

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account:

Project Funding Amount: \$4,224,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL.

Description of Request: Army Corps of Engineers, annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funds are needed for periodic dredging in the 70 miles of federal channels in the Tampa Harbor.

The Tampa Harbor is a major shipping channel both for domestic and international trade, and of importance to national commerce. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons.

For FY 2009, the Army Corps estimated capability is \$4.5 million to maintain various sections of the Tampa Harbor project, with an emphasis on the upper harbor. The Fiscal Year 2009 Army Corps of Engineers budget includes O&M for Tampa Harbor within the Eastern Gulf Coast System.

The Tampa Harbor is a federally authorized channel and the statutory authorization for requested project is Section 4 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1922.

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

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Biomass Account

Project Funding Amount: \$713,625

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: Promotes the development of new energy technologies, bioenergy fuel sources, and improvement of existing energy efficiencies. Will decrease U.S. dependence on imported energy through the creation of new renewable energy technologies coordinated by the University of Florida's Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuel.

The University of Florida, Renewable Energy Program promotes the development and production of bioenergy fuel sources to assist in the development of new energy technologies and improve existing energy efficiencies, through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Biomass Account. The overall goal of this project is to decrease U.S. dependence on imported energy through the creation of renewable fuel sources, and is coordinated by the University of Florida's Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuel.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANGELA E. RANDALL

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Black History Month 2009, I rise to

honor a woman of great stature in our community, Mrs. Angela E. Randall. For nearly sixty years Mrs. Randall has called the South Bronx home; most of that time, thirty-seven years to be precise, she spent in the service of young people. Thousands knew her growing up as a caregiver, a mentor, an educator, and a role model. She has touched the lives of so many that if we knew nothing else about her besides her deep and lasting commitment to our children, it would be enough to know that this is a woman of exceptional character. But we are fortunate to know much more about her than that: a community activist in the truest and noblest sense, Angela Randall has spent a lifetime trying to make this community strong from the ground up, and for that she deserves to be commended.

Angela E. Randall was born in 1928 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge and a Master's Degree from Teacher's College at Columbia University. Academically gifted and not content to stop there, Mrs. Randall further advanced her education at the New School for Social Research and later at Lehman College, where she studied Social Organization and Management. Then in 1968, after working as an Assistant Actuary at Teacher's Retirement System, Mrs. Randall took a position for which she is perhaps best known in the South Bronx: Program Director of the Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, Inc., directing the robust Family Day Care Program. She was the first person to hold this position, and it was there that over the next thirty-seven years Mrs. Randall provided quality, affordable day care to thousands of children in the Bronx, as well as created jobs for hundreds of women in the community by training them to become licensed caregivers.

Mrs. Randall's work with children and mothers is but one aspect of an exceptionally active, well-rounded life. She has belonged to the same place of worship for over a half century, St. Anselm's Catholic Church in the Bronx. There she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lecturer, and is also a member of the Parish Council. In addition, Mrs. Randall is Chairperson of the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center Auxiliary Board, which she joined in 1976, and acts as Secretary of the Lincoln Hospital Community Advisory Board. She belongs to a number of professional associations including: the Bronx Chapter of the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, and is a past Vice President of the Downtown Bronx Democratic Club. Moreover, she has also been the recipient of numerous awards over the years. In 1972 she received the First Puerto Rican Conference Award in recognition of her work with youth, day care, housing and seniors; in 1984 she received the New York State Outstanding Achievement Award from the Bronx Life Members Guild; in 1992 an apartment building on Trinity Avenue in the Bronx was named in her honor the Angela Randall Apartments; and in 2003 she was named Woman of the Year by Lincoln Hospital, just to name a few.

