide \$13.9 million to acquire data collection in the Gulf of Mexico under the National Coastal Mapping Program and facilitate the deployment of LiDAR technology under the Coastal Zone Mapping Imaging LiDAR (CZMIL) program. Approximately, 50 percent will provide funds to perform routine coastal mapping activities and for completion of CZMIL detailed design to include construction and assembly of sensor sub-systems; 14 percent will be utilized to accelerate CZMIL development into fabrication phase, 14 percent will allow for the completion of coastal mapping activities on the west coast in southern CA; 7 percent will be used for exhaustive CZMIL component tests to reduce risk in the fabrication phase; 13 percent will initiate surveys on the Gulf coast in the state of Texas. LiDAR Survey System will provide coastal mapping and charting along the coast to reflect changes due to recent hurricanes and to serve as a part of a master program for U.S. emergency preparedness and response.

Project Name: Auburn University Bioenergy and Bioproducts Laboratory

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Energy, EERE—Biomass Biorefinery Systems R&D.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849.

Description of Request: Provide \$951,500 to fund the continued development of a comprehensive, interdisciplinary bioenergy and bioproducts laboratory at Auburn University. The funds will be expended for research on systems to produce alternatives to petroleum based fuels—i.e., biofuels and other bioproducts. Outcomes of this research will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce the production of greenhouse gases, and will revitalize our local economies. The initial project request anticipated expenditures of approximately 50 percent will be used for laboratory equipment; 10 percent will be used for laboratory supplies; 37 percent will be used for laboratory personnel; 2 percent will be used for travel to collect data and present research re-

sults. Matching non-federal funds will come from Auburn University. No funds will come from nongovernmental source and no funds will be disbursed to other private/public entities.

Project Name: U.S. HWY 43 Main, Jackson, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State & Tribal Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Jackson, Alabama.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Commerce Street, Alabama 36545.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to establish Phase I of an expansion of the water system between Jackson, AL and Grove Hill, AL. The total cost of Phase 1 is projected to be \$4,981,800.00, which includes approximately, \$3,492,000.00 to provide lengths of 24-inch water main; \$65,000.00 for ten 24-inch gate valves, boxes, and markers; \$300,000 for 800 road bores, setup, casings, and carrier pipe; \$25,000 for five fire hydrant assemblies; and \$450,000 for a water booster station upgrade. An additional \$649,800 is estimated for engineering and design costs associated with phase I. The expansion is needed to provide clean drinking water and infrastructure support for existing jobs and to attract new jobs in Jackson and regionally. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the EPA's STAG account. The City of Jackson will provide or cause to be provided a minimum of a 45-percent matching cost share.

Project Name: Historic Blakeley Park Spanish Fort.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures.

Legal Name of Requesting Agency: Historic Blakeley Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 34745 State Highway 225, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36577.

Description of Request: Provide \$50,000 to establish infrastructure such as water, power and sewer to public areas of Blakeley State Park. Approximately 60 percent will be used for materials and supplies; 30 percent will be used for labor and equipment; 10 percent will be used for professional service and fees. Blakeley Park, which commemorates the site of the last battle of the Civil War, is a National Historic Register site and also serves as a training area for the Alabama National Guard. Funding will be matched by Blakeley Park and will prevent further damage to the park and allow the extension of water and power lines to areas currently without utilities.

Project Name: University of South Alabama, Mitchell Cancer Institute, Emerging Technologies Radiotherapy and the Disaster Medical Training Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of South Alabama.

Address of Requesting Entity: 307 University Boulevard, AD 131, Mobile, AL 36688.

Description of Request: Provide \$951,000 for facilities and equipment at the University of

South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI) and the Disaster Medical Training Center (DMTC). The initial project request anticipated expenditures of approximately 50 percent will be used to fund 7,500-foot expansion of the MCI, including the purchase of two high-energy radiation vaults and MRI/Gamma irradiation "Renaissance" technology, for which the university has also committed funds. The second 50 percent will be used for equipment and infrastructure development of the DMTC. Approximately 12 percent of these funds will be used for a high performance server with workstations; 36 percent will be used for two METI i-STAN human patient simulators, 9 percent will be used for five high resolution projectors, projection screens, and laptops; 2 percent will be used for cameras and sound equipment for videoconferencing; 19 percent will be used for software licenses needed to run simulations and visualizations; 20 percent will be used to renovate existing space. The DMTC equips hospitals, first responders, and public safety officials with the necessary real-time information and integrated systems to prepare for and manage patients and communities' critical health and safety needs in the event of a disaster.

Project Name: University of Alabama, West Alabama Autism Outreach.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama.

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Rose Administration Building, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0117.

Description of Request: Provide \$666,000 to establish a regional autism center that provides clinical services, professional education, and research at the University of Alabama. The initial project request anticipated expenditures of approximately 63 percent will be used to establish a central university-based autism clinic that will provide interdisciplinary diagnostic and treatment services to individuals with autism; 25 percent will be used to establish a satellite clinic in the rural, impoverished Black Belt region of Alabama; 12 percent will be used to create a coordinated clinical and research database. This request would be combined with \$95,000 in matching funds from the Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities. Autism spectrum disorders affect 1 in every 150 individuals including approximately 300,000 in Alabama. A regional center that provides diagnostics services, intervention services, and professional education in both urban and rural areas answers a critical public health need in the west Alabama community and should greatly improve the quality of life of individuals with autism and their families.

Project Name: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Employment and Education Training.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Training and Employment Services (TES).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB).

Address of Requesting Entity: 1050 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604.

Description of Request: Provide \$190,000 to develop and implement a collaborative employer training and job development program for significantly disabled citizens with hearing and vision loss in southwest Alabama. The initial project request anticipated expenditures of approximately 77 percent will be used for job coach development; 17 percent will be used for assistive technology; and 5 percent will be used for employer training. High unemployment and low income statistics for deaf and blind adults are critical national issues while 70 percent of blind individuals are unemployed and more than a third of deaf adults earn 60 percent less than their hearing peers. This program will focus on job development through assistive technology and employer training in working with disabled employees, part of a statewide education effort to be matched 33 percent by AIDB.

Project Name: Gulf Coast Flood Elevation Study, Baldwin County.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Dept. of Commerce, NOAA—Program Support, Operations, Research and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Baldwin County Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,000,000 to complete a Gulf Coast flood elevation study in Baldwin County, Alabama. Approximately, 60 percent is for hydrological assessment and engineering; 20 percent for flood management plan development; 5 percent for flood mapping; 7.5 percent for potable water study; and 7.5 percent for waste water study. Focus of study is to update and expand current FEMA flood maps, which were not adequately updated post-Hurricane Katrina, for this Gulf-front county in order to ensure proper rebuilding and new construction in this region.

Project Name: Gulf Coast Flood Elevation Study, Mobile County.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Dept. of Commerce, NOAA—Program Support, Operations, Research Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mobile County Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36644.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,000,000 to complete a Gulf Coast Flood Elevation Study in Mobile County, Alabama. Approximately, 45 percent is for flood elevation modeling; 20 percent for engineering and surveying; 20 percent for mapping; and 15 percent for administration, management, and quality assurance and control. This request is intended to aid in meeting the need for revised flood mapping in the coastal areas of Mobile County. Focus of study is to update and expand current FEMA flood maps, which were not adequately updated post-Hurricane Katrina, for this Gulf-front county in order to ensure proper rebuilding and new construction in this region.

Project Name: Zerometh Methamphetamine (METH) Campaign.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Dept. of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association.

Address of Requesting Entity: 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to fund marketing, production and media placement for the Alabama statewide ZEROMETH Public Awareness Campaign—an awareness effort aimed at teens to discourage METH use. Approximately, 50 percent will be used to create, film, photograph, edit and purchase three TV commercials, outdoor, radio and print ads and support staff; 30 percent will be used for media flights/buys in designated market areas of Alabama; 10 percent will be used for creation and production of ZEROMETH brochure, training DVD and distribution material, 5 percent will be used for monitoring, maintenance and update of ZEROMETH website; and 5 percent will be used for high school presentation materials, displays and interactive educational vehicles. Campaign will allow statewide deployment of the only meth awareness public health campaign in Alabama targeting teens and young adults in a state that is home to the most meth incidents among Gulf Coast states and that has seen an increase in local Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTO) trafficking of a more pure form of meth known as “ice.” This request will be supported in matching funds and contributions.

