

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 2847:

Name of Project: Delaware River Enhanced Flood Warning System

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—National Weather Service Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Delaware River Basin Commission"

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 State Police Drive, Trenton, NJ 08628

Description of Request: \$200,000 for enhancements to the Delaware River Basin's flood warning system, including: (1) upgrades to the existing precipitation and stream gage network, (2) improvement of flash flood forecasting capabilities, (3) flood warning education and outreach, and (4) support of flood coordination. Following three Delaware River main stem floods, the continued development of an enhanced basin-wide flood warning system is critical for ensuring that the existing flood warning system is adequately maintained and that technological advancements are continued.

Name of Project: Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—National Weather Service Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office"

Address of Requesting Entity: 410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403

Description of Request: \$350,000 to be used by NOAA to purchase, deploy, and operate a buoy and sensors on the Nanticoke River in Delaware, which is the largest Chesapeake Bay tributary on the Delmarva Peninsula, and is identified by NOAA as a priority location for the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS). The purpose of this project is to provide real-time data and interpretation to further protect, restore, and manage the Chesapeake Bay.

Name of Project: New Castle County Courthouse Capitol Police Command Center and Lobby Surveillance Project

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS—Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "State of Delaware—Delaware Capitol Police"

Address of Requesting Entity: 150 William Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901

Description of Request: \$130,000 to be used to upgrade surveillance and purchase a system to coordinate dispatch operations within the Capitol Police Command Center of the New Castle County Courthouse to protect the 1 million people per year that pass through the courthouse.

Name of Project: Functional Family Therapy for At-Risk Youth

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Children and Families First"

Address of Requesting Entity: 2005 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

Description of Request: \$120,000 for supplies and salaries needed to provide intensive community-based counseling and case management to youth ages 10–18 and their families in all three counties in Delaware. The purpose of the project is to improve family relationships, increase parent engagement, improve school attendance, and reduce involvement in the juvenile justice system and recidivism so that youth succeed.

Name of Project: Mentoring Initiatives for At-Risk Children and Youth

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Delaware Mentoring Council"

Address of Requesting Entity: Delaware Mentoring Council, University of Delaware Newark, DE 19716

Description of Request: \$750,000 to create stable mentoring programs in at least four school districts and ten schools throughout Delaware, with at least five schools in the city of Wilmington. The purpose of the project is to provide stability in the lives of at-risk youth, those living in poverty, and those facing substance abuse in their family, incarcerated parents, or even homelessness.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES B. SEATON III

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the United States Marine Corps are exceptional. Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent to keep this country free and safe. United States Marine Colonel James B. Seaton III is one of these individuals. On June 25, 2009, a ceremony will be held on the occasion of his relinquishing

command of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton as he leaves to assume the prestigious posting as Director of Commander's Initiative Group under General David Petraeus.

Col. Seaton received his master's degree in political science from Duke University and later earned a Master of Strategic Science from the U.S. Army War College. Serving in many capacities over the years, Col. Seaton provided support for our country in places such as Grenada, Beirut, Japan, Southeast Asia, the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean. In 2001, he reported to the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California for duty as Division Inspector and Deputy G–7 before assuming command of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in June 2002 and led the battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In June 2004, he transferred to Twentynine Palms, California for assignment as the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command G–3 and was promoted to Colonel in September 2004.

Apart from his active duty service, Col. Seaton served as a political science instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy where he received the "William P. Clements Award for Excellence in Education" as the top military instructor. He has also been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Pacific Council on International Policy, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society and other various military associations.

Col. Seaton's tireless passion for service has contributed to the betterment of this country. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star with Combat V, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon with two Gold Stars, and the Presidential Service Badge. I am proud to call James a fellow community member, American and friend. On behalf of the people of the United States whom he has served with courage and honor, we commemorate the service of Colonel James B. Seaton III and congratulate him on his new post.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF REV. LARRY WILLIAM CAMP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. Larry William Camp, the Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Rev. Larry William Camp, born in Brooklyn, New York, was brought up by his mother to cherish the educational and spiritual opportunities of his childhood, reading library books with his mother and attending the Holy Trinity Baptist Church under the late Dr. Thomas S. Harden and later under the Mount Sinai Baptist Church under the late Dr. Lymon Lowe

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Rev. Larry William Camp received the call to preach at the tender age of seventeen, began preaching in 1975, and gained valuable professional guidance under Dr. Curtis L. Whitney, who had succeeded Dr. Lowe.

Rev. Larry William Camp assumed the pastorship of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1989, ushering in an age of expansion and development at the church, helping to purchase a new church van, to renovate the sanctuary and bathrooms, and to establish many new ministries, always with the theme of "Building Great Minds for a Greater Witness".

Brooklyn owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Rev. Larry William Camp, a leader in denominational work on every level of government and an inspiration for many young pastors in the community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Rev. Larry William Camp, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Rev. Larry William Camp.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, COPS-Meth

Recipient: Daviess County Sheriff's Department, 212 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 to the Daviess County Sheriff's Department to assist local law enforcement agencies to fight methamphetamine production and use. These funds will enable regional and local anti-drug agencies across the Second District to work together in their efforts to combat methamphetamine production. Methamphetamine use is on the rise for the first time in half a decade and local law enforcement must have the tools they need to combat this problem.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6) Department of Justice, COPS—\$660,000 to the Clay County Sheriff for Clay and Platte Counties Communications Interoperability Project (Clay County: 1 Courthouse Square, Liberty, MO 64068, Platte County: 415 Third Street, Platte City, MO 64079)

One of the lessons learned from the tragedy of September 11th was the inability of first responders and public safety agencies to communicate. To meet the requirements of the National Telecommunications & Information Administration mandated that Tactical Interoperable Communications be operational by 2012, as designated by APCO.

As such, Clay and Platte counties in my congressional district have developed a Communications Interoperability Project (CIP). CIP will maximize resources by engineering and building extensive communication infrastructure capabilities, connecting more than 40 regional front line stakeholders together through a comprehensive integrated communications network. CIP's strategic plan encompasses all areas of public service, including but not limited to local law enforcement, fire and ambulance agencies, emergency management task force responders, hospitals, highway and road agencies, parks and water districts, as well as other public agencies engaged in delivering services to citizens.

In recent years, Clay and Platte counties have experienced a number of natural disasters, including flooding and tornadoes. These events impair first responder communication among municipal police, fire agencies and other public safety agencies, ultimate hampering rescue efforts.

