

This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$142,500

Financial Breakdown: Most of the money (\$115,000) will be used to purchase one medium duty bus. The rest of the money will be used for upgraded routing software. Van Buren County will be providing their required matching funds.

9. Niles Dial-a-Ride Bus Acquisition

Department: Transportation

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Niles

Address of Requesting Entity: 623 N. Second St., Niles, MI 49120

Description of Request: The City of Niles is seeking to purchase two medium-sized busses to accommodate a new route that will stop at all major retail centers between Niles, MI and South Bend, IN. This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$228,000

Financial Breakdown: The entirety of this money will be used to purchase two medium-sized busses. The city of Niles will be providing their required matching funds.

10. Apple Fire Blight

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Fire Blight is a major threat to Michigan's apple trees and has reduced apple acreage in Michigan by an astounding 24%. Michigan and New York researchers are taking aggressive measures against fire blight including development of blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies. Finding ways to control and curb fire blight is of critical importance to apple growers in my district and elsewhere. This research is very promising, and its results will help apple growers significantly increase their yields.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: Approximately, \$148,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personal; and \$36,000 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the tire blight research at MSU at a level of \$52,500 in FY09.

12. Phytophthora Research

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Researchers at Michigan State University are leaders in the fight to control *Phytophthora capsici*, a fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes numerous plants to rot. *Phytophthora* management has been complicated by its longevity in soils (10 or more years), its ability to spread in water, its resistance to a key fungicides and lack of disease resistant varieties. Michigan State University has developed new techniques for control and resistant varieties. However, losses caused by *Phytophthora* have become so large throughout the nation in recent years that the economic viability of the vege-

table industries in many states is at risk, and more research is necessary. Since 1996, researchers have leveraged private, state and federal funds to significantly advance disease management. The widespread crop loss caused by *Phytophthora capsici* will be lessened, keeping family farms and their communities viable. Spread of *Phytophthora* to new sites will be stopped. Ways to remediate/treat infested ground and water sources will be identified. Integrated management strategies that emphasize cultural methods and environmentally friendly practices will be developed.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: This money will provide 346,000 in funding for *Phytophthora* research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for *Phytophthora* research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

#### NATIONAL LINK AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to bring awareness to the link between animal cruelty and other forms of societal violence by designating the month of May 2009 as National Link Awareness Month.

This resolution would highlight the need for more attention and resources to be focused on how violence toward animals is indicative of other violent tendencies. By investigating the link further, information could be gathered that will help mitigate societal violence.

Psychological, sociological, and criminological studies have shown that violent offenders frequently had a history of abusing animals during their childhood and adolescence. The FBI has recognized the connection since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Research has also shown patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of child abuse, spousal abuse, and elder abuse. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria of conduct disorder.

The link between animal abuse and domestic violence is a recognized fact. Each year, defenseless pets face the sad and disturbing reality that they will be victims of cruelty and abuse. Domestic abusers commonly torture or kill family pets as a method of exerting control and ensuring submission. This causes victims, children and adults alike, to remain in violent households in order to ensure their beloved pets are not harmed further.

Research indicates that children who are exposed to domestic violence are nearly three times more likely to mistreat animals than children who are not exposed to such violence. Tragically, this behavior is often symptomatic of future abuse toward other animals or

human beings. Significant research documents a relationship between childhood histories of animal cruelty and patterns of chronic interpersonal aggression.

Due to the correlation between animal abuse and other forms of family and community violence, animal abuse must be taken very seriously. Human services, animal services, and law enforcement agencies must share resources and expertise to address animal and human related violence in communities. By effectively and comprehensively addressing the link between violence toward animals and other forms of societal violence, we can learn information that will help stop violence in the home as well as the community at large.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the designation of May 2009 as National Link Awareness Month so that more awareness will be brought to the link between animal cruelty and other forms of violence in society.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. BUCHANAN. 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, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$2,483,000 for Maintenance Dredging at Port Manatee.

Funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging as needed (generally not every year). The funds being requested are appropriated in the Corps of Engineers' O&M Account but are entirely derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF). The Trust Fund is financed by a Harbor Maintenance Tax of 1/8 of one percent of the value of imports and domestic traffic and this generates considerably more than the amount actually appropriated by Congress each year for the navigation projects. The requested funds are needed to restore full project dimension of the Phases I and II work.

The Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget for the Army Corps of Engineers includes \$2.6 million for Manatee Harbor O&M.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$478,000 for a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) on Tampa Harbor.

