

and a devotion to country are qualities that deserve recognition.

Mr. Speaker I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 837, designating the federal building at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building". To recognize a great American man who devoted his life to the betterment of his country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES "J."
RALPH LUNDY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of long-time Indian River County civic leader and humanitarian, James "J." Ralph Lundy, who died on February 27 at the age of 90. During this most difficult time, I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to his family. I hope that Mr. Lundy's family takes comfort in knowing that his memory and legacy of philanthropy will live on within the Gifford community and in Indian River County for generations to come. Mr. Lundy always put others first, and extended a helping hand to all those in need.

Mr. Lundy first came to Indian River County in the 1950s as a reporter for the Jacksonville Journal to cover Dodgers baseball legend Jackie Robinson. Later, he became production manager at the Press Journal where he wrote a column about the community for the paper. In 1963, Mr. Lundy started the community radio show entitled, "Gospel Caravan," one of the longest-running gospel music programs in Florida, and later created the program "Give them their flowers," as a way to honor lesser-known community leaders before they died.

Mr. Lundy's love for the Gifford community and activism earned him the title "Gifford's spokesman." He spent about 30 years as president of the Gifford Progressive Civic League, and in that time, made significant contributions to the lives of the people of Gifford. Mr. Lundy pushed county officials to install traffic lights to increase public safety, established a voting precinct and the Gifford Community Center to bolster community pride, and brought clean water to Gifford to improve its residents' health. In 1988, he helped establish Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen to provide meals for the community's most needy.

In 2007, Mr. Lundy won the Jefferson Award, a national award that recognizes individual public service contributions.

Madam Speaker, through all of these roles, J. Ralph Lundy had an indelible impact on the spirit and well-being of his community, and touched the lives of many in Indian River County. He will be remembered for his heart, compassion, and dedication to his fellow man. I am fortunate to have known him and will miss him dearly.

CALIFORNIA'S 49TH DISTRICT
PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE
FY2009 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, when I submitted my appropriation funding requests in March, 2008, the problems plaguing our Nation's banking and financial sectors were just starting to come to light. Few could foresee just how bad our economic situation would become. While I strongly opposed the action, the previous Congress spent over \$700 billion in TARP funding to bailout the banking sector. This Congress just approved a nearly \$800 billion stimulus bill that ultimately provides more money for social services than it does for job producing highway and infrastructure projects.

Overall, President Obama's spending priorities have more than tripled the federal budget deficit for fiscal year 2009 (FY09), ballooning it to \$1.7 trillion. As a result, the state of our nation's finances is dire, and our federal spending plan does not in any way bear an appropriate relationship to the state of our nation's economy. The federal deficit has increased 385% over FY08 and 1089% over FY07 levels. Spending decisions are occurring within this body without regard to available revenue or the harm that such irresponsible fiscal policies do to the economy and to future generations that, ultimately, will get stuck with the bill.

I am highly disappointed that, faced with the enormity of the current federal deficit and the unprecedented amount of federal spending that has occurred, the House and Senate Leadership and Appropriators did not take the opportunity to start showing fiscal restraint by removing Congressional Earmarks from the fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act. When I made the below mentioned requests last year for projects in my Congressional district I believed they would provide necessary benefits to the local community and had a federal interest. I also believed that they were worthy of the limited federal funds that were available. That time, however, has passed. Member's need to think of the future of this Nation, rise above their own self-interests, and advocate for the removal of all earmarks from all present and future appropriations bills until we get the federal deficit under control.

Congressional Appropriation project requests I made in 2008 in the H.R. 1105, FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act included:

SAN LUIS REY RIVER

The bill includes funding through the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee for the San Luis Rey River Flood Protection Project, which includes the clearing of vegetation from the San Luis Rey River to protect the levee, the city of Oceanside's bridges, utilities, and public from threatened flooding. It is an authorized project and has received funding in previous Congresses.