As regional responders continue to tackle these problems head-on, funds have fallen short to ensure they are able to comply with the 2012 deadline. Based upon a 2005–2006 cross-county survey, a total of 3,373 units of varietal communication equipment are needed, plus 5 communication towers for Clay County and a minimum of 5 towers in Platte County. Due to Platte County's topography, up to 3 additional towers may be necessary for thorough, unimpaired interoperability communication coverage. The federal funds I have obtained will enable Clay and Platte counties to begin implementing plans to establish the only comprehensive communication infrastructure north of the Missouri River in the Kansas City regional area.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Justice, Byrne Grants—\$200,000 to the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation for the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug and Violent Offender Task Force (101 North Main, Cameron, MO 64429)

The Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation (NITRO) is a multi-jurisdictional drug and violent offender task force that began operating in 2002. NITRO, which includes a 16-county area of Northwest Missouri and MO-6th, is staffed by full-time law enforcement officers from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Maryville Public Safety Department and the Cameron Police Department. Additional law enforcement agencies participate on a case-by-case basis in their jurisdictions.

The federal funding obtained will be used to add four officers to the task force. Most local

law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to provide for a narcotic investigative unit, therefore NITRO provides a trained unit to the jurisdictions concentrating on drug traffickers and violent offenders.

The number one problem in Missouri is fighting the methamphetamine epidemic. Due to this problem, a few years ago I worked to get a DEA agent stationed in Northwest Missouri. These critical funds will assist my previous efforts and allow the task force to respond to regional emergencies, particularly when responding to methamphetamine lab busts. This team has been enormously effective in coordinating with local law enforcement in Northwest Missouri and helps makes our neighborhoods and schools safer for our children.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Justice, Byrne Grants—\$140,000 to Synergy Services for Community Response to Domestic Violence (400 East 6th Street, Parkville, MO 64152)

Synergy Services began in 1970 as Synergy House, the only shelter for runaway and homeless youth in western Missouri. Through the years the organization has expanded to provide a full continuum of care to assist individuals and families with immediate respite from violence, and services which provide these individuals with the tools they need to ensure future safety and success.

In 2008, Missouri law enforcement agencies confirmed over 32,000 incidents of domestic violence in the state, and this does not include the thousands of unreported incidents. In 2009, the total number of domestic violence incidents that were reported in Synergy's primary service area of Clay, Platte, Ray, and Jackson counties was approximately 2,700. This important federal funding will allow Synergy to expand its advocacy efforts and assist an additional 500 to 700 domestic violence victims in Missouri's 6th Congressional District.

The Community Response to Domestic Violence project, initiated by Synergy Services, consists of the agency's Court Services and Bridge/Safe Patient Advocacy Network (SPAN) programs to provide safety and security for women victims of domestic violence and prevent future incidences of family violence through improving coordinated community responses to victims in the civil/municipal courts and healthcare systems. First, the project will provide advocacy on a two-front approach, aimed at reaching and supporting more victims of domestic violence who are steering their way through the judicial. Secondly, since research has found most victims disclose domestic violence incidents to their healthcare providers, the Bridge/SPAN program provides comprehensive training and advocacy in area hospitals and clinics so that trained healthcare providers are able to respond effectively.

This coordinated community response will result in a more cost-effective means for providing critical advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, facilitate victims through the judicial process in a timely and less costly manner, and arrive at a conviction with stiffer penalties more quickly. The ultimate desired outcome is a decrease in recidivism once prosecution is successful.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. 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 Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: An Achievable Dream, \$600,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: An Achievable Dream, 10858 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.

Project description and explanation of the request: Support programs at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School. The 1,250 students in grades kindergarten through 12th in 2009 (an increase of 250 over 2008) benefit from An Achievable Dream's support of social, academic and moral curricula proven effective over 16 years of operating the public/private partnership with Newport News Public Schools. This multi-faceted approach has continued to provide the tools needed for underprivileged youth to close the achievement gap. \$375,000 would be used for personnel expenses and \$225,000 would be used for supplies such as uniforms, reading materials, extended day materials, and Saturday school supplies. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23220.

Project description and explanation of the request: VCPI has provided over one quarter of a million training hours to more than 27,000 law enforcement officers in the state of Virginia since 1997 in over 1,000 courses. In recent years, VCPI has specialized in filling training needs that no one else is addressing including leadership, homeland security, crime scene investigation, gangs, human trafficking, drug interdiction, ethics, Spanish language acquisition, advanced court security, advanced search and seizure, cultural diversity, domestic violence, code enforcement, interview and interrogation, anti-terrorism etc. Additionally, VCPI is often turned to for the implementation and coordination of many public safety programs, including automated victim notification systems in Virginia's local and regional jails and court security assessments. VCPI supports training of law enforcement officers that cannot be met by local and state law enforcement agencies. Funding will be used for personnel and internal training (\$165,000), facilitation of external training across the Commonwealth (\$33,000), course supplies (\$30,000), instructor cadre and subject matter experts (\$45,000), operational and administrative expenses (\$27,000). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Stafford County Law Enforcement Technology, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22555

Project description and explanation of the request: Upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch system for Stafford County, VA. The CAD is part of the County's state of the art, interoperable communications system. Improve access to the communications system for interdepartmental users and federal and state law enforcement (including Marine Corps Base Quantico) along the I-95 corridor. 100% of the funding will be used to purchase a combination of hardware and software to move from a "text" environment to a "GUI" environment for the CAD. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Newport News Law Enforcement Technology, \$200,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Newport News Police Department, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

Project description and explanation of the request: 100% of the funds would be used to procure a Gunshot Location System. Networked sensors would be placed at specific coordinates on buildings and telephone poles to accurately detect and locate the origin of gunshots and weapons events. Data is sent to a central server accessible by law enforcement agencies. In the past year, Newport News dispatched officers to 2007 calls for gunshots. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies using this technology have seen gunfire-related violent crimes decrease and gunfire-related arrests increase. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: City of Hampton Law Enforcement Technology, \$200,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: City of Hampton, 22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor, Hampton, VA 23669