The GRR is studying the need for improvements to the Tampa Harbor in order to meet projected increases in international commerce. As Florida's largest port (in tonnage), Tampa Port handles in excess of 50 million tons of cargo annually and is West Central Florida's largest economic engine contributing billions of dollars annually to the 7 county region surrounding Tampa Bay. Port Manatee supports 22,000 jobs and has a total economic impact of \$2.3 billion. As changes in the global shipping market evolve, both Tampa and Manatee Ports must be able to accommodate modern international vessel fleets which require deeper draft. The GRR will determine the national economic feasibility of further improvements to the Tampa main federal channel.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Hospital—Wauchula

Address of Requesting Entity: 533 West Carlton Street, Wauchula, FL 33873

Description of Request: I secured \$95,000 to support the expansion and renovation of the emergency department. This initiative is vital to the health care infrastructure and clinical services available to Hardee County and the surrounding communities.

Florida Hospital Wauchula is a 25 bed facility specializing in emergency, outpatient and transitional care. In 2000, we became the first Critical Access Hospital in the state of Florida in an effort to enhance the health care services provided to our rural service area. The hospital employs 91 full-time staff, including 5 physicians on General Medical Staff. In addition to our 7-bed emergency department, Wauchula offers diagnostic imaging and lab services and a transitional care unit with short-term skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.

As a rural community with limited medical resources, Hardee County relies on Florida Hospital Wauchula to provide high quality health care. The emergency department handles over 12,000 visits per year; a volume that taxes the facilities capacity to its limit.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$951,500 for a Renewable/Alternative Energy Center in Sarasota County.

Sarasota County is an established national leader in energy efficient practices as evidenced by its green building and sustainability policies, as well as its private sector and develop alternative energy and green building initiatives. The County will commit its resources to partner with the federal and state governments, universities and the private sector to construct a zero-energy LEED Platinum certified green building to house the Center. This collaboration will promote the application of alternative energy technologies to protect the public safety and welfare of our citizens and communities and contribute to the future sustainability of our state and nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Bradenton

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 10th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 for the City of Bradenton Police Cruiser In-Car Video System.

The City of Bradenton proposes to install in-car video systems for every police cruiser in its fleet. This project not only protects the officer but assists the State's Attorney's Office in case prosecution as evidence collection will be enhanced.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 1105:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior and Environment; Fish and Wildlife Service; Land Acquisition (LWCF)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Audubon Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 142 West State Street, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: \$1.5 million towards the purchase of 80 acres, known as the Sinnickson Tract, adjacent to Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge from existing willing sellers. The tract is located on Block 4701, Lot 23 in Pennsville, Salem County, New Jersey.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior and Environment; National Park Service; Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts

Address of Requesting Entity: 1048 Washington Street, P.O. Box 340, Cape May, NJ 08204

Description of Request: \$100,000 to create a new, major impact heritage tourism product for the New Jersey Cape by restoring and opening to the public the World War 11 coastal artillery lookout tower, Fire Control Tower No. 23, located on Sunset Boulevard near Cape May Point. The Tower was listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places on May 29, 2003 and on the National Register on Nov. 17, 2003.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, Education; Department of Education; Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Atlantic Cape Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 5100 Black Horse Pike Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Description of Request: \$381,000 to be used for the purchase of equipment and technology for the Science Technology Engineer-

ing and Math (STEM) Center to be constructed on the campus. The STEM Center will house programming for allied health, food science, life and physical science.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, Education; Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Atlantic County Specialty Care Center in Mays Landing, New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 2535 Market Street, Suite 1300, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Description of Request: \$95,000 to be used to provide safety/communications, medical and educational equipment for the hospital's Children's Intensive Emotional and Behavioral Program (CIEBP). This program is a full day partial hospital program that integrates schooling, rehabilitation services, and psychiatric treatment for preschool and school aged children. It is the only psychiatric partial hospital program for children 5-12 with severe emotional and behavioral disorders in the Atlantic and Cape May county region.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science; Department of Commerce; NOAA—National Marine Fisheries Service Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science (PMAFS)—Recreational Fishing Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 3080, New Gretna, NJ 08224

Description of Request: \$1 million for a Summer Flounder Initiative which will utilize academic, recreational and commercial fisheries resources to address the management of summer flounder in the Mid-Atlantic region. This Initiative will address science issues relevant to the improved understanding of summer flounder recruitment, population demographics and discard mortality.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science; Department of Justice; OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Police Athletic League (PAL) of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 South Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Description of Request: \$1,500,000 to fund a statewide afterschool program consisting of athletics, recreation, education and cultural awareness for youth age 8 to 16 with the goal of deterring juvenile crime.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science; Department of Justice; OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Description of Request: \$200,000 to fund in-the-classroom programs led by police officers to educate students to avoid drugs, gangs and violence.