MURRIETA CREEK, CA

The bill includes funding through the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee for the project, which will be constructed in four distinct phases, will include a 250 acre deten-

tion basin to attenuate flows from the over-150 square mile watershed and, once completed, will reduce citizens' and businesses' exposure to flooding that requires many of them to carry flood insurance. The project will create seven miles of soft earthen channelization as well as the development of a continuous riparian habitat corridor throughout the length of the project. The riparian corridor can become a safe home for several listed endangered species that have already been found to exist nearby. The channel will not only facilitate species movement and connectivity to existing wildlife preserves, but will also create an extensive natural wetlands system that can efficiently remove contaminants from stream flows and help ensure improved water quality for local residents and soldiers stationed at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

SOUTH PERRIS PROJECT—PERRIS II DESALTER

The bill includes funding through the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee for the project, which will produce potable water from otherwise unusable groundwater through the construction of a five million gallons per day reverse osmosis desalter in the Perris South Groundwater Sub-basin. In addition to reducing future demand for imported water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River, project benefits include salinity management for expanded water recycling and protection of high-quality groundwater in basins adjacent to the Perris South Groundwater Sub-basin. The Perris II Desalter is a vital component of Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Desalination Program, which will ultimately generate up to 14,000 acre-feet per year of potable water and remove up to 50,000 tons of salt out of the basin every year. This project will help push this water district towards its goal of drought-proofing its region and providing reliability and flexibility to its water supply.

SANTA MARGARITA RIVER CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT

The bill includes funding through the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee for the project, which provides for enhanced recharge and recovery from the groundwater basin on Camp Pendleton and will provide a water supply for both Camp Pendleton and Fallbrook, resolving a long-standing water rights dispute between the United States and Fallbrook. In 1954, the Bureau of Reclamation was authorized to construct a dam on the Santa Margarita River for \$22 million (approximately \$333 million in 2008 dollars) with a yield of 14–16,000 acre-feet. This funding will complete a final design that is financially feasible, environmentally beneficial and result in the preservation of the entire Santa Margarita River from Temecula to the Pacific Ocean, while simultaneously providing 16,000 acre-feet per year of vitally needed local water to coastal Southern California.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SAMP, CA

Recognizing the interdependence between the area's future transportation, habitat, open space and land-use/housing needs, Riverside County, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has undertaken a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) for the San Jacinto & Upper Santa Margarita watersheds to determine how best to balance these factors for the future benefit of the area. To that end, in 2003, the County adopted a new General Plan and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) to address regional conservation

and development plans that protect entire communities of native plants and animals, while streamlining the process for compatible economic development in other areas. When the SAMP is completed, the Corps will establish an abbreviated or expedited regulatory permitting process under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to complement the Master Streambed Alteration Agreement the California Department of Fish and Game is currently preparing. Altogether, these new processes will allow for increased planning and smart development that will benefit the region well into the future.

OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATIVE—GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM CITY OF OCEANSIDE, CA

The bill includes funding for this program through the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee. The goal of the Oceanside Community Safety Partnership Collaborative (OCSPC) is to provide intense intervention to divert youths away from gang membership. The second component of the program is to have North County Lifeline, a local nonprofit organization that provides diversion services in the City, offer more intensive services to those participants in their Juvenile Diversion Program when areas of additional need are identified, i.e., alcohol and drug issues. Youth would further be referred to Community Interfaith, another local service provider, for vocational and educational services when needed.

LAKE ELSINORE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER—CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA

The bill includes funding for this project through the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee. The funds will be used to equip a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Lake Elsinore. The City of Lake Elsinore provides a unique service to the entirety of southern California because of the lake and the City's central location. During the recent wildfires, for instance, the City and lake served as the base for Hawaii-Mars water tankers which were used to fight fires throughout the entire region. The proposed EOC, which is set to be housed in a secure location within the police headquarters, will be used to manage the lake as an emergency resource as well as to provide the City and surrounding community with a base of operations during any emergency.

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE—COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Sheriff's continued vision is to increase and improve data sharing, automate officer alerts and notifications, improve disaster preparedness, and deliver of more intelligence to officers and first-responders. The Sheriff's Department, with assistance from Federal and local agencies has, over several years, undertaken technology projects targeting this vision. These enhancements provide law enforcement with rapid access to critical information and knowledge with less human intervention producing quicker results with greater accuracy.

This phase of the SdLaw Infrastructure Program will expand the search and aggregation of intelligence from even more data repositories, add additional business logic, further automate data mapping and workflow, further improving visualization of the information resulting from this convergence of data from State, Local, and Federal systems and now with the inclusion of County justice case management systems.