Project Name: Team Focus Youth Mentoring Program.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1105 Hillcrest Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36695.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for “Team Focus, Inc.,” a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to provide fatherless young men in southwest Alabama with leadership skills, guidance, spiritual and moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. In addition, Team Focus will host a model leadership camp training program uniquely designed to provide guidance and support to young men who do not have a father in their home; encourage young men in academics, athletics, social skills, and moral and spiritual values; develop leadership skills and teamwork; motivate boys to strive for higher positive goals and achieve victories; create a safe environment for young men to grow in society; and build support through work with families, teachers, counselors, and positive role models. This federal earmark will be combined with matching private contributions.

Project Name: Law Enforcement Technology, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1905 West 1st Street, Gulf Shores, Alabama 36547.

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 to provide wireless communications to police ve-

hicles and provide security cameras to public beach and park areas. Initial project request anticipated expenditures of 45 percent will be used for mobile units; 15 percent will be used for hand held units; 12 percent will be used for base units; 15 percent will be used for repeaters; 11 percent will be used for installation costs; and 2 percent will be used for permit/FCC licenses. Current communications equipment has serious coverage problems which poses a threat to officer safety and is not P-25 compliant, as required by the FCC by year 2013. Funding will also aid police in monitoring drug trafficking in this high traffic area. Gulf Shores, a city of 7,000, swells to well over 25,000 on weekdays and 75,000 to 100,000 on weekends, in the spring and summer months. The City of Gulf Shores will provide matching funds.

Project Name: Perdido Pass Inlet Study, Orange Beach, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA—Program Support Operations, Research and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Orange Beach.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 458, Orange Beach, Alabama.

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to fund a study to be used in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to implement recommended improvements to sand disposal around the navigation channel at Perdido Pass, located in Orange Beach, Alabama. The initial request anticipated expenditures of approximately 66 percent for economic and environmental analysis engineering, surveying, and modeling; 23 percent for environmental modeling and analysis; 10 percent for component integration. The City of Orange Beach itself has invested tens of millions of dollars to nourish and protect its Gulf-front and interior shorelines, which are often altered by hurricanes. The channel is used by local industry as well as for recreation. The study will develop and evaluate sand disposal practices in order to conserve and reuse sand that collects within the inlet for future renourishment. Proper sand management will also provide a source of fill material for environmental habitat protection.

Project Name: Runway 18/36 and Taxiway Rehabilitation, Mobile, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: THUD, FAA, Airport Improvement Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mobile Airport Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 8400 Airport Blvd., Mobile, Alabama 36608.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,900,000 through the Airport Improvement Program, implemented by the FAA, to rehabilitate and strengthen Runway (RW) 18/36 and its parallel Taxiway “R” (TW-R) at Mobile Regional Airport (MOB). Initial project request anticipated expenditures of 7 percent will be used for milling; 67 percent for asphalt; 2 percent for markings; 1 percent for grooving; 9 percent for shoulder redressing; 17 percent for engineering. The Mobile Airport Authority’s required cost share is secured. RW 18/36 and TW-R have begun unraveling, creating a safety hazard for aircraft traffic. Strengthening of

the surfaces is necessary to support the type of aircraft that will be taxiing across RW18/36 and on TW-R to access the aircraft maintenance and assembly complex located off TW-R. This project will be completed by adhering to all FAA standards for airport construction and development, and the Mobile Airport Authority will provide matching funds as needed.

Project Name: Atmore, Alabama Municipal Airport.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: THUD, FAA, Airport Improvement Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Atmore.

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 East Louisville Avenue, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,140,000 to upgrade and improve the Atmore Municipal Airport in Atmore, Alabama. Funding is to be used to provide renovations from hurricane-related losses during Hurricane Ivan in 2004; to improve airport safety zones; and to construct an additional access road to the airport which will provide direct access to the highway and open an additional 43 acres for industrial development. The City of Atmore has spent considerable amounts of its own resources to improve and diversify its local economy, and improvements to the airport will assist the City and region to attract industry to Atmore. This project is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Transportation-Airports account.

Project Name: US HWY 43 Lighting, Thomsville, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Federal HWY Administration, Transportation and Community and System Preservation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thomasville.

Address of Requesting Entity: 137 Adams Avenue, Thomasville, Alabama 36784.

Description of Request: Provide \$380,000 to provide lighting for U.S. Highway 43 in Thomsville, Clarke County, AL from mile marker 90 to mile marker 87. This commercial corridor in southwest Alabama is one of the most rapidly developing commercial and industrial areas between Mobile and Tuscaloosa, AL. Adequate lighting is needed to illuminate this area for safety and to encourage additional development. This area includes entrances to two industrial parks, a proposed medical center, Alabama Southern Community College, and the main thoroughfare to all of the City's schools and related facilities.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T).

Address of Receiving Entity: 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,425,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Buses and Bus Facilities account for CNG bus replacement by The T, Fort Worth, TX. The funding will be used to purchase coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T's fleet to be completed by October 31, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education (includes FIE).

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Ennis Independent School District.

Address of Receiving Entity: 303 W. Knox, Ennis, TX 75120.

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Elementary and Secondary Education (includes FIE) account for the Alternative Learning Center, Ennis ISD, Ennis, TX. The funding will be used to establish an alternative approach to education for some of its most needy students. The Alternative Learning Center (ALC) will provide flexible hours for students to take core academic subjects needed for graduation as well as to participate in a variety of work/study programs to be better prepared for the workforce.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE).

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Texas at Arlington.

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 South Nedderman Drive, Arlington, TX 76019.

Description of Request: I have secured \$143,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account for the University of Texas at Arlington Systems Engineering Testbed: Systems Engineering Learning and Research Reinvented. The funding will be used to provide a unique simulation environment for students to study, predict performance, and analyze changes prior to project implementation; provide access to systems engineering tools at various phases of a project lifecycle; and serve as a resource for systems engineers to utilize for training.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: EERE.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Texas at Arlington.

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 South Nedderman Drive, Arlington, TX 76019.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,403,463 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the EERE account for the Center for Renewable Energy, Science and Technology (CREST). The funding will be used to build state-of-the-art facilities at UT Arlington. This funding will enable CREST researchers to fully explore National energy objectives by studying (1) alternative energy technologies, including clean coal, biomass feedstock, solar photovoltaic de-

vices, wind, and fuel cells; (2) cost-effective delivery of energy for both vehicles and electric power generation via optimal planning and management of hydrogen distribution and power grid integration; and (3) intelligent energy decision-making, including power monitoring, environmental, and economic issues.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Arlington.

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76004-3231.

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology account for the City of Arlington, TX. The funding will be used to purchase interoperable communications equipment and to help equip a secure, integrated Police, Fire, and Transportation preparedness and emergency response center in Arlington's Entertainment District (Texas Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Six Flags Over Texas, the Arlington Convention Center, the GloryPark development and the Dallas Cowboys Stadium Complex).

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Arlington.

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76004-3231.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,914,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Corps of Engineers, Construction account for Johnson Creek, City of Arlington, TX. The funding will be used to reduce flood damage, stabilize Johnson Creek's streambed and stream valley, restore riparian areas and wildlife habitats, mitigate and prevent silt accumulation, improve water quality and provide an important recreational amenity that traverses the entire City of Arlington.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Facilities and Equipment (FAA).

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Arlington.

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76004-3231.

Description of Request: I have secured \$963,300 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Facilities and Equipment (FAA) account for the Medium Approach Lighting System, Arlington Municipal Airport, Arlington, TX. The funding will be used for construction and installation of a Medium Approach Lighting System at the Arlington Municipal Airport to supplement and enhance the existing Instrument Landing System (1LS) for Runway 34.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Account: Economic Development Initiatives.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Address of Receiving Entity: 505 East Border, Arlington, TX 76010.

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Economic Development Initiatives account for the Center for Innovation. The funding will be used to complete The Center for Innovation at Arlington, TX.

### INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a letter to the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, the Honorable JOHN OLVER, and the Honorable DAVE OBEY from myself and Chairwoman CORRINE BROWN regarding infrastructure enhancement projects included in the economic stimulus bill and the potential impact on existing utility infrastructure.