Madam Speaker, Angela Randall owns a full and deeply impactful life. Her compassion and love for young people is known by many, and her influence stretches further than can be measured. For example, how many children did she help to raise and nurture over the past three decades? How many young minds did she help to enrich at a critical stage of devel-

opment? And more: where are these young people now as a result of her efforts? How many have gone on to become fathers and mothers, find gainful employment, or otherwise assume positions of leadership and responsibility? Angela Randall is someone whose reach has long exceeded her grasp, and because we know her to be a person of integrity, empathy, and faith, we also know that all those whose lives she has touched have been warmed by her spirit, and benefited from her wisdom. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a model citizen, and a living testament to selfless devotion to others, Mrs. Angela E. Randall.

TRIBUTE TO MONTFORD POINT MARINES

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Montford Point Marines, the first black Marines.

As Marines, they fought the enemy, integrated the Armed Services and changed their country. On the land and on the sea, the Marines have led the way. At home, the fight was within the Corps, however, the Barriers soon fell because of a few good men.

Today's generation of Marines serve in a fully integrated Corps where one-fifth of the strength of the Corps are African Americans. African-American officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates are spread throughout the Corps and their service often escapes special notice.

The fact that there was a time when there were no Blacks allowed in the Marines should not be overlooked.

At the urging of his wife, Eleanor, and threats by civil rights activist, A. Philip Randolph with a march on Washington, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8802 establishing the Fair Employment Practice Commission. The commission prohibited racial discrimination by any government agency.

With the stroke of his pen on June 25, 1941, President Roosevelt's Executive Order allowed Blacks to serve as Marines and marked the beginning of the end of officially sanctioned segregation in America.

On August 26, 1942 Howard P. Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina was the first African-American recruit to arrive at Montford Point. From August 1942 throughout the end of World War II, 20,000 black men were trained at Montford Point and inducted into the Marine Corps.

Although black troops were trained to be Marines they were kept separate from the white troops. Even after they were shipped off to battle zones, they still served in exclusively all black units. African-Americans continued to serve in segregated units until the Fall of 1949 when an executive order from President Harry S. Truman established a policy of full integration.

That same year, the first African American women, Annie E. Graham of Detroit, Michigan, Ann E. Lamb of New York City, and Annie L. Grimes of Chicago, Illinois, enlisted into the Marines, respectively.

Madam Speaker, today I rise today to pay tribute to some of America's unsung heroes. To all of the Annie Grahams, Ann Lambs, Annie Grimes, Edgar Huffs, Frederick Branches, Gilbert "Hashmark" Johnsons, James Ferrrens, Frank Petersens, and Thomas McPhatters of this world, I say Thank you.

Thank you for your service to our country and we will never forget your sacrifice.

HONORING HARALSON COUNTY
COMMISSION CHAIR ALLEN POOLE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to continue recognizing African Americans from throughout Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have had a major impact on their community.

Today, I rise to honor Allen Poole of Buchanan, Georgia in Haralson County. Allen Poole has selflessly served his community and the State of Georgia throughout his life. For more than 18 years, Allen Poole served and protected his community as a Georgia State Patrol Officer. While with the Georgia State Patrol, Allen was assigned to the Honor Guard and also served on special security details for governors and presidential nominees.

After retiring from the State Patrol, Allen became the first African American ever elected to the Haralson County Board of Commissioners, where he has been appointed Chairman. Currently serving his second term as Commission Chair, Allen continues to work to improve his community while serving as a wonderful example of a dedicated public servant.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Chairman Allen Poole for his leadership and service to the people of Haralson County and his commitment to the betterment of his community.

TRIBUTE TO MASON COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPER-
INTENDENT TIM MOORE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Mason County School District Superintendent Tim Moore of Maysville, Kentucky. On January 31st, Superintendent Moore received the F.L. Dupree Outstanding Superintendent Award from the Kentucky School Board Association.

The Dupree Award was created by Kentucky School Board Association and the family of the late F. L. Dupree, Jr., who was a member of the former London Independent Board of Education and a lifelong supporter and promoter of public education in Kentucky.

Superintendent Moore was chosen to receive the Dupree Award for his outstanding service to Kentucky's youth and to the communities of Mason County. Since becoming

Superintendent in 1997, he has helped the school district improve its academic rankings, and meet all the goals outlined by the No Child Left Behind program. Additionally, he has fostered better relationships between students, faculty, parents and staff and helped the district rebound from debt by bringing the general fund balance up to \$4 million.

