

services to our working families. It appropriates a total of \$496 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including critical support for Medicare and Medicaid. It includes \$108 billion for the Department of Agriculture, including a 15 percent increase in funding for rural development. It appropriates \$57.9 billion for Commerce, Justice, and the science agencies, including a 16 percent increase for state and local law enforcement activities. By improving support for research and development at our nation's universities, federal laboratories, and small business incubators, funding in H.R. 1105 creates jobs and contributes to U.S. competitiveness. Finally, this bill invests in energy security with a 12 percent increase in funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives, which will help us reduce our dependence on foreign fuel sources.

This bill is not just about spending. H.R. 1105 also cuts and eliminates government programs that are not working, and provides accountability and oversight through improvements in regulatory agencies. In these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever that we wisely invest the tax dollars that have been entrusted to us, and this bill is a sound investment in our future.

Mr. Speaker, Congress has a solemn duty to pass a funding bill that honors the values of the American people. By addressing America's domestic needs, providing for our foreign obligations, and investing in the future, H.R. 1105 reflects these values. I support H.R. 1105, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this bill.

CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN BROGAN, RECIPIENT OF THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR 2009 FROM THE GREATER PITTSBURY FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. John Brogan, of Exeter, Pennsylvania, who was selected by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick to receive their 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Brogan graduated from Exeter High School in 1946 and joined the United States Navy where he served on a minesweeper from 1946 to 1948.

Mr. Brogan returned home following his military service to work in his father's men's clothing store, Sime Brogan's. He took over the operation of the family business in 1951 upon the death of his father. He continued to operate the business until his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Brogan is active in many organizations to which he belongs. These organizations include the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Exeter Lions Club, the American Legion, Post 833; Italian American Association; John F. Kennedy Council No. 372, Knights of Columbus and its Fourth Degree and the Naval Mine Warfare Association.

He is a member of American Federation of Musicians, Local 140, and he is the manager and musician for the Cino Paci Band.

He is a member of St. Cecelia's Church in Exeter where he is a member of the men's club. He also sings in the church choir.

Despite his retirement, Mr. Brogan still holds two part-time jobs with the Gubbiotti Funeral Home and Cefalo and Associates Law Firm.

Mr. Brogan and his wife, Louise, have three children: Marguerita Mutarelli, John Simon and Michael; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Brogan on the occasion of this auspicious honor. Mr. Brogan's deep commitment to his family and his community has improved the quality of life for so many and has served as an example for others to emulate.

MILES DAVIS

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

MR. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the greatest jazz visionaries of our time, Miles Davis. Today is the 50th anniversary of his definitive album, *Kind of Blue*, and it is an occasion to recognize and celebrate his legendary mark on music. Born in 1926, Miles Davis took up the trumpet at age 13. Two years later, Davis joined the Musicians' Union and by age 19, had landed a contract with Capitol Records, playing in a combo led by alto saxophonist Charlie Parker.

Many would say that examining Miles Davis's recording career is to examine the history of jazz from the mid-'40s to early '90s. From his initial recordings, which displayed a subtle, yet challenging style of "cool jazz", Davis went on to change the course of jazz history in recording a new stylistic approach, known as modal jazz, on his 1959 album, *Kind of Blue*. This album is perhaps the most celebrated jazz album in history. It hit quadruple platinum in sales, was ranked number 12 on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 greatest albums of all time, and the musicians who participated are considered among the greatest jazz artists of the last century.

Hardly content, Davis continued to experiment and innovate in producing such timeless and influential albums as *Sketches of Spain*, *E.S.P.*, *Miles Smiles* and *Nefertiti*. As music progressed throughout the decades, so did Miles Davis. In the latter half of the century, Davis expanded his repertoire to include free jazz and elements of rock music, and extended his appeal far beyond the classic jazz audience.

Miles Davis once said, "The way you change and help music is by tryin' to invent new ways to play." Indeed, Davis brought innovation to jazz for nearly fifty years and stayed at the cusp of music's evolution. Recognizing his contributions to music, Miles Davis is now a part of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Walk of Fame and Down Beat's Jazz Hall of Fame. Madam Speaker, for his many achievements and his lasting example to musicians worldwide, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Kind of Blue*, to honor and to thank Miles Davis for the legacy he has left to art.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Name of the Requesting Member: LEE TERRY

The bill number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Combined Sewer Separation Amount: \$650,000

The legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Omaha, Nebraska—Public Works Department 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183

Description of earmark: To be used for the design and construction of improvements to portions of the City's combined sewer system. These projects will allow the City of Omaha to reduce the amount of sewage overflowing to receiving streams. The Combined Sewer Overflow Controls project is consistent with the latest requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to achieve the goal of improved water quality in the United States. The NDEQ has issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) CSO Permit to the City of Omaha for its regional wastewater treatment system. A Consent Order with NDEQ requires Omaha to implement a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) to reduce the impact of wastewater discharges on the water quality of the Missouri River and the Papillion Creek. Specific activities for 2009 include: the Webster Street storm sewer extension, a new South Omaha force main sewer, and other projects to be determined. The combined sewer system is restricted to the eastern portion of the City of Omaha and serves approximately 130,000 people. Wet weather conditions result in discharge of raw sewage into the environment and residents' basements. Upon completion, the planned projects will reduce the CSO volume to the Missouri River; improve the water quality and the community's public health. Based on critical necessity for the design and construction of the sewer overflow improvements, the City is requesting this federal funding.

Name of the Requesting Member: LEE TERRY

The bill number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games Amount: \$238,000

The legal name and address of requesting entity: 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games 8801 F Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127.

Description of earmark: Money to be used to assist in funding the Special Olympics' Second USA National Games in 2010. The money will be spent on logistics, security, transportation, housing and meals for athletes. The Special Olympics has previously been funded by the U.S. Congress and the nation has an