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 12, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Office of the Speaker, H-232, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JOHN OLVER,  
Chairman, Trans-HUD Subcommittee, Room  
2358-A, Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC.

Hon. DAVE OBEY,  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee, H-  
218, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR COLLEAGUES: As the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, we wanted to take this opportunity to bring to your attention a serious issue impacting utility infrastructure and ratepayers.

The economic stimulus bill that we are debating directs billion of dollars toward infrastructure enhancement projects—with a significant portion allocated for highway construction. As is common with highway projects, their construction may require the relocation of existing utility infrastructure located within the existing public right-of-way or adjacent to the right-of-way, including natural gas distribution pipelines and power lines (both overhead and underground). With the substantial increase in federal funding provided by the stimulus package to states, counties and cities for highway projects, it is our understanding that utilities want to make sure that their customers are not asked to absorb major new and unforeseen costs.

As you may know, the current blueprint for how natural gas and electric utilities are reimbursed for these relocation costs is not uniform. Some states have laws or policies that allow for federal highway funds to be used to cover all or a portion of the costs of relocation. However, in many states, utilities are not reimbursed and these costs are ultimately borne by utility ratepayers. These increased costs to ratepayers could potentially negatively impact the goals of the stimulus package by creating a de facto "economic stimulus bill" surcharge in their utility rates.

Additionally, pipeline and power line relocation associated with highway construction are often hampered by a lack of coordination and communication between the highway authorities and utilities. This can result in project delays and interruption of utility service. With the large number of projects that will be funded by the stimulus, there is a need for an effective consultative process under which utility companies and highway project managers would discuss and can reach agreement on construction scheduling. Such

a process would allow all parties to discuss the timing of construction and relocation and secure the availability of labor and material so that the projects funded by the stimulus bill can advance expeditiously.

Let's make these taxpayer dollars work effectively by ensuring that highway infrastructure projects not only proceed in a coordinated and efficient manner but also allow utilities to be fairly reimbursed.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to working with you to advance the economy of our country while protecting the interests of taxpayers and utility rate payers.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
Member of Congress.  
CORRINE BROWN,  
Member of Congress.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Description of Request: Provide \$266,000 for Sustainable Agriculture: Expanding and Refining the Ecosystem Base (Sustainable Agriculture). The funding will be used for research to assist farmers on sustainable agriculture practices to help farmers manage their crops for excellent yields, while reducing fertilizer and pesticide use and stemming nutrient losses to ground and surface water. Approximately, \$385,000 is for salaries of 11 researchers; \$15,000 is for travel expenses; \$10,000 is for farmer stipends; \$25,000 is for materials and supplies; and \$65,000 is for communication and outreach. Michigan State University expects to leverage at least \$150,000 in state, local, and private funds.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Description of Request: Provide \$346,000 for Phytophthora Capsici research. The funding will be used for researching this fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes plants to rot. This funding will go towards salaries of researchers, laboratory and field equipment, travel expenses, and publication or results. This program receives other federal/state/local/industry funding.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Description of Request: Provide \$346,000 for Controlling Fire Blight Disease of Apple Trees. The funding will be used for research to develop blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies to combat this disease. Approximately, \$148,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personnel and \$36,000 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University (MSU) has obtained funding from the Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the fire blight research at MSU at a level of \$52,500 in FY09.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Description of Request: Provide \$147,000 for Improving the Sustainable Production of Specialty Crops (Improved Fruit Practices). The funding will be used for research to assist growers in producing high quality fruit, dry beans, and sugar beets with environmentally sound, safe, and effective pest control methods and management approaches. Approximately, \$131,440 is for salaries and expenses and the remainder is for lab maintenance and equipment. In addition to the federal funds provided by this grant, this research is supported by personnel, equipment, and facilities funded by the Michigan agricultural Experiment Station and Michigan State University Extension.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Natural Resources Conservation—Conservation Operations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Great Lakes Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791.

Description of Request: Provide \$404,000 for the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control. This funding will protect and improve Great Lakes water quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation; limiting the input of associated nutrients and toxic contaminants; and minimizing off-site sources of damage to harbors, streams, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational facilities and the Basin's system of public works.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Our Community's Children.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for extending the length of summer after-school programming and expand after-school programs that serve high school youth.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.  
Description of Request: Provide \$1,195,000 for the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plans to help states and local communities plan and implement contaminated sediment remediation projects in Great Lakes Areas of Concern.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction.  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.  
Description of Request: Provide funding for the Electric Dispersal Barrier on the Chicago Ship & Sanitary Canal. This barrier is intended to keep aquatic invasive species from entering into the Great Lakes from the canal. This request received two line items: \$5,750,000 for the first dispersal barrier and \$500,000 for the second barrier.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction.  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,157,000 for the Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration program. The Great Lakes sustain a nationally and internationally significant fishery that has been degraded by habitat losses, contamination, and invasive species. Under this program, the Corps will coordinate with other federal, state, and local agencies and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to plan, implement, and evaluate projects supporting the restoration of the fishery, ecosystem, and beneficial uses of the Great Lakes. This program is an important component of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Dept of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Grand Rapids.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave., NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Description of Request: Provide \$142,725 for installation of a green roof. The roof will be installed on the City Building and demonstrate to a wide audience the energy savings and best practices for maintenance.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services.  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Michigan St., NE., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Description of Request: Provide \$190,000 for the Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic and Pediatric Infusion Center. Approximately 80 percent of the funds will be used for purchasing equipment and 20 percent for technology information services.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services.  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metro Health.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5900 Byron Center Ave., SW., Wyoming, MI 49519.

Description of Request: Provide \$95,000 for an electronic medical records initiative.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 68th Street SE; PO BOX 165, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

Description of Request: Provide \$285,000 for an electronic medical records initiative. Approximately, 33 percent of the funding will be used to purchase servers and a storage device for data system; 33 percent will be used to purchase software; and 33 percent will be used for redundant data lines.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Avenue NW., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Separation Improvements. The City of Grand Rapids has invested \$200 million to separate combined sewers over the last decade.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Belding, Dial-a-Ride.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Depot Street, Belding, MI 48809.

Description of Request: Provide \$99,560 for the City of Belding's Dial-a-Ride. This funding will help the Dial-a-Ride acquire a new heating and cooling system for the Pere Marquette Depot, where their dispatch center is located. It will also help fund exterior lights and a fire suppression system at their garage. There is a 20 percent local share from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ionia, Dial-a-Ride.

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Adams Street, Ionia, Michigan, 48846.

Description of Request: Provide \$216,000 for the City of Ionia's Dial-a-Ride. This funding will help the Dial-a-Ride replace two vehicles at a cost of \$128,000, in addition to enhancing the Technology and Interconnectivity between the Dial-a-Ride facility and Ionia City Government offices by utilizing fiber optic technology. The remainder of the funding will go towards this technology improvement. There is a 20 percent local share from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation—Capital Investment Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Rapid.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Ellsworth Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503

Description of Request: Provide \$600,000 for The Rapid's South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. Funding will be used for the preliminary design, engineering and environmental work for the development of the BRT project. There is a 20 percent state/local match.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation—Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: Grand Region Office, 1420 Front Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,800,000 for the construction of a rail spur, switch, and station for relocating the Amtrak rail line and station into the Rapid Central Station, the main public transportation hub in Grand Rapids. This project has a 10 percent local/state match.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Economic Development Initiatives.  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kent County Convention Arena Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: 303 Monroe Avenue, NW., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503.

Description of Request: Provide \$142,500 for the planning, design and construction of an outdoor amphitheater and support facilities at Millennium Park.

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TRIBUTE TO "BLACK CROSSROADS: THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN MIAMI"

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**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commemorate the grand opening of the historic exhibition, Black Crossroads: The African Diaspora in Miami. The exhibit, which will be on display at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida from March 5, 2009 to January 24, 2010, depicts the diverse groups of the African Diaspora who have come to settle, work and struggle for freedom in Miami since its incorporation in 1896 to the present day.

Celebrating the diversity and richness, Black Crossroads: The African Diaspora in Miami explores the enduring presence and impact of African-Americans, Africans, black Caribbeans, and black Hispanics in Miami. The many significant political, economic and cultural contributions are shown through historic photographs, oral histories, memorabilia, film/video, and artifacts. These contributions will be related to black pioneers, families, laborers, communities, and organizations spanning over 100 years of history of black migrations to Miami.

