

But there is hope for these families. We are in a time of tremendous opportunity and hope in medical research. In the 1950s, children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis usually did not live long enough to enter kindergarten. Back then, there were no drugs for people with cystic fibrosis. Today, through advances in medical research, four respiratory drugs have been brought to market and the median age of survival is about 37 years.

These advances would not have been made without the important clinical research conducted by dedicated doctors and scientists from all around the world. In fact, there are more than 30 cystic fibrosis therapies currently in some stage of clinical trial research. Unfortunately, because cystic fibrosis affects a small population, many of these trials are having difficulties recruiting patients.

The Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act is designed to increase access to clinical trials for patients of rare diseases, like cystic fibrosis, by modifying Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility rules. In accordance with established ethical standards, many clinical trials offer compensation for patient participation. Current eligibility rules for SSI count such compensation as income, making some individuals suffering from rare diseases ineligible for SSI benefits because compensation for participation in the trial would put their income over the SSI eligibility threshold. This forces patients to choose between participating in important clinical trials and keeping their SSI benefits—a cruel choice no one should ever have to make.

Our bill will encourage patients suffering from rare diseases to participate in promising clinical research that may lead to cures, better treatments, and ultimately, saved lives, without having to worry that they could lose the SSI benefits they depend on.

You know, they say that the most powerful four-letter word in the English language is HOPE.

Hope . . . that we can raise awareness of the families struggling with cystic fibrosis and other rare diseases.

Hope . . . that, through research, we will find better treatments and ultimately a cure.

Hope . . . that our children will have to turn to the history books to learn what cystic fibrosis was.

This bill will give hope to more patients who suffer from CF that they can access innovative therapies that could some day cure them of this dreadful disease.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cobb County (GA) Government

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Cherokee St., Marietta, GA 30090

Description of Request: The project furthers the National Emergency Communications Plan Strategic goal of 2010, 2011, and 2013. Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens is a top priority for the local government. Cobb County is a key player in developing a regional interoperable communications system that covers 11 counties from Metro Atlanta to Alabama. The linking of like radio systems will expand coverage, coordinate responses, improve communication, and decrease response time in the event of natural or man-made disasters, including terrorism.

Cobb County continues to plan for, create, and promote communications interoperability. This fact is evident with the acquisition and installation of Homeland Security funded interoperability switch for Project 25 public safety radio systems' participation and connectivity to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) interoperable communication system, working groups and governing body; intergovernmental cooperation with the City of Douglasville and the West Area Regional Radio System (WARRS); and participation and leadership in All Hazards Area 7 Communications Subcommittee for the State of Georgia.

This \$1,000,000 added to H.R. 2847 will be used in its entirety for the purchase of the necessary software, hardware, and microwave equipment to connect Project 25 radio systems in Forsyth and Cobb County to establish regional connectivity. These funds will be used to establish microwave connectivity, link systems together, and upgrade the radio system's operating platform so that all systems are functioning at the same level.

Specifically, the Fiscal Year 2010 will consist of the following budget items: Operating System Equipment and Software (\$400,000), Microwave Equipment (\$400,000), and Engineering and Installation Services (\$200,000).

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 Maple St., Carrollton, GA 30118

Description of request: Major incidents, whether they result from natural phenomena or are a result of criminal behavior, have devastating effects on learning and academic achievement. Federal studies show that emergency plans in many school districts remain unpracticed and are outside National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. Furthermore, less than one third of school districts in the nation include any procedure for continuation of instruction in the event of extended school closure. This initiative would address these shortcomings and prescribe practiced solutions.

The \$250,000 included in H.R. 2847 will allow the University of West Georgia to work with K-12 schools in surrounding high crime neighborhoods to prevent and respond to inci-

dents of crime in these schools. In particular, the University will work with schools such as Bremen High School, Paulding County Middle School, Chattooga High School, and Polk County High School.

The establishment of an emergency response capability will help K-12 schools and other colleges and universities in many ways. It will aid state agency, school district, and local school personnel develop emergency preparedness plans that will help insure the safety of an otherwise defenseless population. This funding will be used to (1) provide technical assistance to support schools and districts in developing comprehensive plans reflective of the all-hazards approach; (2) provide evaluation services to help schools and districts improve already developed plans and to determine the feasibility of partnerships (with first responders) and procedures (evacuation of special needs students) necessary for effective implementation; and (3) assist schools and districts in developing capacity for maintaining continuity of instruction in the event of prolonged school closure.

The Fiscal Year 2010 funds will consist of the following budget items: Project Manager (\$65,000), Equipment (\$46,000), Supplies (\$35,000), Training (\$30,000), Evaluation (\$44,000), and Administration and Accounting (\$30,000).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice; Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kids Voice

Address of Requesting Entity: 437 Grant Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The funding would be used to increase their impact in the community and to support programs that are offered to abused and neglected children in Allegheny County.

