

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, Jaroslav 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

Engler named him to Michigan's Bilateral Trade Team to the Ukraine.

Mr. Duzyj cared deeply about higher education. He and Olga donated \$100,000 to establish a fund at Harvard University to enable the Ukrainian Institute to publish significant works on the history of the Ukraine. He also published several books about Ukrainian history, geography, and the Ukrainian genocide of 1932–33. In 2005 he was honored as Ukrainian of the Year by the Ukrainian Graduates of Detroit and Windsor for the role he played in the business community, with higher education and his church.

The experiences Mr. Duzyj endured early in life and the triumphs and selflessness he displayed through his entire life are truly inspirational. Mr. Duzyj is a shining example of what the American success story is all about. Today, I join with Mr. Duzyj's family, friends and the extended family of the Ukrainian community, in both mourning his loss, celebrating his life and honoring him for all the good work he did for others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I unfortunately missed one recorded vote on the House floor on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 84 (On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 184).

TRIBUTE TO NEW MOUNT MORIAH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor New Mount Moriah International Church for 20 years of service to the greater Pontiac community. New Mount Moriah International Church was organized on April 9, 1989 by Pastor Richard Leaks, Jr. in Pontiac Michigan and on April 16, 1989 held its first service at the Bowen Center in Pontiac, with forty-nine faithful chartering members.

On April 7, 1990, the membership unanimously elected Bishop William H. Murphy, Jr. as pastor. Under his capable leadership, New Mount Moriah International Church has flourished and is now home to over fifteen hundred active members and is still growing. New Mount Moriah International Church now consists of three locations; their charter location in Pontiac a beautiful facility at 313 East Walton Boulevard, one in Detroit, and a third newest location in Mt. Clemens.

Madam Speaker, the positive impact of the New Mount Moriah faith community can be seen across the greater Pontiac area in more ways than we can count, and we can expect many more years of success from this wonderful institution.

NATIONAL MALL REVITALIZATION AND DESIGNATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Mall Revitalization and Designation Act. The National Mall is one of Washington's best known and most treasured sites, but also is the District's most neglected and undervalued. The Mall lacks everything that a majestic natural wonder deserves, from an official identity to necessary amenities. My bill (1) authorizes the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to officially designate and expand the boundaries of the Mall and (2) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a plan to enhance visitor enjoyment and cultural experiences within 180 days of passage of the bill.

I worked closely with NCPC and other agencies in framing the bill. It would give the NCPC the responsibility and the necessary flexibility to designate the Mall area for the first time since its creation and to expand the Mall area when appropriate. The bill requires the NCPC, to accommodate future commemorative works and cultural institutions, working with key federal and local agencies, and with participation from the public and recognized national leaders in culture and development.

Frustrated at continually fighting off proposals for new monuments, museums, and memorials, on the crowded Mall space, I asked the NCPC to devise a Mall preservation plan five years ago. In 2003, Congress amended the Commemorative Works Act to enact the NCPC's designation of a no-build zone where no new memorials can be built. This action was helpful in quelling some but by no means all of the demand from groups and individuals for placement on what they view as the Mall. The bill spells out the needed authority to preserve the no-build zone while expanding the mall to accommodate commemorative works.

The NCPC and the Commission on Fine Arts (FAC) are working on the National Capital Framework Plan and already have shown they can identify sites near the existing Mall which are suitable for new memorials, including East Potomac Park, a part of the Mall area that is seldom viewed as integral to the more familiar space between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial; Bancker Overlook, the grounds around RFK Stadium, the Kennedy Center Plaza site and the new South Capitol gateways. Five new prestigious memorials are scheduled for such sites, including the Eisenhower Memorial and the U.S. Air Force Memorial.

I appreciate that NCPC and the FAC work closely with the District of Columbia in designating off-Mall sites for new monuments. The District welcomes the expanded Mall into appropriate neighborhoods, enhancing the work of the District of Columbia government and local organizations such as Cultural Tourism that offer historic tours of District neighborhoods in developing the tourism that is vital to the city's economy. Additional Mall sites for various monuments also complement the creation of entire new neighborhoods now underway near the Mall particularly the District's redevelopment of the Southwest waterfront and

my own work on the Southeast Federal Center, now known as The Yards, that is to become a mixed use public-private development and waterfront park.

A second and important goal of the bill is to make the Mall a living, breathing, active place where things happen and visitors can be comfortable. The bill seeks to achieve this vibrancy by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to submit a plan, in consultation with the appropriate federal agencies, and leaders in culture and development and the public, to "enhance visitor enjoyment, amenities, cultural experiences in and the vitality of (the National Mall)." Bordered by world class cultural institutions, the Mall itself has been reduced to a lawn with only a few—too few—ordinary benches and a couple of fast food restaurants. The Mall lacks the most basic amenities appropriate to such an area including restrooms, shelter and informal places to gather and interesting places to eat. When it rains, there are no places to stay dry on the Mall and when the humidity reaches sky high, there are few places to rest and have a cold drink. Nevertheless, in writing this bill I was compelled to recognize today's reality that funds to make the Mall the 21st century destination it deserves to become are simply not available, and will not become available in the near future until the deficit and other priorities make room. Yet, the Mall needs a total makeover for the 21st century to be worthy of L'Enfant's vision for the city he planned and the MacMillan Plan that is largely responsible for the space between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial that is known today as the Mall. However, we must move now to begin to do all we can to rescue this space from its present dull and uninviting condition, damaged by heavy use and often used as no more than a pass-through, despite its magnificent potential. With the necessary imagination, a plan to make the Mall a welcoming place with cultural and other amenities envisioned by the bill is achievable now.

I am pleased that Chip Akridge and the Trust for the National Mall have embarked upon an ambitious fundraising effort to bring the private sector into the revitalization of the National Mall. The Congress started to do its part last year when, at my request, Chairman GRIJALVA held the first hearing in decades on the National Mall and this bill, and in FY10 Congress included \$10 million for the sinking Jefferson Memorial and \$135 million above 2008, to continue the 10 year initiative to upgrade our National Parks before the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016. The National Park Service is also prepared to meet the requirements of this bill as they progress on their own National Mall plan and the National Capitol Planning Commission with its final National Capitol Framework plan on April 2nd, 2009. The private sector, the executive and legislative branch all recognize the need for repair and revitalization of our National Mall and no event signified the need like the largest gathering in the Mall's history with almost two million people at President Obama's inauguration.

The Mall Designation and Revitalization Act is the first step in an effort to begin to give the Mall its due after decades of neglect and indifference. The bill begins at the beginning—defining for the first time what we mean by the Mall, allowing for expansion of its natural contours, and taking the first steps to breathe life into a space that is meant for people to enjoy.