Black Crossroads: The African Diaspora in Miami documents an important aspect of Miami's cultural history, and bring this vital information together in one place and at one time for the people of South Florida. I applaud the Historical Museum of Southern Florida for displaying this exhibit for all to see.

I also commend Dr. Joanne Hyppolite, the Chief Curator at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, for her achievements and successes with the Black Crossroads: The African Diaspora in Miami thus far. Dr. Hyppolite has strived to show a clear reflection of what Miami has always been: a meeting point for intersections of many members of the African Diaspora since as far back as the 1800s. The exhibit also shows Miami's importance as a popular southern migration site for blacks from the Upper South, Northern Florida and the Caribbean.

I am pleased to join all those in attendance at the opening of the exhibition in wishing the Historical Museum of Southern Florida and Dr.

Hyppolite continued success in preserving and promoting an awareness of the diverse groups of the African Diaspora in Miami. Educating the public with a broader perspective of the traditions and struggles many have faced in their efforts to be treated as equal citizens will assure that generations to come will have access to objects and photographs that will enable them to contextualize life in Miami.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
GILBERTO "JOE CUBA" CALDERON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to my dear friend Gilberto Calderon who recently passed away. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years in music, etched his name in history as Joe Cuba, "Father of Latin Boogaloo."

The death of Joe Cuba on February 15, 2009, brought immense sorrow and loss to his family and friends, and to the countless fans and individuals associated with Latin Rhythms and Salsa in the music world. The salsa band leader was famed for weaving a fluid and bilingual mix of musical influences dubbed "The Boogaloo."

Born Gilberto Calderon in 1931 in New York to a family from Puerto Rico, the band leader and conga player helped change the sound of salsa in the 1960s. Until then, most popular salsa had been played by orchestras. But Cuba led a six-member band with three singers who also played percussion and danced a routine.

He had a dynamic group with a signature vibraphone-fronted sound that caused a craze because it was different. Albums such as 1966's *Bang! Bang! Push, Push, Push* incorporated elements of salsa, Latin jazz and R&B and featured lyrics in both English and Spanish.

Joe Cuba's music career started with La Alfarona X in 1950. In 1955 the Joe Cuba Sextet came into being and his vibra-harp sound caught on. In 1962, when the group recorded "To Be with You" for Seeco Records, the band began to soar to popularity because of Nick Jimenez's arrangements and the vocals of Cheo Feliciano and Jimmy Sabater.

When the boogaloo era arrived, the majority of the popular New York bands were put out of work. The Cuba sound changed with its recordings of "El Pito" and "Bang Bang." He not only sold millions but enabled The Cuba Sextet to enjoy the No. 1 spot in the Latin music world along with the Eddie Palmieri Orchestra for years to come.

The musician, a friend and contemporary of the late salsa giant Tito Puente, was an extraordinary man who lived a life of achievement which advanced a music that was at the forefront of the Nuyorican movement. Through these melodies brought by America's last citizens, the children of Puerto Rican emigrants, evolved new culture, arts, and politics.

Joe Cuba will be long remembered for his extraordinary commitment, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle, and clear purpose which won the admiration of all who were privileged to come to know and work with him during his distinguished career in and around music. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration.

Madam Speaker, rather than mourn his passing, I hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Joe Cuba by remembering that he exemplified greatness in every way.

RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA'S  
32ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize California's 32nd Congressional District, which I have had the privilege to have represented for the last 8 years in Congress and which I am proud to call home.

I am proud that my six siblings and I were raised in La Puente. Like many, my parents sacrificed throughout our childhood so my siblings and I could live up to our potential to achieve whatever our talents would allow. Like other families throughout the San Gabriel Valley, my parents instilled in my siblings and me the value of hard work, public service and commitment to family. For most of my adult life I have continued to live in the San Gabriel Valley, calling El Monte home.

California's 32nd Congressional District is a culturally diverse district where residents live and work together as a community to ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve success and dreams for their families. The communities in the 32nd Congressional District include: the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, Rosemead, South El Monte, West Covina, and portions of Monterey Park and East Los Angeles.

During my time in Congress I was proud to have been the first Latina on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where I served as Vice Chair of the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee and as Ranking Member during my tenure, and was a member of its Health and Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittees. I also had the privilege to serve on the House Natural Resources Committee, the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, and the House Education and Labor Committee. In addition, I held several leadership positions, including being the first Latina to chair the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. I also chaired the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Task Force on Health and the Environment where I spearheaded annual summits across the country on racial and ethnic health disparities.

Throughout my career in public service I worked hard to improve the lives of families by focusing on expanding access to affordable health care, protecting the environment, and job creation. In Congress I have won legisla-

tive victories to provide workforce training for green collar jobs; authorized a Federal study on ways to improve recreational and environmental opportunities for the San Gabriel River Watershed; removed barriers to U.S. citizenship for non-U.S. citizens serving in the U.S. military and reserves; banned pesticide testing on pregnant women and children; helped ensure health care access for Latinos suffering from HIV/AIDS; and promote domestic violence awareness, particularly in communities of color.

I want to thank the residents of California's 32nd Congressional District for electing me to represent them in Congress. I have served during some of the most trying times in California's history, and have worked to help build a better future for our State and country. It has been a privilege to serve and represent the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles in the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 8 years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my family, especially my parents, Raul and Juana Solis, my husband, and my sisters and brothers for all of their support over the years. They have always believed in me, and have been my source of strength and teachers of the commitment to justice, equality and public service. To my extended family, those I have worked alongside with both in California, thank you for your commitment to public service and justice, and your loyalty.

I also want to thank you, Madam Speaker, all of my colleagues in the House, and in particular California's Congressional delegation. I have enjoyed working with you all during my time in Congress, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with you to build a better country. Thank you and God Bless.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND  
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, delaying the DTV transition will do nothing more than increase spending and will jeopardize our public safety infrastructure. It will require that we spend another \$650 million, and it won't move a single person off the wait list for converter boxes.

In fact, the fund for converter box coupons is not depleted. Only half of the \$1.5 billion in the program has been spent. With a simple legislative change, we could immediately resume sending coupons without delaying the transition process.

Worse still, delaying the transition will jeopardize the spectrum needed by public safety officials for interoperable communication systems—the same vital spectrum requested 5 years before 9/11 that has still not been made available 14 years later.

Let's take immediate steps to eliminate the current back-log of digital converter-box requests to ensure a successful DTV transition on February 17th, and finally pave the way for 21st century communications systems public safety professionals desperately need.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. IRA C. CLARK

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mr. Ira C. Clark, a beloved community leader, public servant and champion of health care in my district, who recently passed away after a long and arduous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Clark, a native of New Jersey raised by his mother a teacher and his father a taxi cab driver, served as the president and CEO of Public Health/Jackson Memorial Hospital for 15 years. As Jackson Memorial Hospital's first black president and as a result of his extraordinary accomplishments, he became one of the most powerful minority executives in South Florida.

Having dedicated his tenure at Jackson Memorial Hospital to the development of innovative healthcare programs, Mr. Clark constantly strove to provide accessibility to the highest quality medical care for the disenfranchised and destitute families of South Florida.

Mr. Clark's efforts led to the introduction of The Jackson Health System, which provides a corporate identity for the official framework governing a system now composed of 12 primary care centers, two medical long-term facilities, four school based clinics, a maternity hospital, and a community hospital all dedicated to providing exceptional standards of medical care. Moreover, Mr. Clark spearheaded the creation of the Ryder Trauma Center, as well as the Taylor Breast Health Center and the Diagnostic Treatment Center.

Among Mr. Clark's remarkable achievements, his greatest was securing a half-penny sales tax approved by Miami-Dade County residents to raise funds for Jackson Memorial Hospital. In his 1991 Miami Herald op-ed piece, Mr. Clark stated, "Jackson Memorial Hospital is starving. It desperately needs resources in its battle against children's diseases, trauma, AIDS, and the health problems of Dade County's neediest people. Jackson needs a dependable, non political source of funding. The half-penny sales tax is a step in the right direction." Mr. Clark's dedication to the betterment of Florida's Medicaid system and quality services to both rich and poor, AIDS patients and trauma victims remained strong throughout the tenure of his professional career.

