

provide training for the workforce required in these new endeavors.

In Division E, covering the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Village of Mt. Morris will receive \$500,000 from the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account. The Village of Mt. Morris is located at 105 West Lincoln Street in Mt. Morris, Illinois, 60154. The Honorable Gregory Unger is the Village President of Mt. Morris. The Village of Mt. Morris is planning to design and build a new wastewater treatment plant that will replace the current facility, which is approximately 125 years old. The Illinois EPA has also imposed new operating requirements that will not be met by the current physical condition of the present system. The total estimated cost of the new system to meet 50 year growth projections is approximately \$7.5 million. Federal funding is a critical component of the funding package needed to help get this project designed, and moving forward to construction.

In Division F, covering the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services (HHS), I secured three separate earmarks. First, under the Higher Education account, Rockford College will receive \$238,000 to equip classrooms and science laboratories with technology to significantly enhance student learning. Rockford College is located at 5050 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois, 61108. Mr. John McNamara is the Vice President of College Development. Federal funding is critical to help upgrade nine antiquated classrooms and two laboratories at Rockford College and convert them to modern smart learning centers. This is a joint request with Senator RICHARD DURBIN.

Second, under the Health Resources and Services Administration account, the Crusader Clinic in Rockford, Illinois, will receive \$238,000 to help fund a new electronic health records (EHR) system. The Crusader Clinic is located at 1200 West State Street in Rockford, Illinois 61102. Mr. Gordon Eggers, Jr., is the President and CEO. The Crusader Clinic is a community health center that serves multiple counties in northern Illinois and provides care to over 40,000 low-income, uninsured, and underinsured patients annually in the region. Because of the growing patient caseload and new federal requirements, this community health clinic now has a great need to implement an EHR system throughout their clinics at an estimated cost of \$1 million. This funding will help improve the delivery of medical care to those who would otherwise use the emergency room at local hospitals. This is also a joint request with Senator RICHARD DURBIN.

Third, also under the Health Resources and Services Administration account, the University of Illinois' College of Medicine in Rockford, Illinois will receive \$238,000 to help build the National Center for Rural Health Professions. The Rockford campus is located at 1601 Parkview Avenue in Rockford, Illinois, 61107. Dr. Martin Lipsky is the Dean of the Rockford campus of the U of I College of Medicine. The Center will conduct research, develop curricula, implement and evaluate rural medical and health care education models, provide consultation to other medical colleges, and study trends in rural health related to health professional training needs. Medical colleges throughout the U.S. can use the research findings and curriculum models to implement

training for rural health professionals to practice in medically under-served rural areas in their respective states. The College of Medicine has raised \$4 million in private funds toward this \$32 million expansion project. Another \$14 million has been committed by the University of Illinois, and the university is also seeking state funding to complete the project.

In Division I, covering the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Transportation, I secured two separate earmarks. First, under the Economic Development Initiatives account at HUD, the City of Freeport, Illinois will receive \$237,500 for various public infrastructure improvements. The City of Freeport is located at 230 West Stephenson Street in Freeport, Illinois, 61032. The Honorable George Gaulrapp is the Mayor of Freeport. Freeport wants to make improvements to public infrastructure in the downtown area to promote and support expansion of manufacturing facilities. The funds would be used for a variety of infrastructure improvements, including replacing a water main, upgrading and "undergrounding" above-ground power lines, and various roadway and streetscape upgrades in downtown Freeport to make it a more attractive place to live and work.

Second, McHenry County, Illinois will receive \$570,000 under the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation account to widen Rakow Road. The County of McHenry is located at 2200 Seminary Avenue in Woodstock, Illinois. Mr. Peter Austin is the County Administrator of McHenry County. This road project will help relieve traffic congestion and improve safety by increasing capacity to Rakow Road from Ackman Road to Illinois Route 31 by adding two or three through lanes in each direction and adequate turn lanes at the intersections. In 2004 and 2005, there were 566 accidents (71 percent were rear-end collisions) and 171 injuries at this three mile stretch of highway that desperately needs improvement. This request also begins to implement the \$5.72 million authorization for this project that I secured as part of the 2005 Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act (Public Law 109-59).

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the respective leadership of the six Appropriations subcommittees for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include these nine requests in this spending bill. I also want to thank Senator RICHARD DURBIN, the senior Senator from Illinois, for joining with me on three of these requests.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD ANNUAL
CESAR CHAVEZ MARCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 22nd anniversary of the naming of Chavez Drive in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. To honor this occasion, and to celebrate the 82nd anniversary of Cesar Chavez's birthday, the Hispanic Latino Collaborative of

Genesee County is sponsoring a Citizens March on March 28th along Chavez Drive. The march will be followed by a reception and luncheon on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint.

After his family lost their farm during the Great Depression, Cesar Chavez spent his childhood as a migrant worker following the crops across the Southwest. After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Cesar returned to farm work and began his lifelong quest to bring justice, equality and dignity to migrant workers throughout our Nation. He adopted the nonviolent philosophy of Gandhi and founded the United Farm Workers of America. In the face of formidable odds he persevered and after a 5 year struggle against California grape growers, Cesar Chavez won the first union contract for migrant workers and brought about respect for the workers toiling in our fields.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded to persons that have served democracy and advanced the universal interests of humanity. The list of recipients is an honor roll of individuals that have struggled against adversity for the common good. In 1994, as he posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Cesar Chavez, President Clinton said, "He was for his own people a Moses figure." Cesar Chavez exemplified compassion, dedication and advocacy for farm workers everywhere. He passed away 1 year earlier leaving our world better than he found it.

Madam Speaker, Flint Michigan was the first community in our Nation to honor this great humanitarian by naming a street after Cesar Chavez. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Hispanic Latino Collaborative for honoring the memory of Cesar Chavez and his legacy to the American people.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today during National Peace Corps week to honor the immeasurable contributions of the more than 195,000 Americans who have volunteered to serve in 139 countries in the cause of peace since 1961. Through mutual respect and understanding, these men and women have committed themselves to improving our country's relationships with the rest of the world, and I applaud their dedication to communities around the globe.

When President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps 48 years ago, he set out to provide ordinary men and women with an opportunity to strengthen developing countries devastated by the effects of poverty, disease, and war. Volunteers have come from all walks of life, some with years of experience and some just out of college.

Peace Corps volunteers have mobilized to combat some of the world's most urgent humanitarian crises, including providing crucial assistance to communities in need of post-conflict relief and reconstruction as well as countries overwhelmed by natural disasters. These men and women have helped economically depressed communities develop new