Project description and explanation of the request: The current 911 phone system in the City of Hampton's Emergency Communications Center is technologically out-of-date and due to age and its 24 hour a day duty cycle, it is suffering progressively more frequent failures and support issues. An upgrade will improve capability and delivery of emergency services with the minimum system failure rate. 100% of the funds will be used to procure equipment. During times of crisis, at the local, state and federal levels, the Emergency Communications Phone System will also serve as a key component of local physical infrastructure to maximize the City's ability to receive, process and deliver a coordinated response to a potential disaster scenario. An upgraded Emergency Communications Phone System will help the City of Hampton respond to and coordinate emergency services in the event of a disaster or crisis scenario. The Hampton Roads area is home to many critical national defense assets and military installations. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Virginia Fisheries Trawl Survey, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Route 1208 Greate Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Project description and explanation of the request: Information collected by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Trawl Survey is used by various agencies, including

NOAA, the National Marine Fisheries Commission and the Commonwealth of VA to effectively manage key fisheries. Proper management of these finfish resources ensures ecological stability of the Bay and supports the economic livelihood of fishery participants. The Virginia Trawl Survey collects and reports critical data on the recruitment, current and future abundance, and general ecological health of the finfish populations in the Chesapeake Bay. Funds will be used for: personnel (\$59,415), vessel (\$46,800), equipment (\$143,500), supplies (\$17,300), and facilities costs (\$32,985). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bills.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennyriple Narcotic Task Force

Address of Requesting Entity: 511 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: The Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force (PNTF) covers a 20-county area. Based in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, it is a law enforcement organization dedicated to fighting the spread of drugs and, in particular, methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse. According to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), Kentucky currently ranks sixth nationally in the number of law enforcement responses to meth-related incidents. These funds (\$500,000) will allow the task force to purchase materials and pay for manpower to educate people in the school systems, health departments, law enforcement agencies, and civic organizations on the dangers of methamphetamine. These funds are vital to eliminating the threat of illegal drugs in Kentucky's First Congressional District. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Russell County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 410 Monument Square 110, Jamestown, KY 42629

Description of Request: The project will consist of installing outdoor warning sirens to warn the public in the event of a disaster, particularly in the case of a failure of Wolf Creek Dam, which is currently undergoing a major rehabilitation. This funding will help the rural communities be better prepared should a catastrophe happen.

A CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO SANDY SCOTT, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ABBEVILLE GRENADE BAND, ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is not often that I have the honor to rise and give tribute to a living legend. Today, I have that honor. Mr. Leland S. "Sandy" Scott, who resides in my district is indeed a living legend in our community. Mr. Scott was born in Greenville County, South Carolina. He graduated from Parker High School in 1960. He served as drum major for the marching bands at both Parker High School and Furman University. He later earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Lander University.

Mr. Scott served as Band Director at Ellen Woodside High School from 1962–1963 and at Belton High School from 1963–1965.

In 1965, Mr. Scott, came to Abbeville High School to take over as Director of Bands. It is a position he would retain until 1982. Throughout these years he touched many lives and helped mold a generation of students. While at Abbeville he established the Southeastern Marching Contest which drew some of the top bands in the country to Abbeville.

His Grenadier Band at Abbeville was the only high school band in the state and one of a few nationwide to feature a bagpipe regiment.

The Abbeville High School band under his direction became one of the most successful competitive bands in high school marching band history. Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville High School band won the South Carolina Band Director's Association State Class Marching Band Championships for eight consecutive years in Classes A, AA and AAA. His Abbeville band won the National Cherry Blossom Championships in Field Show and Parade Competition, and it won in the National De Soto Festival in Bradenton, Florida, including the Grand Championship. His band also won the Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Festival of States and the Heart of St. Petersburg plaque twice.

Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville band received many other awards including: Grand Champion of the Furman University marching contest; First Place Class AAA Carolinas' Carousel in Charlotte, N.C.; Double Superior rating at the South Carolina State Music Festival; Third Place Overall at the Greatest Bands in Dixie Contest as part of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1977, under his leadership the Abbeville Band represented South Carolina at the Presidential Inaugural Parade of President Jimmy Carter, an event that the students worked hard to raise the money to be able to attend.

Sandy's professional affiliations include the National Association for Music Education, South Carolina Music Educators Association, the South Carolina Band Directors Association, Phi Mu Alpha, Gamma Eta Chapter; and Phi Beta Mu, Theta Chapter. He served on the Marching Band Committee and the All-State Audition Committee. He has actively participated in civic affairs, was President of the

Abbeville Rotary Club, and was President of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the City Council as Mayor Pro Tem. In 1971, he was named Abbeville's "Young Educator of the Year" and the South Carolina "Young Educator of the Year" in 1972. In 1975 he received Abbeville's "Young Man of the Year Award".

Mr. Scott served as a band clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States. He also served as Minister of Music for three churches; Forestville Baptists of Greenville, South Side Baptist of Abbeville and Callie Self Memorial Baptist of Greenwood. Having retired from teaching, Mr. Scott now serves as Senior Pastor of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church of Greenwood.

Mr. Scott and his wife, Verlene O'Kelley Scott have two children, Keith and Lisa and four grandchildren. He is also a member of the South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen.

On April 5, 2009, more than 150 band alumni and their families gathered together in Abbeville to honor Mr. Scott. They presented a bronze plaque that will be permanently displayed in Abbeville as a tribute to Mr. Scott. Present to give tribute to Mr. Scott were his former Band Director from Parker High School, Mr. James Senn and Mrs. Virginia Ferguson, who served as instructor to the Color Guard and Bagpipe regiment. Former band members traveled from as far away as California, Virginia and Maryland to honor Mr. Scott and to see old friends.

Mr. Scott brought much more than music to Abbeville High School and his students. For many students, it was their first chance to travel outside the county, their first chance to belong to a "winning team." In addition to learning to play a musical instrument, his students learned the importance of hard work, dedication, commitment to a group activity, the benefits of setting goals, school spirit, the power of positive thinking, and patriotism. A favorite saying that his students recall even 30 years later is "If you can dream it you can achieve it."

Mr. Scott did not just bring his students together, but brought an entire community together. He brought parents as well as members of the community together to support and enrich the band program. Abbeville is a better community because of Sandy Scott. Music Education in South Carolina is better because of Sandy Scott.

The lessons these students learned have served them well as adults who have gone on to serve in their communities. His students have gone on to be doctors, nurses, paralegals, business owners, teachers, federal employees, congressional staff, first responders, ministers, members of the armed services, and even music directors.

I am honored to pay tribute to my constituent, Mr. Leland Sanders "Sandy" Scott.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I

received as part of the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 North 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29171

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the West Columbia Police Department in West Columbia, South Carolina. A relatively new technology, Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), would assist the West Columbia Police Department in identifying offenders in real time, without waiting for information from the dispatcher. The ALPR technology allows vehicle license plates to be automatically scanned (up to 1,500 per minute) as officers patrol the city. The technology uses infrared scanning devices mounted on each patrol car, which recognize license plate numbers and compares them against multiple databases including wanted files, missing person files, AMBER alerts, terrorist watch lists, and gang databases. The technology then transmits data about the vehicle and the owner to the officers in the patrol vehicles, alerting them when a stop needs to be made. Using the ALPR technology, law enforcement officers can patrol with the benefit of getting data in real time, so they can interdict immediately. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orangeburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 1520 Ellis Avenue Ext, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the County of Orangeburg, South Carolina to expand and improve the Law Enforcement Automated Data Repository system (LEADR). LEADR creates a bottoms-up approach using open source software. Today, during routine police activities, an officer can search on partial license tags, names and addresses to rapidly correlate past contacts. The system shows probable matches with red and yellow alerts indicating additional caution is needed. All of the data in the system is derived from local and state law enforcement as well as local, state and occasionally federal government records. This funding will expand the capacity of the system and allow for mapping and location awareness so law enforcement can coordinate activities and have a graphical and pictorial representation of patterns and activities. It will also allow for the continued expansion of the system to additional states, making LEADR an even more powerful tool for law enforcement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

RECOGNIZING TRAVIS SHRUM, RECIPIENT OF THE TEMPE MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARD, AS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Travis Shrum, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from my hometown of Tempe, who was recently presented with the Mayor's Disability Award as Outstanding Employee of the Year. The Mayor's Disability Award honors Tempe residents who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace.

In 2007 and 2008, Travis served with the Army National Guard as an infantry soldier and gunner in Afghanistan, where he escorted security forces protecting civilians. Like many veterans, after returning home to the United States, Travis brought home the physical and emotional scars of war. He struggled with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and, subsequently, took a leave of absence from his job at a Walgreen's store in Tempe to concentrate on transitioning to civilian life. With the patience and support of the Phoenix Veterans Health Administration, Travis has bounced back and is once again thriving. He has returned to work as an assistant manager at Walgreen's, where he works full-time and manages a staff of 42.

Travis is a wonderful example of the Phoenix VA's commitment to returning veterans, and I'm proud to note that he is now outspoken about the need to reach out to other veterans who are eligible for VA's medical services and mental-health support. Travis plans to enroll at Arizona State University with the ultimate goal of becoming a physical therapist and working with veterans.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Travis Shrum for his courageous service to our country and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 for the City of Birmingham's Community Ori-

ented Policing Services (COPS) program to add additional police officers to the existing force and for crime prevention technology like Shot Spotter and GPS technology. The City plans to use the funds to increase the number of personnel and to invest in technology such as shot spotter GPS technology which will result in an improvement in public safety. The project's total budget is \$2,051,250. Specifically within the budget, \$320,000 is for 300 mobile data computer licensing, \$671,250 for 75 Coban VMDT, \$180,000 for 150 DataRadio Ciphre Modems, and \$880,000 for shotspotter expansion and mobile software. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The City of Birmingham will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1095, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to upgrade the Shelby County Sheriff's office public safety communications network. The primary objective of the Wide Area Radio Network (WARN) project is to provide Shelby County with a county-wide, mission-critical radio voice communication system. The funding will help to improve the public safety communications network and thus result in an improved public safety system in Shelby County. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 is for mobile car radios and \$250,000 is for hand held portable radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Irondale

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 100188, Irondale, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for equipment and technology upgrades for the Irondale Police Department, which will allow for better communication and increased emergency response capability. The project will invest in crime prevention and protection. The project's total budget is \$350,000. Specifically within the budget, \$40,000 is for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, \$14,000 for a dispatch recorder, \$85,000 for a 911 System Enhancement, \$50,000 for communication room renovation, \$79,200 for laptop computers, \$4,500 for computers, \$7,500 for a computer server with fiber optic cable, \$1,800 for a printer/copier and \$68,000 for a telephone system replacement. This re-

quest is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account. The City of Irondale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL 36609

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for mentoring and education programs for Team Focus, Inc. The funding will help provide young men who lack a father figure in their lives with leadership skills, guidance, moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. The mentoring program will aid the participants in becoming productive members of society. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$120,000 is for equipment, \$150,000 for travel, and \$230,000 for supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. Team Focus, Inc. will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830 Selma, AL 36702

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to provide security and IT improvements for the United Methodist Children's Home. By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its information technology infrastructure, the United Methodist Children's Home will better serve the at-risk youth in its care. The creation of a seamless system will ease each children's movement through the continuum of care in the Children's Home system, which will improve the outcomes for each child, namely, becoming responsible and productive members of their communities. The project's total budget is \$425,000. Specifically within the budget, \$89,000 is for personnel, \$13,000 for fringe benefits, \$188,000 for equipment, \$96,000 for contractual services, and \$39,000 for miscellaneous items. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. The United Methodist Children's Home will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: Office of Research, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for the University of Alabama to develop novel and efficient miniature antennas that are capable of supporting systems that control the flight of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles). Novel ferrites (magnetic material) and broadband ferrite antennas of unique design will be investigated and developed, respectively, to address the unstable imaging problem existing in UAV cameras. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) can provide vastly improved acquisition and rapid dissemination of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data. The benefits and promise offered by UAVs have drawn attention because of the significant impact they have on our national security. The project's total budget is \$1,000,000. Specifically within the budget, \$500,000 will go toward salaries, \$100,000 will go toward laboratory supplies and materials, \$60,000 will go toward rental equipment, \$40,000 will go toward travel expenses, and \$300,000 will go toward equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Account. The University of Alabama will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LANCE. 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, 2010:

DOJ—COPS Technology Account. Woodbridge, New Jersey Interoperable Law Enforcement Trunked Digital Radio System—\$500,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is: Township of Woodbridge, One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

The funding would be used to replace the antiquated patchwork of over 40 year old radio systems with a UHF Trunked Digital Simulcast Radio Communications System that will allow for interoperable communications between Woodbridge police, firefighters, first response and municipal employees and add emergency response capabilities at the Township's 24 public school facilities.

DOJ—COPS Technology Account. Summit, NJ Regional Police and Emergency Management Interoperable Communication Network and Facility—\$1,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Summit, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

The funding would be used to design and build a state-of-the-art dispatch and emergency management operations center utilizing the most current radio, computer, internet and supplementary communications equipment, capable of providing a completely interoperable communications network capable of providing emergency services to a full-time population of at least 46,000 residents.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY SEALS

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, Capitol Guide Albert Carey Caswell has composed a poem for the RECORD in honor of the U.S. Navy SEALS.

Seal it!
Crush it!
Run, right up to it!
As You Flush it! Terminate It!
As You Break it! Bust It! As You God For-
sake It! And Make Mush of it!
Destroy It!
Walk, right by it!
Without, even touching it . . .
Boy It, it was like . . . you were not even
there!
Climbing mountains . . .
Overtaking it! While, disappearing through
thin air!
Capturing it, as over the coals you so rake
it! As against all odds you make it!
Go around it, run right through it!
Or go right over it!
As only, You can do it!
Michael Monsoor It, Bob Kerrey It, Michael
Murphy It . . . as only you can carry
it!
For there's nothing, you can not do . . . it!
To The Tenth Power, The Men of The Hour
. . . all in what your golden heart's so
shower!

Climbing walls . . .
Jumping off buildings, falls!
As to what these fine hearts, are called . . .
Swimming the high seas, as they will not
pause!
As Freedom Fighters, one and all . . .
Answering that, most noble cause!
As you turn around, they disappear . . .
From The Land, Air and Sea . . .
A Force of Nature, So Complete!
A Band of Brothers, so very sweet!
As we hear, God's Voices in all these!
Men of Honor, Men of Faith!
Whose, fine hearts will not wait!
Nor will not so waft!
Who will not give up, or in!
As into that face of death and hell, they so
wade!
Get In, Get Out . . .
Get the job done, that's what it's all about!
All for God and Country, Tis of Thee . . .
All At The Very Top, as no one else can so
compete!
The very Origin, of Stealth Technology!
Stealing from time, all across the seven seas!
What Superman, so wishes he could be!
As they can shoot the wings off of a nat, at
1,000 feet!
So Incredible, as so are all of these!
All so boldly marching forth, all out on lib-
erty's course!
For no one knows no more . . . That Free-
dom, Is Not Free!
What ever boy, wishes he could grow up to
be!
YOU GO! I GO!
AS, FOR MY BROTHER . . . I WILL SO DIE
FOR THEE!
ALL IN THEIR SEAL OF HONOR!
AS THEY ALL SO SHINE, OH SO BRIL-
LIANTLY!
THE LAST EASY DAY, WAS THE ONE PRO-
CEEDED!
Magnificent Men, who so live by a code . . .
as they so heed it!
A Code of Honor, of Faith . . . that which so
brings tears to Angel's eyes!
A Seal Of Honor!

Where Faith, In Hearts of Courage Grows!
All In Hearts of Steel, From Where Freedom
Flows!

A saw some Seals, one time . . .
And as, I turned around . . . and they were
gone!

Climbing up the walls, moving on!
As They Disappeared, Into Thin Air!
As if, almost like they were not ever there!
Them Running On The Wind, was all that I
could hear!

As they grow beards, and make people
scared!

As they vanquish evil, anytime . . . every-
where!
All in their Most Splendid Splendor, so
there!

Seal It! Crush It! Run Right Up To It! Make
Mush Of It! Destroy It! Flush It!

Boy It, it was like . . . you were not even
there!

All In Your Seal Of Honor, All In Freedom's
Glare! Terminate It!

Seal It!
In honor of our Navy Seals, Magnificents
. . . Freedom Fighters . . . You and Your
Families have so blessed Our Nation!

—Albert Carey Caswell.

HONORING WWII WOMEN AVIATORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speak-
er, I rise to recognize Gayle Bevis Ewing
Reed and her remarkable service to our coun-
try during World War II. Ms. Reed was one of
the courageous women who served her coun-
try as a part of the Women Airforce Service
Pilots (WASP) program which began in August
1943 to facilitate the war effort. She was dedi-
cated to her dream of becoming a pilot and,
despite the barriers confronting women in the
aviation field, she succeeded and went on to
fly PT-19s, BT-13s, and UC-78s during the
war.

Upon hearing of the WASP program she be-
came determined to aid the war effort and was
among the earliest women to join. Of the
25,000 who applied, she was one of those se-
lected to undergo a rigorous training program.
She earned her wings in 1943, becoming one
of 1,074 women to do so. In the 17 months
that the WASPs were operational, she and her
fellow pilots flew more than 60 million miles in
over 60,000 hours of duty providing an inval-
uable service for our country.

Ms. Reed and her fellow WASPs were re-
sponsible for testing both new airplanes and
those that had undergone repairs. They deliv-
ered planes from one destination to another
and assisted with the training of other pilots by
towing targets, simulating bombings and even
participating in the direct instruction of male
cadets.

She and her fellow pilots displayed tremen-
dous courage and bravery as their duties were
strenuous, exhausting and, at times, even life
threatening. Thirty-eight women lost their lives
while serving our country. Women pilots faced
constant gender discrimination and antagonism
from male pilots who adamantly believed that
women did not belong in the aviation field.

On Dec. 20, 1944, Congress voted to dis-
band the WASP program, determining that it

was no longer necessary as male pilots were becoming available to fill the jobs the women were performing. Despite the end of the program, she and many other women did not abandon their love of flying. They continued to fight alongside one another to gain recognition for their remarkable contribution. In the 1970s, they became deeply involved in a campaign nicknamed the "Battle of Congress" to gain veteran status for their service during the war. They finally succeeded in 1977 despite continued gender discrimination.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Gayle Bevis Ewing Reed and other flyers from the WASP program who remain an inspiration for young women and men alike. She is not only a hero but a symbol of what can be achieved when goals are pursued and barriers overcome. She continues the legacy set down by generations of ambitious women by honoring her talent and maintaining a steadfast commitment to her dreams.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to promulgate the notion of a unified Caribbean, where an island nation may assist its neighbor nations in prospering culturally, economically, and socially. There is so much we can do together, so much that binds us—a common humanity, a desire for advancement, a love of country and culture. It is by staying true to these commonalities, while celebrating—not ignoring—our differences, that true cooperation and exchange can flourish in the Caribbean region. Our divisions are nowhere near as salient as those elements that draw us closer.