Following his retirement, Mr. Clark offered a self-assessment to the Miami Times: "There's no question that Jackson Memorial Hospital today has come a long way under my leadership. I arrived in 1987 focused on issues related to funding and overcrowding. I sought out to secure a steady source funding to fix the hospital's financial problems and decompress the main hospital. I brought with me an unquestionable passion and commitment to single high standard of care that has remained the trademark of my leadership."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Ira C. Clark. I commend him for his service to the South Florida community and the healthcare system, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, The FY 09 Omnibus Appropriation Act:

1. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Western Center for Food Safety: The FDA Western Center for Food Safety is a proposed cooperative partnership between FDA, the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS), and the University of California at Davis that will enhance FDA's critical food safety and food defense mission by building collaborative links between FDA scientists and WIFSS/UC Davis' established programs in food safety research, higher education, food defense, and on-farm training of safe food production practices. Funding the FDA Western Center for Food Safety at UC Davis is an excellent opportunity to strengthen all aspects of food safety and defense for United States consumers.

Grantee Legal Name: University of California at Davis.

Grantee Address: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

Local Contact Name/Title: Marjorie M. Dickenson, Assistant Vice Chancellor.

Federal Nexus of Project: Currently, the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition has three well-established Centers of Excellence addressing other components of food safety: the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition ([www.jifsan.umd.edu](http://www.jifsan.umd.edu)), at the University of Maryland; the National Center for Food Safety and Technology ([www.foodsafety.iit.edu/food\\_safety.htm](http://www.foodsafety.iit.edu/food_safety.htm)) near Chicago; and the National Center for Natural Products Research, at the University of Mississippi (<http://www.olemiss.edu/idepts/ncnpr>). Our proposed FDA Western Center for Food Safety will complement these affiliated organizations by providing FDA with strong technical and scientific support for pre- and post-harvest food safety, microbial and chemical detection and food defense research, technology transfer to the agricultural sector, and on-farm training and outreach to plant and animal agricultural producers that comprise our expansive food production systems of California and the Western United States.

(\$1,399,000).

2. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Commerce, Folsom Emergency Operations Center: This project will expand the crucial capabilities of the Folsom EOC to function for both the City of Folsom and as the Alternative County Site. Best practices highlight the importance of having redundant emergency management capacity to ensure a balanced strategy for handling emergencies.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Homeland security is a stated top priority for the Administration and Congress. The Folsom EOC is a vital local, regional, and national link in our country's homeland security strategy and efforts.

Folsom is uniquely situated in Northern California and the western United States in terms of needs and capabilities to provide top level EOC facilities. The Folsom Lake Dam is the primary flood control facility for the Sacramento region as well as a primary electricity producer. The City of Folsom is uniquely situated as a gatekeeper to the security of the state capital in Sacramento, the greater western United States for management of the two major power grid control centers (ISO and WAPA) and the home of one of Intel's major facilities, employing over 6500 citizens. The City of Folsom is the first responder to the Dam, WAPA, ISO and important regional and national employers.

(\$500,000).

3. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam—Additional Authorization: This additional authorization will permit funding that would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this additional authorization would be commensurate with the funding necessary for project completion.

Language: "The bill includes language increasing the cost ceiling for the Folsom, California Bridge."

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers.

4. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam. The funding would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, additional authorization commensurate with this funding request is necessary.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$1,000,000).

5. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Outlet Modifications: The funding would be used to develop and evaluate feasible alternatives to the Corps outlet modifications design. The partners have selected an integrated design which would include a gated auxiliary spillway in place of the river outlet gate enlargement.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$9,000,000).

6. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Raise (American River Plan): The funding would be used to continue coordinated design of the Folsom Dam Raise Project as part of the integrated Joint Federal Project.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$1,000,000).

7. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Calaveras—Cosgrove Creek Flood Control Project. This project will target one of the most flood-prone areas of Calaveras County, and is needed to protect lives and property in the communities of Valley Springs, La Contenta, and Rancho Calaveras.

Grantee Legal Name: County of Calaveras.  
Grantee Address: 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers. Cosgrove Creek is a tributary to the Calaveras River, a navigable water. Calaveras County is designated by FEMA as eligible for Federal assistance for severe storms and flooding.

Priority U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Under Section 205: Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection.

8. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, American River Common Features: The funding would be used for design and construction of the remaining improvements identified in WRDA 96 and WRDA 99 which includes levee widening near Jacobs Lane, levee raising between Howe Avenue and Watt Avenue, levee strengthening near the confluence of the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal/American River, addressing seepage around utilities, and for continued work on the American River Common Features General Re-evaluation Report.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Section 101(a) WRDA 1996 (P.L. 104-303), as modified by Section 366 of WRDA 1999 (P.L. 106-53), as further modified by Section 129 of P.L. 108-137, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill of 2004.

(\$13,000,000).

9. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, South Sacramento Streams Group: The funding would be used to extend the project upstream along Elder Creek, Unionhouse Creek and construct levee improvements to 3300-feet of railroad embankment protecting several hundred homes. In addition, design efforts will continue so that construction can occur in 2010 further reducing flood risk to residences along the various streams.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Section 101(a)(8) WRDA 1999, P.L. 106-53. (\$12,000,000).

10. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Sacramento River Bank Protection Project: The funding would be used to allow 5,000-7,000 feet of bank to be protected along the Sacramento River reducing flood risk to the area. Unless continued corrective measures are taken, levee failures may occur with resultant catastrophic damage and possible loss of many lives.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Flood Control Act of 1960 (P.L. 86-645), The River Basin Monetary Authorization Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-251), and Joint Resolution of Congress in 1983 (P.L. 97-377).

(\$22,967,000).

11. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Interior & Environment, City of Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade: The City of Galt is required to upgrade treatment levels (no expansion of capacity) for five constituents and to meet new limits for an additional 14 constituents to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the WWTP. The existing WWTP was not designed to meet most of the new standards, and therefore must be upgraded. The City must comply with the new requirements in the NPDES permit by May 2010 or face significant monthly fines.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Galt.

Grantee Address: 495 Industrial Drive Galt, CA 95632.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Gregg L. Halladay, P.E./Director of Public Works / (209) 366-7260.

Federal Nexus of Project: The City of Galt is being forced to upgrade their existing wastewater treatment facility as a result of increased Federal water quality mandates. Therefore, the City is requesting Federal funds to help offset the high costs of design and construction of the improvements required to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment facility to comply with these Federal water quality mandates.

(\$275,000).

12. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Amador County State Route 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project: The purpose of this project is to construct highway widening or a bypass through or around the community of Pine Grove. State Route 88 is the major corridor providing access through Amador County to the Eldorado National Forest, Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Toiyabe National Forest.

Grantee Legal Name: Amador County Transportation Commission.

Grantee Address: 11400 American Legion Drive, Jackson, CA 95642.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Charles Field, Executive Director (209) 267-2282.

Federal Nexus of Project: Funding under the Public Lands Highways Program is available "for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of the highways . . . within, adjacent to, or provides access to" Federal lands or facilities." State Route 88 is the major corridor providing access through Amador County to the Eldorado National Forest, Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Toiyabe National Forest. In addition, an increasing amount of traffic is accessing Kirkwood Ski Resort, which operates in conjunction with the USFS.

(\$180,500).

13. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Citrus Heights—Infrastructure Reinvestment for Federal ADA Compliance: Disability access is limited in several identified locations throughout the City, and the City has been and continues to be the subject of lawsuits from advocates in the disability rights community. This funding will cover the cost of new ADA-compliant infrastructure.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Citrus Heights.  
Grantee Address: 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

Federal Nexus of Project: Federal ADA Compliance.

(\$142,500).

14. Daniel E. Lungren, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Rancho Cordova—International Drive Extension/Folsom South Canal Bridge: The International Drive Extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge project will construct a new six-lane extension of International Drive from Kilgore Road to Sunrise Boulevard. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Rancho Cordova.

Grantee Address: 2729 Prospect Park Drive; Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Federal Nexus of Project: There is a strong federal nexus for this appropriations request. A major obstacle for the road extension is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Folsom South Canal. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south. Federal funds are requested as mitigation to this federally-owned obstruction that restricts access to job centers, education, shopping, and public transit. This project will allow all members of the community—regardless of what portion of Rancho Cordova they live in—the opportunity to cross the Folsom South Canal barrier at International Drive and gain access to opportunities on both sides of the canal.

(\$237,500).<sup>1</sup>

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. 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—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Project: Sam Rayburn Lake Twin Dikes Operations & Maintenance

Account: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Requesting Entity: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Ft. Worth District

Address of Requesting Entity: 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

This is the second year I've requested funding to repair the Twin Dikes Park marine launching complex since its collapse due to Hurricane Rita, erosion, and excessive wave action. Unfortunately, the Corps has a backlog of maintenance on some of the most widely used recreational facilities at Lake Sam Rayburn. In addition to this project, I continue to support the U.S. Corps of Engineers annual request for funding to operate and maintain the lakes, and other water resources of East and Southeast Texas.

The \$6,138,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to perform annual operations and maintenance of the Sam Rayburn

Reservoir (\$5,775,000) and to begin rehabilitation of the marine launching complex at Twin Dikes Park (\$363,000).

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

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

Project: Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Program

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Requesting Entity: Pulmonary Hypertension Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910

I have supported strengthening Pulmonary Hypertension education for over ten years; and for this reason and for the second year in a row, I have requested funding to strengthen and continue a successful partnership between the non-profit Hypertension Association and the Centers for Disease Control. PH is a serious and often fatal condition where the blood pressure in the lungs rises to dangerously high levels. In PH patients the walls of the arteries that take blood from the right side of the heart to the lungs thicken and constrict. As a result, the right side of the heart has to pump harder to move blood into the lungs, causing it to enlarge and ultimately fail.

This request would allow the partners to continue to develop a pulmonary hypertension awareness program to better educate the medical community and the public about the disease, and lead to earlier diagnosis and longer life spans.

The \$238,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to continue two components in the fight against pulmonary hypertension: the PHA Online University, a curriculum-based website for medical professionals, and a significant expansion of PHAware, a grassroots media campaign. Together these activities will enhance general public and medical professional awareness of pulmonary hypertension and lead to earlier diagnosis and appropriate treatment of individuals who have the disease.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

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

Project: SHSU Regional Crime Lab

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Requesting Entity: Sam Houston State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1803 Avenue I, Huntsville, TX 77341

Established last year with my support, fiscal year 2009 funding for the Regional Crime Lab at Sam Houston State University will allow it to become operational. Law enforcement agencies in rural communities experience long waits and backlogs when requesting services from major cities like Houston. This request allows Sam Houston State University—one of the nation's foremost criminal justice universities—to use its expertise in forensic science to begin operations of the Rural Crime Laboratory started with funding I secured last year. This lab will provide services to local law enforcement such as identification of controlled substances, toxicology screening and finger print matching. The lab will be able to service communities in a 75-mile wide area.

The \$800,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to staff the SHSU Re-

gional Crime Lab and make it operational for serving regional law enforcement agencies. Specific budget items include: salaries and benefits for laboratory staff (\$547,800); lab supplies (\$11,558); subcontracts for staff training (\$27,000) and indirect cost amounting to \$213,642.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

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

Project: I-69 Improvements

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities, Interstate 69, Texas

Requesting Entity: I-69 Texas Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Smith, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002

This requested funding will allow for additional required environmental studies needed to upgrade several US highways in the region. This request—is not part of the now dead Trans Texas Corridor—provides funding for the continuation of the long-planned project involving segments of US 59, 77 and 281. Since 1991, efforts have been made to improve these routes to Interstate standards to meet the higher demand of increased traffic. These highway segments have been identified by Congress as a high priority; by upgrading the existing highways to Interstate standards we will increase motorist safety and regional mobility in the increasingly busy Houston and East Texas region.

The \$617,500 included in this bill will go to the Texas Department of Transportation to continue planning, design, and development of segments of US Highway 59 to Interstate standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

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

Project: Big Thicket Land Acquisition

Account: National Park Service, Land Acquisition

Requesting Entity: The Conservation Fund, Texas Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 West 6th Street, Suite 601, Austin, TX 78701

The Big Thicket National Preserve is one of America's ecological treasures. It is an unusually shaped preserve whose boundaries include land once owned by major timber companies. When funded in full, this represents the final year in a seven year land acquisition program. This request enables the National Park Service to acquire critical land within the congressionally authorized boundary of the Big Thicket National Preserve to diversify the economic potential of southeast Texas through increased tourism opportunities. This project works only with voluntary, "willing-seller" landowners.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill for this project will allow the National Park Service to buy approximately 500 acres of land on eight tracts currently held by the Conservation Fund acquired from willing sellers or by voluntary donation.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
QUARTER FEATURING THE LIKENESS OF DUKE ELLINGTON

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House to join me in commemorating yet another honor for Edward Kennedy Duke Ellington, born 1899, in the District of Columbia, who has left us musical gifts that are so timeless they have proved perpetually modern. The new honor for Duke Ellington that we celebrate is his likeness at his piano that appears on the new District of Columbia circulating quarter formally introduced today and placed in a map with other coins that represent our union. Duke Ellington is only the second African American to appear on a circulating coin.

For the residents of the District of Columbia, this honor for Duke Ellington is special indeed. His values, his study of music, and his musical genius were shaped from the beginning of his life in the Shaw community and in the D.C. public schools until, as a grown man, he pursued his star-studded musical career and became one of the world's most celebrated band leaders and composers. D.C. residents themselves selected Duke Ellington, and many witnessed him help establish the entertainment corridor on U Street as a major venue for African-American entertainers when the District of Columbia was a segregated city that did not permit Black people to attend or to perform elsewhere in the nation's capital. Ellington was my personal favorite for the D.C. quarter not only because he was a native son, but also because for many years, we in the city have been trying to correct the notion that D.C. is only a "government town," making it clear that we have been a hometown since 1801. The District has become a city with some of the best theater, entertainment and sports in the country, and now features an annual week-long Duke Ellington Jazz, Festival, fast becoming one of the best known in the country. The truth is that Ellington is as representative of his home town as George Washington is of official Washington. The Duke sends the message that hometown, homegrown residents are making and have always made important contributions to our country and to the world.

To celebrate the Duke's coin, we kicked off Duke Ellington Week today with a celebration of D.C.'s new quarter at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, where the African American Museum is temporarily housed and has mounted the Scurlock Exhibition of photographs of Black Washingtonians, including Ellington. The celebration featured a presentation of the quarter by U.S. Mint Director Edmund Moy, and the placement in the coin map.

Ellington week activities will continue Wednesday, Feb. 25, at THEARC, with a "Celebration of Black History Month, the Arts, and the Duke Ellington Commemorative Quarter," featuring Edward and April Ellington, Duke Ellington's son and daughter, the Ellington School of the Arts School jazz band, and the Washington Ballet, and later on Wednesday, a concert, "Sophisticated Lady: An Evening with Denyce Graves," at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to raise funds

for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, the famous soprano's alma mater.

During a lifetime of recognition of his unique musical genius, Ellington received 13 Grammys over 40 years, the Pied Piper award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in 1968, and honorary doctoral degrees from 16 institutions. He received the nation's highest honors, including the President's Gold Medal in 1966, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1969, the highest honor a civilian can receive in the United States. After his death on May 24, 1974, Western High School in Washington, D.C. was renamed the Duke Ellington High School for the Performing Arts. The school is one of the most renowned in the nation for its excellence in all the arts.

Jazz, America's singular indigenous art form, owes its greatness to a handful of men and women, none more so than Duke Ellington, the Renaissance man of music—composer, musician, band leader, the full package. Today, we add a crowning honor with the city's own circulating quarter bearing the Duke's image. Now our native son, a musical genius already honored the world over for his artistic achievements, will have a lasting image on his nation's currency to remind the world that his hometown, the District of Columbia, nurtured the musical genius of Edward Kennedy Duke Ellington.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS.

Bill number: H.R. 1105.

The Account: Agriculture Salaries and Expenses.

Requesting Entity: National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center NCERC at 400 University Park Dr. in Edwardsville, IL.

Funding would go to ensure that the NCERC remains capable of validating new cellulosic technologies and to accelerate commercialization. NCERC will be able to find more uses for agricultural products in renewable fuels and lessen our reliance on foreign oil. NCERC is an established research center of excellence in this field.

The Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Jasper County Sheriff Department at 106 E. Morgan St. in Newton, Illinois.

