

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgian Court University

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 for the Autism Institute for Training and Applied Research at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, New Jersey in Division F of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. The Institute will establish a statewide resource for parents, caregivers and healthcare professionals and provide development and in-service training and outreach and conduct applied research on all facets of autism spectrum disorders. Georgian Court University is committed to this project and is in the process of developing courses in autism and has hired a full-time faculty member devoted to autism research.

HONORING ANNE A. ANDREWS,
FAIRFAX COUNTY'S CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anne A. Andrews, Fairfax County's Citizen of the Year. For over three decades, Anne Andrews has raised her voice for, and our awareness of, the needs of Fairfax County's most vulnerable residents. She demonstrates an unparalleled dedication to helping others and is one of the most committed citizen leaders in the County. The passion she embodies is apparent in the expansiveness and intensity of volunteer services she has faithfully provided over the years.

Anne is most well-known for her tireless commitment and dedicated service, for the past 34 years, as Convener of the Route One Task Force for Human Services, providing a collaborative forum for over 40 community and government representatives and community-based organizations. The Task Force has raised awareness of issues, developed capacities to fill service gaps, and engaged wide community participation in enhancing mental health and homeless services as well as providing more accessible health care in the Richmond Highway area.

Anne's expertise lies in identifying a need and mobilizing an entire community to help serve that need. An excellent example is that of the Community Health Care Network (CHCN), formed in 1989, an organization that credits its formation largely to her tireless advocacy. It is one of the best resources to provide accessible, quality primary health care services for low income, uninsured, and

underinsured residents. She was a key force behind pulling together community support, helping establish the CHCN that today enrolls over 20,000 residents each year through three community health care centers. Since its beginning, she has served as a stalwart member of the CHCN Community Advisory Committee.

Anne also championed the establishment of the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), providing comprehensive, community-based services in areas of treatment, rehabilitation, and support for the most severely mentally ill members of our community for whom traditional clinic-based treatments have been insufficient. She was unanimously elected to lead the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, established to develop strategies to provide enhanced services and deliver accessible health care in southeastern Fairfax County. Anne co-revived a Citizen's Advisory Board to strengthen the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health. The Board assists in improved service delivery, advocates for expanded mental health programs, and provides citizen advice on mental health issues and policies.

Under Anne's leadership, the first shelter for the homeless in Fairfax County was established in the Richmond Corridor. More recently, she facilitated a community tie-in to the county's hypothermia project.

Anne remains a steady and effective advocate for community-based mental health treatment and community access to health care, particularly for the most vulnerable members of our community. There are few people who take the time and energy to affect a community so greatly and as positively as Anne. Due to her outstanding contributions and persistent efforts, Fairfax County is a healthier community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Anne Andrews as the 2008 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year.