In addition, KidsVoice seeks to increase its impact by expanding services that will help clients become productive adults, despite the obstacles they face. The funding will expand KidsVoice efforts in assisting foster youth to pursue post-secondary education, job training and employment. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The KidsVoice appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF
CLAYTON MACKAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the generosity displayed by one of my constituents, first-grader Clayton MacKay. His act of donating prize money to an Ecuadoran shelter was reported on Friday, June 12, 2009 in my hometown newspaper, Newsday. I am proud of the example he set and would ask that this article be submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From Newsday, June 12, 2009]

FIRST GRADER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School first grader Clayton MacKay wanted to help people, so he decided to make a difference in the lives of others by donating \$20 in prize money he won at a recent Easter celebration to Blanca House, a shelter located in Ecuador. The Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School administration and staff recognized Clayton for his thoughtful donation during a monthly school assembly.

Teacher Cecilia Doolittle explained that she has been talking to the students about the school's participation in a program to ship children's books and medical supplies to this philanthropic organization. "He asked me if he should donate some of his money to Blanca House, but after our conversation he decided to donate all of his prize money to this organization," Ms. Doolittle commented. "We are really proud of Clayton."

MOURNING PASSING OF JUDGE
SANDRA OTAKA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Judge Sandra Otaka, who died of natural causes at the age of 57 on the 6th of June, 2009. As the first Asian-American to be elected judge in Cook County, and the second in Illinois, she was a strong advocate for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Born in California as a sansei, or third-generation Japanese American, she was a politically active young woman. She campaigned against the Vietnam War before enrolling as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley at the age of 28. During her time at Berkeley, Otaka worked to overturn the conviction of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese-American who was arrested in 1942 for not reporting to his designated assembly center for internment. Her fight for justice and equal opportunity continued during law school, where she protested the university's plan to scale back its affirmative action program. After graduating, Otaka moved to Chicago to work for a commercial law firm and later as counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

After a racist comment by a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, Otaka, as co-chair of the judiciary committee of the Asian American Bar Association, led the effort to have him removed. She succeeded, with the judge failing to win the sixty percent of the vote required for retention.

In 2000, Sandra Otaka was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court, and in 2002, she was reelected—the first Asian American judge in Cook County to do so.

Judge Otaka is remembered for her continual fight for the Asian American community and as an advocate for diversity on the bench. She is survived by her sister, Susan Smith, and her nephew, Jeffery, who she raised as her own after her brother's death.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of Sandra Otaka. She is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership Standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

I, Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS, requested \$500,000 on behalf of Washington State University, located at 1036 Wilson Road; Pullman, Washington 99164. The application submitted on Washington State University's behalf requested funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Program's Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Account. This funding will be applied to the Washington State University Research Center for the Study of Addiction: Methamphetamine, Prescription, and Other Drugs of Abuse.

The Washington State University Program of Excellence is known for its cutting-edge, world-class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine abuse. This request will utilize existing infrastructure, which currently focuses on methamphetamine abuse, to focus on prescription drug abuse. Funds will be used to provide for one research fellow, including necessary equipment and materials, to be a faculty member in the Center of Excellence. The individual will be responsible for focusing on the effective treatment and prevention of prescription drug abuse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I receive as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Steller Sea Lion Comanagement, Biosampling and Outreach/Education
Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission

6239 B Street, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99518

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: TASSC will take a two pronged approach to sea lion biosampling. First, TASSC will work with two high harvest communities to fund local monitors-local residents that will work with the hunters and facilitate sea lion biosampling and help to monitor and document the local environment. Secondly, TASSC will train approximately 25 coastal Alaska residents on proper sample collection techniques and protocols from those sea lions harvested for subsistence.

Subsistence hunted Steller sea lion biosamples are very valuable to the research community. Collection and analysis of these samples can provide critical information that no other source can provide. It is recognized as a top priority activity in the 1992 and soon to be finalized Steller Sea Lion Recovery Plan. The importance of collecting samples from animals taken for subsistence is widely recognized by such groups as the National Marine Mammal Lab, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Sea Life Center and the University of Alaska.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Personnel & Fringe Costs: \$312,300

Travel: \$89,000

Supplies: \$13,700

Contractual: \$50,000

Biosamplers: \$10,000

Printing: \$21,000

Sample Shipping: \$4,000

Project Name: Sexual Assault Response Team Center
Bill Number: H.R. 2487
Department of Justice, OJP-Byrne
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center
Municipality of Anchorage
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used for the continued development and operations of the Municipality of Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center. This project will support victims through care while participating in investigation and prosecution and help in prosecution of sexual assault cases through professional evidence collection, documentation, preservation and processing.

The SART Center is essential in the collection of evidence through the forensic medical exam by the sexual assault nurse examiner and its operations is essential in Anchorage's effort to reduce and eliminate sexual assault. The SART Iso responds to cases from other Alaskan jurisdictions that do not have SART programs, covering a large area, as the nearest SART Center is 200 miles away.

Appropriated Amount: \$400,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Program Administration, Victim Advocacy, Forensic Investigation: \$340,000

Indirect/Communications: \$60,000

Project Name: The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: