

work is working to find disease resistance and/or a cure for these diseases. In addition, in 2005, USDA-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) detected citrus greening in Florida. Greening is another severe citrus disease that must be addressed to ensure the sustainability of the industry. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32602

Description of Request: I have secured \$550,000 for Alachua County, FL. The funding will be used by Alachua County to manage offenders with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Alachua County proposes an integrated, coordinated continuum of care using evidence-based practices where there will be “no wrong door” to enter treatment. Persons will be assessed and provided with a level of treatment consistent with individual need. This innovative approach could prove to be an effective keystone to alleviate jail overcrowding by reducing the recidivism rate that is prevalent with offenders suffering from a mental illness compounded by drug abuse. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 W. Main St., Tavares, FL 32778–3813

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for Lake County, FL. The funding will be used by Lake County for a 800 MHz Radio System to serve the public safety needs and Emergency Operations Center of the County. An 800 MHz radio system will allow for the coordination of Lake County's emergency response services. The project would allow for the first time portable radio communications across the county. After the recent tornados that struck the County February 2, 2007, and in previous years Hurricanes, having an 800 MHz radio system will better equip the County's public safety personnel to respond and offer assistance. The project is supported by both the Sheriff's office and the municipalities in Lake County. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32206–0005

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,349,000 for the Jacksonville Port Authority. The funding will be used to increase the Corps of Engineers' capability for completing Phase II dredging of the federal ship channel to the

Talleyrand Terminal. Prompt completion of this deepening project, which began seven years ago, is critically important to meet the needs of fully loaded cargo ships and for the continued commercial viability and operational safety of the Jacksonville Port. Navigation safety issues will be addressed in the vicinity of the Chaseville Turn where docked oil tankers are in close proximity to vessels attempting to navigate the restricted turning area. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474–4415

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used to support an initiative to identify growth industries compatible with the research strengths of the University of Florida and the workforce training strengths of Central Florida Community College and Santa Fe Community College. The educational institutions, in cooperation with regional economic development entities, would develop a strategic plan to recruit and/or expand identified industry groups, such as those related to the bio-medical industry at the University of Florida. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474–4415

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used by Central Florida Community College for expansion of the Public Policy Institute. The Public Policy Institute (PPI) of Marion County was established in 1999 as a non-profit, non-partisan citizen-based organization to provide a careful analysis of the issues and trends that shape and affect public policy. Its mission is to give the community a sense of hope and optimism by creating a broad base of community involvement in identifying, researching, and establishing dialogue on community issues, and then in recommending and helping to implement timely solutions. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Transportation, Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 18018, Jacksonville, FL 32229

Description of Request: I have secured \$722,000 for the Jacksonville Aviation Authority. The funding will be used to make taxiway improvements at Cecil Field. The project consists of the 2,000 foot parallel Taxiway Echo east of existing Runway 18L/36R and the 500

foot Taxiway A–1 connector, along with the 120,000 square foot apron. These improvements will open new areas of the airport east of the existing runway for new economic development and job creation. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Transportation, Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marion County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 for Marion County, FL. The funding will be used for construction of 9.2 miles of a new 4-lane, rural, divided roadway (Bellevue Bypass) and improvements to State Road 35 (Baseline Road) in the Bellevue area. The new managed access 4-lane roadway begins south of the City of Bellevue at US 441 and loops around the city on the east to tie into Baseline Road north of the city at 92nd Place. Improvements to Baseline Road begin south of this intersection and include reconstruction of this 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided arterial up to CR 464. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on March 6, 2009, I was absent for one rollcall vote. If I had been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted “yes” on rollcall vote No. 109.

RECOGNITION OF MEADOW BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S 100% SENIOR CLASS REGISTRATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. I rise today in recognition of Meadow Bridge High School in Meadow Bridge, West Virginia. With encouragement from their principal, Al Martine, 100% of the senior class has submitted voter registration forms to the County Clerk in Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Meadow Bridge High School has an eight-year history of registering their entire senior class, and they are the only known school in West Virginia with such an accomplishment to call their own. Not only that, but Meadow Bridge High School was recently honored as a bronze level school in US News and World Report. They were singled out because every student, even the most disadvantaged, has standardized test scores that are above the state average. If that doesn't take hard work or doesn't deserve recognition here, I don't know what does.