Funding to provide new radios that will allow the sheriffs office complete interoperability between first responders in Jasper County.

The Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Shelby County Sheriff Department at 151 N. Morgan St. in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Funding to provide new radios that will allow the sheriffs office complete interoperability between first responders in Shelby County.

The Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Jasper County Unit 1 School District at 609 S. Lafayette St. in Newton, IL.

Funding to provide a new camera security system for Jasper County schools to help secure the schools.

The Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Marion County Sheriff Department at 204 N. Washington St. in Salem, Illinois.

Funding for new digital fingerprinting machine to make sheriffs booking process more efficient and allow for easier access to database.

The Account: Energy & Water, General Investigations.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding for a deficiency correction study to investigate solutions such as rehabilitation-replacement of existing relief wells and the construction of additional relief wells at the Prairie DuPont Levee.

The Account: Energy & Water, General Investigations.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding for this project, also referred to as the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program, this project will provide for the first phases of construction of new 1,200 foot lock chambers at L/Ds 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, LaGrange and Peoria; implement small-scale navigation aids; and begin ecosystem restoration projects along the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway.

The Account: Energy & Water, Construction General.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding to continue projects which are vital to the ecological restoration of the Upper Mississippi River, including island construction, habitat creation and long-term monitoring.

The Account: Energy & Water, Construction General.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding for this project will go to develop the correct design deficiencies and assure that the Chain of Rocks levee will withstand a 500-year flood. The deficiency correction includes the installation of relief wells, construction of levee berms, a pump station, relocations, and mitigation. The levee protects a major urban area.

The Account: Energy & Water, Construction General.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding for the project in East St. Louis to provide flood protection to 200,000 residents and over \$1 billion in economic value. The flood control project is aged and requires rehabilitation to provide a thorough level of protection.

The Account: Energy & Water, Construction General.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding that can be used to initiate design work for the Maryville, Illinois, project. This

project authority covers communities in Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, including East St. Louis, Belleville, Glen Carbon, Maryville, and Collinsville. The communities of the region rely heavily on combined sewer systems, some of which exceed 100 years of performance. Problems created by this compromised infrastructure impact the health, water quality, and economic development potential of the area.

The Account: Energy & Water, Construction General.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding for this project at Wood River goes to replacing 163 of 170 existing relief wells and installing 60 new relief wells as a deficiency correction under the existing project authorization. Additional reconstruction/replacement is proposed for various components of 26 closure structures, 38 gravity drains, and 7 pump stations.

The Account: Energy & Water, O&M.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding will be used to operate and maintain Carlyle Lake. This lake provides flood control, water quality control, and water supply to nearby communities; recreation; fish and wildlife conservation; and is authorized to augment navigation flows downstream on the Kaskaskia River. The lake offers 3 marinas, 18 public boat ramps, a sailboat harbor, 4 beaches, 5 campgrounds, and a visitor center; numerous outlying areas provide a variety of opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. The Project includes a State Resort with hotel, cabins, restaurant and conference center and two State Parks, one of which offers overnight cottages, a swimming pool, and a restaurant/store. Large sub-impoundment dams, managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, are located at the northern end of the lake and are flooded each fall, providing excellent hunting opportunities.

The Account: Energy & Water, O&M.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding at Lake Shelbyville to be used to provide flood control, water supply, recreation, conservation of fish and wildlife, and water quality control and augments navigation flows downstream on the Kaskaskia River. The lake extends northeastward to approximately river mile 275 through Shelby, Moultrie, Douglas, and Coles Counties. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

The Account: Energy & Water, O&M.

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St. in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funding at Rend Lake to provide flood control, water supply, recreation, conservation of fish and wildlife, and area redevelopment. The earth fill dam with an un-gated main and auxiliary spillway provides the necessary features to create Rend Lake and support the project's purposes. The earth dam is located on the Big Muddy River at mile 103.7 and two sub-impoundment dams are located on the upper arms of the lake.

The Account: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, EPA, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure.

Requesting Entity: RE Water at 320 Northwest St. West Salem, IL 62476.

Funding would be used to expand service to rural water customers in Richland County.

The Account: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, Higher Education.

Requesting Entity: Southeastern Illinois College, 3575 College Road in Harrisburg, IL 62946.

Funding to purchase materials to set up a new training program for students in mining and mining safety measures.

The Account: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, Higher Education.

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, University Park Drive in Edwardsville, IL 62046.

The funding would be used to purchase advanced fabrication, analytical, and processing equipment to enhance SIAM capabilities.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the design, engineering, land acquisition and planning of the Godfrey Crosstown Connector project in conjunction with US67.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the design, engineering, land acquisition, and planning for expansion of Rt 162 from Maryville toward Troy, IL.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the resurfacing and the expansion of Mt. Erie-Golden Gate Road in Wayne County.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, EDI.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used in the renovation of the Tinsley Project for upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial. The Tinsley project needs to be overhauled to be historically accurate.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, EDI.

Requesting Entity: Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission at 200 S. 9th St in Springfield, Illinois.

The funding would be used to institute a redevelopment plan for Macarthur Blvd between 172 and S. Grand.

LEONARD ABESS, JR.

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leonard Abess, Jr. a

Miami, Florida banker who openhandedly and unselfishly took \$60 million out of his own pocket to give bonuses to former employees and the current staff on the payroll at City National Bank of Florida to thank them for their years of service.

Current chairman and CEO of City National Bank of Florida, Mr. Abess made the decision after selling a majority stake in Miami-based City National Bancshares in November 2008. He took \$60 million of the proceeds and gave it to his tellers, bookkeepers and clerks. All 399 workers on the staff received bonuses. Additionally, Mr. Abess tracked down 72 former employees so they could share in the windfall. Some longtime employees received bonuses based on years of service which amounted to tens of thousands of dollars, in some cases more than \$100,000.

In April 2008, Mr. Abess announced that Caja Madrid, the second-largest bank in Spain, was buying City National for \$1 billion. With more than \$2.75 billion in assets, City National ranked among the largest community banks in the country and was one of the few remaining independent banks in Florida.

When Abess said, "We want to be the biggest bank in Florida . . . I'm not walking away from my customers or employees,"—he kept his word. The deal would allow Mr. Abess to continue to run the bank and retain his title, as well as a 17 percent stake. Most importantly, local City National offices did not close and were not sold off.

Mr. Abess' selfless generosity proved that although we are currently in an era of economic downfalls, unethical behavior and corporate conspiracy, one can still stand strong on their own charitable, altruistic morality. Now, Mr. Abess will receive a prized bonus of his own when he will have the opportunity to watch President Barack Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress from First Lady Michelle Obama's box on February 23, 2009. Ms. Geneva Lawson, a 51 year employee at City National Bank of Florida, will also accompany Mr. Abess to see history in the making.

It is an honor to have the privilege to recognize this valued leader before the United States House of Representatives. I salute Mr. Leonard Abess, Jr. on behalf of his selfless deed and great acts of gratitude, and believe that all Americans can learn from his benevolence, commitment and passion. I wish him every happiness and success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR TAE-SIK LEE

**HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and bid farewell to my friend, Ambassador Tae-Sik Lee, who since 2005 has represented his country, the Republic of Korea, in Washington.

Ambassador Lee first served as a diplomat in Washington in the early 1980s and later earned a degree from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. After serving in numerous posts in Seoul and other world capitals, his return to Washington nearly four years ago was in many ways a homecoming.

While I would like to dwell on Ambassador Lee's series of distinguished positions in service to his country—Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ambassador to the Court of St. James in London, Ambassador to Israel, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Director-General of the International Trade Bureau and Deputy Executive Director of Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization—the limited time I have will not do justice to his distinguished service. However, I wish to point that during his tenure as Ambassador to the United States, the alliance of our two countries has grown stronger and deeper.

For instance, in 2007, the United States and South Korea signed a Free Trade Agreement that will result in significant, measurable benefits to businesses, workers, and consumers in both of our countries.

Last November, Korea successfully joined the Visa Waiver Program, which makes travel between Korea and the United States much easier for tourists, business leaders, family members, students, and others.

Additionally, by an act of Congress, Korea's Foreign Military Sales status was elevated to the equivalent of NATO+3. This change in status will have a positive impact both in terms of military readiness and enhanced interoperability of our two countries' armed forces.