We are finally making headway in improving our relations with Cuba. After decades of turning a cold shoulder to the Cuban people, we are poised to allow more of our American essence to penetrate the Cuban bubble. Our Cuban American brothers and sisters are no longer hamstrung by a cruel travel ban that allowed them only one trip to the island every three years, forcing them to miss weddings, funerals, and births happening only 90 miles away. The Obama Administration has opened itself up to talking with the Cuban government. Nothing has to be off the negotiation table, but we get nowhere when we outright reject all dialogue. Five decades of failed policy have mired us in the same 1960s arguments and rhetoric to the benefit of neither nation. It is time for a fresh, bold approach.

We should wholesale lift the travel ban for all of our citizens and legal residents. Wherever Americans travel, they bring their values, their morals, and democratic mores to bear. Cuba needs more of this, not less. We should end an embargo that has proven to be a scapegoat for the Cuban government and a detriment to the Cuban people—all the while our economy and our farmers suffer the brunt of an untapped market. We should be supplying the island with much-needed food, and medicines, and charity.

Cubans and Americans have had a love affair for decades. The affinity between the two

peoples has developed naturally, from our shared musical influences to our predilection for baseball. The island has such a rich history of heroes and heroines, from independence fighters such as José Martí to salsa innovator Celia Cruz. May we celebrate the distinct Cuban cultural imprint, while looking forward to a new, improved Caribbean region that fosters intercultural ties and smart, responsible policy.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. I want to commend my colleague, Mr. BERMAN of California, for his leadership in moving this important bill through the Committee on Foreign Affairs and bringing it to the Floor today. This important legislation represents an opportunity for the U.S. Congress to assert its proper advisory role in shaping civilian elements of our national security infrastructure.

This legislation firmly launches the U.S. on an effort to invigorate our frontline defense: Diplomatic and development capabilities at the heart of our vast global engagements. Of course, diplomacy is effective only if backed by a robust military, but we know even heroic efforts by our military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan won't secure stable victories without complementary civilian efforts.

This bill reinvests in our ability to build global consensus that favors U.S. interests. It increases Peace Corps programs and expands public diplomacy, broadcasting, and educational exchanges that will forge lasting bonds and build allies. Finally, this bill removes our arrearsages to the United Nations, boosting our credibility in this key forum that lends legitimacy and effectiveness to so many of our multilateral endeavors. It also seeks to realign U.S. policies on controlled exports, streamlining licensing to help protect U.S. jobs and preserve the competitive edge of U.S. businesses while preserving nonproliferation goals.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill that represents a significant step towards restoring diplomacy as our Nation's first line of defense. By expanding dialogue, diplomacy, and development today, we will avoid the far greater costs of solving crises that instead would emerge from our indifference.

RECOGNIZING HILLEL FOUNDATION

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the passage of H. Res. 493, a resolu-

tion to honor the 85th anniversary of Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

I would like to thank Congressman TIM JOHNSON for co-authoring this resolution with me. Congressman JOHNSON's district is the home of the first Hillel, founded in 1923.

As my colleagues know well, Hillel is the world's largest Jewish college campus organization, serving students on over 500 campuses around the world.

Last night, with dozens of house parties and celebrations, Hillel celebrated its 85th anniversary.

Hillel has been an important partner to universities by providing resources, programs and other forms of support to the entire campus community. Hillel members, professional staff and lay leaders have educated students about American values and have helped them to provide leadership for causes, including the civil rights movement, the campaign to free Soviet Jewry, the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur, and the promotion of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

I would like to recognize Wayne Firestone, the President of Hillel, originally from South Florida and a University of Miami Hillel alumnus, for his tireless work on behalf of the many causes that Hillel students advance. I would also like to commend Josh Kram, originally from South Florida and a Hillel alumnus at the University of Florida, for helping to coordinate a successful birthday celebration.

Hillel is an important institution that has provided numerous benefits to young people and their communities. It is only appropriate that on this anniversary, Congress recognize Hillel's achievements in giving back to this country and the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes on June 15, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall 336 on H. Res. 430, yes on rollcall 337 on H.R. 2325; and yes on rollcall 338 on H.R. 729.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce the High School Athletics Accountability Act. As opportunities for girls and women to participate in sports and athletics have been made increasingly available, women's participation has grown exponentially. Over three million high school girls now participate in organized sports, as opposed to 294,015 in 1971 before Title IX was enacted. Athletic participation has brought with it confidence and camaraderie among young women, giving them memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Despite our progress, persistent attacks against equality for women's sports require that we continue to protect the rights our nation's young women deserve. Currently high schools are not required to disclose any data on equity in sports, making it difficult for high schools and parents to ensure fairness in their athletics programs. The High School Athletics Accountability Act requires that high schools report basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. The data will help high schools improve opportunities for girls in sports, and thereby help high schools and parents of schoolchildren foster fairness in athletic opportunities for girls and boys. Ultimately better information will encourage greater participation of all students in athletics.

Without information about how athletic opportunities and benefits are being allocated at the high school level, female students may be deprived of their chance to play sports. For many young women, sports are often their ticket to higher education. A survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations indicates that female students receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play high school sports than do male students, which translate into many lost opportunities for athletic scholarships. Other studies show that student athletes tend to graduate at higher rates, perform better in school and are less likely to use drugs and alcohol. Women athletes also tend to have more confidence, better body image, and higher self-esteem than female non-athletes—critical attributes that help them succeed throughout their lives. We must give our schools the tools they need to identify inequities in their programs so that current and future generations of women can enjoy the benefits of sports.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort to help girls move toward equality in athletics at every level and in every community across the nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House 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 for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Name of requesting entity: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Address of requesting entity: 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Description: The \$100,000 will be used for the operation of the Florida Silver Alert Program, which helps locate missing seniors and others with dementia-related illnesses.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: COPS Meth

Name of requesting entity: Hillsborough County, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, 26th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$250,000 will be used to strengthen the County's methamphetamine enforcement and cleanup efforts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sterling Heights Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 40333 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Description of Request: The amount of \$300,000 would be used by Sterling Heights Police Department to purchase and install updated law enforcement technologies, to improve law enforcement response time and the administration of justice programs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby Township Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 52700 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, MI 48316