WEST VISTA WAY

The bill includes funding for this project through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations subcommittee. This project will enhance the development and traffic flow along W. Vista Way and reduce congestion on State Route 78. The project consists of approximately 2 miles of road widening (including right-of-way acquisitions), utility undergrounding, drainage and sewer upgrades. The project also includes intersection signalization, bus stops and other transit facilities, including Park-And-Ride lots, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and a safety barrier between the adjacent freeway and the street. The project limits extend from Melrose Drive on the east to Thunder Drive on the west, at the boundary with the city of Oceanside.

RAILROAD CANYON/INTERSTATE 15 INTERCHANGE

The bill includes funding for this project through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations subcommittee. The funding would be used for right-of-way acquisition for an improved interchange on Interstate 15 at Railroad Canyon Road. Railroad Canyon Road serves as a connector route between I-15 and I-215 in Southwest Riverside County. The current interchange with I-15 serves approximately 50,000 vehicles per day and in its current condition, during peak hours of travel, vehicles are backing onto the freeway mainline in both the north and southbound directions. The level of service at the intersections adjacent to this interchange is rated Service-F.

FRENCH VALLEY AIRPORT

The bill includes funding through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations subcommittee for a feasibility study for the French Valley Airport to determine the necessary improvements and viability of an expansion of the airport to ensure safety of the neighboring communities. The project will review and analyze the feasibility of expanding the airport to accommodate large, private jets. This will greatly enhance the region's economic development and tourism opportunities.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The bill includes funding through the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Subcommittee for the MiraCosta College Foundation located in Vista, California. MiraCosta College is developing a national model project to meet the educational needs of both active-duty and exiting Navy corpsmen and army medics. The project creates military-specific assessment and instructional tools that will acknowledge that service members' military training while preparing them to meet state licensing requirements to enter the civilian nursing field. This unique project helps fill a national nursing shortage need and helps transitioning military personnel to find high-paying, skilled civilian employment.

VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC

The bill includes funding through the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Subcommittee for the Vista Community Clinic located in the 49th Congressional District in Vista, California. Due to increased demand, Vista Community Clinic is constructing a new 12,000 square foot community health center facility providing obstetrics, pediatrics, family

and internal medicine, pharmacy, health education to low-income, uninsured residents of North San Diego County. This new site will serve 16,000 patients in 50,000 medical visits annually. Ninety-five percent of Vista Community Clinic patients have an income qualifying them as low to moderate income by federal standards, making no more than \$42,000 annually for a family of four. Nearly 50% of Vista Community Clinic patients are children who do not have any form of health insurance. Given that one in every 19 people living in the United States now relies on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration funded clinic for primary care, this funding for construction and equipment purchases is critical to providing increasing access and expanding health services.

TRIBUTE TO JAROSLAW DUZYJ

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of an important community leader and a good friend, Jaroslaw Duzyj, who passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Duzyj was a leader of a very strong and vibrant Ukrainian community in Michigan, and was a founding member of the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren, Michigan. He was born in 1923 in Peremysl, Ukraine and was one of 10 children. At the age of 19 he was arrested by the Nazis and sentenced to death. Miraculously, he survived five Nazi concentration camps before being liberated on April 15, 1945.

Mr. Duzyj immigrated to the United States in 1949 with little money and limited ability to speak English. He found work at Ford Motor Company and began establishing strong roots in the community. He married his beloved wife, Olga and they went on to raise three children, and now have seven grandchildren.

Throughout his life he continuously worked to promote Ukrainian causes and also display his love for America. His passion and unwavering dedication allowed him to participate in several unique and prestigious events. In 1991, he was invited to a personal audience with Pope John Paul II, and on his 70th birthday he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from the Pope. He also had the distinct honor to meet with two sitting U.S. Presidents. In 1984, as former president of the Ukrainian-American Republican Association, he chaired a reception for President Ronald Reagan at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, and was a guest of President Bill Clinton at a state dinner honoring the president of the Ukraine.

Mr. Duzyj also experienced personal success as a business owner, as he became co-owner and president of Cylectron, which made high-precision parts for rocket and aircraft engines. In 1992 he started a company called Envotech Systems, which builds mobile laboratories for the detection and control of nuclear matter in the environment. In 1995, he became a partner in Crocus Co. in Ukraine, a company that manufactured road building machinery. In 1996, Michigan Governor John