Throughout Ambassador Lee's time in Washington, South Korea and the United States have remained steadfast in efforts to solve the North Korean nuclear problem and to ensure continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the Northeast Asia region. Ambassador Lee also skillfully managed often vexing and sensitive historical issues ranging from "Comfort Women" to the Dokdo Islands.

Also during Ambassador Lee's tenure, the Congress passed resolutions that included celebrating the U.S.-Korea alliance, welcoming President Myung-Bak Lee to Washington in April 2007 and calling for justice on the "Comfort Women" issue. All these important accomplishments underscore Ambassador Lee's thoughtful diplomacy and willingness to engage Members of Congress, no matter how challenging the issue at hand.

Ambassador Lee did not limit his work to our nation's capital. He often traveled throughout the United States and, on many occasions, spoke to groups of American veterans of the Korean War, offering the gratitude of his people and thanking them personally for their service and sacrifice.

The strong friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea has been immeasurably enhanced by the professionalism, cordiality, intelligence and friendship of Ambassador Lee.

Madam Speaker, while Ambassador Lee goes on to new responsibilities and new experiences, I ask that my colleagues join with me to offer our thanks and congratulations as we bid the Ambassador a fond farewell. We wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

Project Name: Route 67 Poplar Bluff Industrial Park Bypass.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$665,000 to construct of a new bypass and acquire right of way access to improve the roadway safety conditions and congestion at the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park on Route 67. The State of Missouri will provide a 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on the Poplar Bluff Industrial Bypass and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri Safety Improvements.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$665,000 for improvements to the design of Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri. The earmark will also address safety conditions along this dangerous stretch of roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on safety and roadway improvements on Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Chester Bridge in Perry County, Missouri Bridge Repair.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$475,000 to rehabilitate the Chester Bridge which traverses the Mississippi River from Perry County, Missouri to Randolph County, Illinois. The bridge is vital to the region's transportation needs. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on rehabilitation of the Chester Bridge and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Farmington Airport Parallel Taxi-way.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Airport Improvement Program.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$855,000 for the construction of a taxi-way parallel to the main runway. The funds would also be used towards the reconstruction of the

airport terminal to address the needs of general and corporate aviation. The State of Missouri will provide 10% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on the construction of a taxi-way and rebuilding a terminal. These funds will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Route 63 Phelps, Maries, Osage Counties.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$332,500 for right of way improvements and an environmental study to the narrow portion of Route 63 in Phelps, Maries, and Osage Counties. This project with improve the overall safety of the roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on right of way improvements and an environmental study. None of these funds will be transferred to another project.

Project Name: BJC Mental Health for Youth Offenders.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice.

Requesting Entity: BJC Behavioral Health.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1085 Maple Street, Farmington, Missouri 63450.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$900,000 for a program that will target offenders under the age of 18 that are in need of mental health services. The program will serve the Missouri counties of St. Francois and Washington. The \$900,000 will be used for operations cost to start up the program, including nurses, social workers, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals. BJC will provide support to state and local governments, therefore no match is required.

Project Name: Mineral Area Drug Task Force.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Meth.

Requesting Entity: City of Leadington, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 Weir Street, Leadington, Missouri 63601.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$205,000 to assist with funding Mineral Area Drug Task Force's enforcement efforts in locating, dismantling, and reducing the number of methamphetamine laboratories within the area of their operation. Approximately \$93,800 is for the purchase of equipment to assist officers in their investigations, \$60,600 is for overtime for officers assigned to methamphetamine investigations, \$36,100 is for office and field supplies to assist officers in the preparation of reports and to provide supplies to facilitate the processing of clandestine labs, and \$14,500 is for travel and training to equip officers with the knowledge to efficiently perform their duties.

Project Name: Visual Intelligence Tool for Southern Missouri.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Council.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3019 Fair Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Council for \$1,030,000 project for the following counties of the 8th Congressional District to acquire and greatly benefit from availability of a Law Enforcement Visual Tool: Ripley, Wayne, Carter, Wright, and Texas. Federal, state, and local agencies will have a common tool to jointly manage emergencies. The project enhances public safety and officer safety by placing sophisticated geospatial intelligence information in the hands of emergency responders. The funding would be used as follows: \$50,000 for project administration, \$800,875 for image libraries, and \$180,000 for installation, training and customer support.

Project Name: South Central Drug Task Force.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Meth.

Requesting Entity: Howell County, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1106 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the South Central Drug Task Force to enhance drug enforcement in project area. South Central Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. Funds will be spend as follows: approximately \$50,000 in overtime funding for existing narcotics officers; \$122,500 for technical surveillance and reporting equipment; \$65,000 for civilian personnel/Intel analyst; and \$12,500 for supplies.

Project Name: City of East Prairie, Missouri Stormwater and Sewer Infrastructure.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Requesting Entity: City of East Prairie, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 219 N. Washington St., East Prairie, Missouri, 63845-1141.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$200,000 to rebuild East Prairie, Missouri's wastewater and storm water infrastructure. The existing 83-year-old water infrastructure is crumbling under the streets due to sinkholes which have plagued the community. The sinkholes are destroying box culverts, which is posing a threat to streets and houses in East Prairie. The money procured will pay for engineering design and engineering inspection for new storm water sewers. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of East Prairie, Missouri.

Project Name: City of Hartville Water and Wastewater repairs.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Requesting Entity: City of Hartville, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 37, Hartville, Missouri, 65667.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$138,000 to make public health related improvements to the city's wastewater collection system. The existing water infrastructure in Hartville is aging and too small to address the needs of the community. The funds will pay for a new force main and bore, new gravity sewer piping, and a new duplex lift station with redundant power. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of Hartville.

Project Name: Mark Twain National Forest Meth Prevention.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: National Forest System.

Requesting Entity: Howell County, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1106 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$492,000 to enhance methamphetamine prevention and enforcement efforts on Mark Twain National Forest. Approximately \$300,000 directed toward cooperative law enforcement (CLE) agreements; \$125,000 for assigned Forest Service salary/fringe; and \$67,000 for vehicle, travel, supply, and support of assigned Forest Service personnel. Cooperative law enforcement agreements allow for needed funding and resources required of rural Missouri law enforcement agencies for improved communication, intelligence sharing, and interagency coordination regarding drug prevention and enforcement efforts within the proclamation boundaries of the Mark Twain National Forest. Cooperative efforts with the following counties agencies have proven successful in the past and remain a high priority for drug enforcement efforts in the Mark Twain National Forest: Barry, Carter, Christian, Douglas, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Stone, Taney, Texas, Washington, and Wayne Counties; and South Central Drug Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional drug task force covering roughly the same area.

Project Name: Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Portageville, MO for the Fatherhood First program.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium.

Address of Requesting Entity: 46 State Hwy. 162 East, Portageville, MO 63873.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$476,000 for the expansion of The Fatherhood First Program to allow additional families in the Missouri Bootheel region access to important services for fathers and families. Education and Intervention activities will focus on many areas of skill development, job readiness, communication, conflict management, child abuse and neglect, and substance abuse.

Project Name: SEMO University Entrepreneurship Training and Workforce Development.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Entrepreneurship Training Workforce Development and to expand programs that will finance training exercises and conferences coordinated and executed by new economic and workforce development specialists.

Project Name: Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO for technology upgrades.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$333,000 to expand the services of Kent Library into a modern Information Commons concept and to link the same technical and support services that this renovation will provide to the students, faculty, and staff on the main campus to the students and faculty on the River Campus, four regional campuses

and the community within the University's service region.

Project Name: Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO for a mobile health unit initiative.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, MS 1900: Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$381,000 for the Southeast Health on Wheels (SHOW) Mobile Program. The SHOW Mobile initiative is a health literacy, health promotional and disease prevention, and primary health and dental care program designed to serve Southeast Missouri. The program is administered by the College of Health and Human Services of Southeast Missouri State University.

Project Name: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, East Prairie, MO for programs to assist at-risk youth and their families.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 N. Washington St., Box 249, East Prairie, MO 63845.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$238,000 for the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center's Positive Alternative System Strategies to Work, or "Pass to Work," program will provide families with activities designed to emphasize good academic and healthy physical performance for at-risk children. In addition, this program will offer employment training, career counseling, and health behavior advice.