Description of Request: The amount of \$200,000 would be used by Shelby Township Police Department to purchase and install updated law enforcement technologies, to improve law enforcement response time and the administration of justice programs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Byrne Justice Grant Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sterling Heights Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 40333 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Description of Request: The amount of \$300,000 would be used by the Sterling Heights Police Department for law enforcement programs, prosecution, drug treatment and enforcement programs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Byrne Justice Grant Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby Township Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 52700 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, MI 48316

Description of Request: The amount of \$200,000 would be used by the Sterling Heights Police Department for law enforcement programs, prosecution, drug treatment and enforcement programs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. 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, the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hope Through Housing Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

Funding Secured: \$850,000

Description of Request: In previous fiscal years, Congress has shown strong support to the Hope Through Housing Foundation by providing dollars to fund a pilot program to fully incorporate a violence prevention curriculum, particularly gang prevention, into the existing programming at affordable housing communities. Funding will be used to administer an after-school program on site at affordable housing facilities that is designed to help prevent violence and keep at-risk youths off the streets. This program includes an array of services essential to assisting at-risk youth gain the resources they will need to succeed in life and school. An afternoon at Hope's After School and Beyond—Violence Prevention includes: team building exercises, self esteem building activities, homework assistance, family literacy and Peace Builders, the nationally acclaimed violence prevention curriculum. These elements will further develop positive and community networks that will support youth in their journey into adulthood, and will support their families in helping them on this journey.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Juvenile Justice Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chino

Address of Requesting Entity: 13001 Central Avenue, Chino, California 91708

Funding Secured: \$150,000.

Description of Request: The City of Chino runs the Chino Experience as an after-school program for teens in grades 7 through 9. The Chino Experience addresses the needs of this growing population group and specifically focuses on at-risk youth. It is the only facility in the community offering non-sport programs and services to teens in grades 7 through 9 for extended evening hours and weekend programming. The three critical components of the program are individual case management, school-based enrichment, and the Chino Experience Teen Center facility. These components address the socioeconomic, academic, and social needs of the teens and also serve as diversions from dangerous influences of gangs and drugs. The Chino Experience provides year-round, five days per week programming for teens plus two special excursions per

month. On-site after-school tutoring is available and shuttle bus service takes the students directly from three schools to the Chino Experience Teen Center after school for alternative programs. The requested funds will support teen programs with a special emphasis on teens living within the low-income and moderate-income areas of the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rio Hondo Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 11400 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

Funding Secured: \$300,000

Description of Request: Rio Hondo College operates its Public Safety Center with Police and Fire Academies to train cadets and Federal, State, and local first responders from over 115 agencies. The Public Safety Center was recently recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as a "Regional Homeland Security Training Center." In tandem with this recognition, Rio Hondo College recently pledged \$520,000 toward the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the Fire Academy to train Federal, State, and local first responders in tactics to best manage the possibility of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive event (CBRNE) in Southern California. Los Angeles County has pledged \$150,000 toward the Center, and the City of Santa Fe Springs is prepared to contribute up to \$300,000 toward the Center. Training is already under way at the expanded Center. In order to meet the rising demands for training from L.A. County first responders and Rio Hondo students at the Center in order to prepare for natural and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive (CBRNE) disasters, the training center needs the appropriate equipment to train for underground and tunnel scenarios, lighting to train 24/7 and to simulate nighttime operations, and a classroom trailer now that the center is designated as a Department of Homeland Security approved training center.

the celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. It has been a long and slow road to the recognition of the contributions of Caribbean Americans since the establishment of the Caribbean American Heritage Awards in 1994. This declaration is well overdue since the establishment of the Caribbean American Heritage Awards 15 years ago and I am honored to be here to recognize the influential contributions of Caribbean Americans to American society. I would also like to commend my colleague Congresswoman LEE for her commitment to the recognition of the achievements of Caribbean Americans through her sponsorship and reintroduction of legislation to celebrate June as Caribbean American Heritage Month. Because of Congresswoman LEE's hard work President Bush issued a Proclamation on June 5, 2006 declaring June as Caribbean American Heritage Month. For over 100 years Caribbean Americans have enhanced American culture and diversity. Influential Caribbean Americans include Harry Belafonte, Shirley Chisholm, Sydney Poitier, Alexander Hamilton, and Malcolm X just to name a few. The influence and impact of Caribbean Americans extends far beyond this unexhausted list of notable Caribbean Americans. They have been leaders in public service, sports, entertainment, the arts, and many other fields. More importantly, Caribbean Americans are everyday men, women and children who aim to positively impact communities across America. Over five million Americans proudly share their Caribbean heritage. The Caribbean region remains an important regional partner due to its close proximity to the United States—evident in its collaborative work and strong economic, diplomatic, and strategic ties with the United States. During Caribbean American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions of Caribbean Americans to our country, and the common bonds and culture shared by the United States and Caribbean countries. America has thrived as a cultural melting pot, due in part to the spirit, morals, and skills of Caribbean Americans. I can not think of a better way to recognize and commemorate Caribbean Americans and the Caribbean region for their contributions to the United States than the celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. I, along with my colleagues, am honored to be a part of this celebration. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

program and became inspired to join the war effort. More than 25,000 women applied and after completing a rigorous training program, Ms. Rodgers was among the 1,074 women who earned their wings. In the 17 months that the WASP's were operational, she and her fellow pilots flew more than 60 million miles.

Among her many duties Ms. Rodgers tested and ferried planes making necessary repairs to military aircraft. She displayed tremendous courage and bravery as her duties were strenuous, exhausting and at times even life threatening. Thirty-eight women lost their lives while serving and Ms. Rodgers was nearly one of them. While she was completing a routine testing flight in Waco, Texas, the plane she was flying abruptly went into an inverted spin. She made every attempt to right the aircraft to prevent destroying the plane, but as she neared the ground she was forced to abandon the aircraft. She was barely able to deploy her parachute before hitting the ground as she had delayed ejecting in an effort to save the plane. After recovering from her injuries, she was informed that her plane's rudder had been cut in an act of sabotage. Although such acts were rare, they were examples of the hardships women pilots had to overcome as they faced antagonism from male pilots who adamantly believed that women did not belong in the aviation field.

On Dec. 20, 1944, the same day Ms. Rodgers risked her life, Congress voted to disband the WASP program determining that it was no longer necessary as male pilots were becoming available to fill the jobs the women were performing. Despite the end of the program, Ms. Rodgers did not abandon her passion. She went on to work at the Glenview Naval Air Station and flew as much as possible.