Last year, former U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and I traveled to the Mason County School District to learn about the innovative ways Superintendent Moore has dealt with the challenges faced by rural schools. During the visit, Superintendent Moore helped lead roundtable discussions with the Secretary, teachers, students and parents to discuss the local impact of federal education law in Kentucky and the improvements that can be made. Secretary Spellings and I were very impressed with Superintendent Moore's commitment to the students and to improving the learning environment in Mason County.

Superintendent Moore has inspired countless children and has been an exceptional leader in the Fourth District.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Superintendent Tim Moore for his achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GREEN
STREETS ACT OF 2009

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Green Streets Act of 2009. Cities and States across the country are having a hard time affording the asphalt needed to repair their crumbling streets due to increasing cost of asphalt. This increase in the cost has been caused by many refineries forgoing asphalt production to instead produce more profitable products. As a result, communities in my district and across the country are postponing roadwork until transportation departments can better allocate funds without breaking their budgets.

To provide cash strapped cities and States the much need break in asphalt costs, I have introduced the Green Streets Act, which would promote the research of alternative asphalt binders made from biomass. In my home State of Missouri there is a company that is researching the use of swine manure to replace petroleum as an asphalt binder.

Not only could this potentially cut street repair costs for communities across the country, but would also reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of biomass left to give off carbon dioxide. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Green Streets Act of 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the nine earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. H.R. 1105 is a compilation of nine regular non-security related Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations bills that are each separated into their own divisions.

In Division B, covering the Department of Justice, the Office of the Sheriff in Stephenson County, Illinois will receive \$225,000 under the Community Oriented Policing Services Law Enforcement Technology account to place forward-looking infrared (FLIR) equipment on their Bell OH58 police helicopter for use throughout northern Illinois. The Office of the Sheriff of Stephenson County is located at 15 North Galena Avenue in Freeport, Illinois, 61032. Mr. David Snyders is the Sheriff of Stephenson County. The purpose of this funding is to assist Stephenson County with their search capabilities. The FLIR mounts under the helicopter and combines a highly sensitive digital thermal imaging camera with a color video camera inside a single housing. With this unit, the Sheriff's Office of Stephenson County will be able to locate missing persons or felons attempting to hide by their heat signature, regardless of time of day or weather conditions. The helicopter is available at no cost to any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency in northern Illinois, in addition to local fire departments. The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) in Region 2, which is comprised of 18 counties making it the largest ILEAS region in the state covering a widely dispersed population in rural Illinois.

In Division C, covering the Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Rockford, Illinois will receive \$526,000 under the Corps' Investigations account, to continue to conduct the Keith Creek Flood Control feasibility study for the Alpine Dam in the City of Rockford, Illinois in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Office of the City of Rockford, Illinois is located at 425 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois, 61104. Mr. James Ryan is the City Administrator of Rockford, Illinois. Currently, the Alpine Dam does not provide reliable flood protection and is at risk of failure, threatening 11,000 residents and businesses along Keith Creek in Rockford, Illinois. The study is necessary for the Army Corps of Engineers of Rock Island District to determine the cost and environmental impact of remedying the threat posed by the Alpine Dam. This was a joint request with Senator RICHARD DURBIN.

In Division D, covering the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Chicago/Rockford International Airport will receive \$300,000 from the SBA account to support the operations of a Manufacturing Research and Development/Education Center in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Northern Illinois University (NIU), Rock Valley College (RVC), and other small business incubator programs in the community. The Greater Rockford Airport Authority is located at 60 Airport Drive in Rockford, Illinois, 61109. Mr. Bob O'Brien is the Executive Director of the Rockford Airport. The center will house classrooms as well as R&D facilities for local small businesses. The new center will support the development of new aerospace small business in the region and host a number of new aerospace related manufacturing companies at a small business incubator. The center will also