In the 1970s she became deeply involved in a campaign to gain veteran status for WASPs. Despite resistance based on gender prejudices, they finally succeeded in 1977.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Lorraine Zilner Rodgers and other pilots from the WASP program who remain an inspiration for young women and men alike. She is not only a hero but a symbol of what can be achieved when goals are pursued and barriers overcome. She continues the legacy set down by generations of ambitious women by honoring her talent and maintaining a steadfast commitment to her dreams.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 15, 2009, I was not present for 4 recorded votes. Please let the RECORD show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 336—"yea," Roll No. 337—"yea," Roll No. 338—"yea," Roll No. 339—"yea."

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as a member of Congress I am proud to participate in

HONORING WWII WOMEN AVIATORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lorraine Zilner Rodgers and her remarkable service to our country during World War II. Ms. Rodgers dreamed of becoming a pilot at a time when the field of aviation was dominated by men. Undeterred, she overcame gender barriers to pursue her goal. After graduating from the University of Illinois, she worked building military aircraft, using her salary and limited spare time to learn to fly. She eventually attained a private pilots' license.

While pursuing her dream to fly, she learned of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LATTA. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA.

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

Account: Commerce; NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bowling Green State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 University Hall, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Description of Request: \$500,000 for monitoring of Lake Erie water quality with remote sensing for Bowling Green State University and Heidelberg College, in partnership with the consortium partners of OhioView and the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL). The funding will be used to continue the project of monitoring algal blooms in Lake Erie with LANDSAT TM satellite data. This will allow for real-time, continuous monitoring and assessment of harmful algal blooms and coliform in Lake Erie and its Southern-shore tributaries. This research is authorized by the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Act of 2003. The funds will be used to develop the systems for determining cyanobacteria in Lake Erie and in local water supplies and to continue to collect data for analyzing and further study. This project began in 2006 and provides continuous monitoring from the satellite data of the potentially harmful algal blooms. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA.

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

Account: Justice; OJP—Juvenile Justice.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Starr Commonwealth—Van Wert.

Address of Requesting Entity: 15145 Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

Description of Request: \$500,000 for expansion of the Adolescent Delinquency Program (ADP) in Van Wert in order to address specific needs of troubled and at-risk youth. Services include educational/GED programs, life skills, job placement assistance, housing assistance, case management and mentoring. At risk, identified male delinquent youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen are eligible for placement into the Adolescent Delinquent Program. This expansion will assist with the program so it can serve more Ohioans and help them become productive citizens. Starr takes at-risk youth from being costly tax recipients and dependent on the social welfare to future taxpayers and productive, independent members of society. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Programs account for the Hanover Park Police Department Rapid Response to School Violence Program. The entity to receive the \$48,000 in funding for this project is the Hanover Park Police Department, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for

the Department to enhance its response to school violence capabilities through purchase of equipment, training, and realistic exercises. This funding is desperately needed to equip the Hanover Park Police Department to better be able to respond to threats of school violence, particularly in light of the recent and sudden increase in teen and gang shootings. The Hanover Park Police Department plans to enhance its response to school violence capabilities through purchase of equipment, training, and realistic exercises. This training would be used for all sworn department members in a series of simulated situations of police response to active shooters in schools. Included in the request is funding for purchase of training weapons, and tactical equipment, and armored security gear for use in both drills and actual incident response. The Hanover Park Police Department has demonstrated a willingness to be a regional resource, and has positioned itself to provide mutual aid to surrounding municipalities and even other states. The Department's School Familiarization Program was featured in a June 2008 Law and Order article, and has served as a model for other departments across the country.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Program account for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Atmospheric Detection Equipment. The entity to receive the \$675,000 in funding for this project is the Glencoe Department of Public Safety, 675 Village Court, Glencoe, IL 60022. It is my understanding that the funding from this joint request with Congresswoman BEAN would be used to acquire atmospheric Detection Equipment for the NIPAS regional mutual aid response trained officers. The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Emergency Services Team (EST) is a mutual aid organization that is responsible for law enforcement coverage of 68 member towns with a total population of approximately 1.8 million residents. In Illinois' 6th Congressional District, the acquisition of this equipment will directly benefit the municipalities of Bartlett, Elk Grove Village, Elmhurst, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Roselle, Streamwood, and Villa Park. This funding will be used to acquire atmospheric Detection Equipment for the NIPAS EST mutual aid response trained officers. Member Police Departments and the NIPAS EST have identified a lacking atmospheric detection capability. Atmospheric detection equipment is needed to allow NIPAS law enforcement officers the ability to respond to crimes or other incidents involving hazardous environments, explosive devices, arson materials, and narcotics. NIPAS will administer this program which will provide coverage for 68 member communities in the counties of Lake, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and Will Counties. Ensuring that NIPAS officers have the Atmospheric detection technology they need will: protect police officers who are the first to respond to Hazmat related accidents/crime scenes and methamphetamine related crime scenes; decrease the response time of officers to hazmat accidents/crime scenes; increase public safety, and provide valuable atmospheric samples that can later be used for criminal prosecutions. This shared resource will leverage taxpayer dollars toward a more efficient procurement of this atmospheric detection equipment.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2487, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial State and

Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Programs account for the Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital Domestic Violence Program. The entity to receive the \$75,000 in funding for this project is Advocate Health Care, 2025 Windsor Drive, Oakbrook, IL 60523. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to strengthen and expand the Hospital's domestic violence program through greater outreach and enhanced collaboration with more area police departments. With the growing numbers of reported domestic violence in DuPage County and throughout Illinois' 6th Congressional district, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital (AGSH) seeks to further strengthen and expand its domestic violence program to ensure that current and expected needs are met. In addition, with this funding AGSH will be able to expand its collaborative efforts with local police departments to include Lombard and Wheaton, complementing its current interaction with Downers Grove. Additionally, AGSH will enhance training both internally and for local agencies that serve as strategic points of entry: emergency departments, local police departments, and faith-based organizations. The federal government has recognized the serious public health threat that domestic violence poses to society through its Healthy People 2010 objectives, and the federal government has sought and is seeking a reduction in the rate of physical assault by current or former intimate partners. AGSH seeks to help achieve this important federal objective. This project meets the objectives of the Bureau of Justice Assistance by encouraging the development and implementation of strategies to reduce and prevent crime and violence, drawing in community participation, and providing technical assistance.

RALPH REGULA FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1687 . . . to commemorate the career and service of our friend and colleague, Congressman Ralph Regula, by designating the Federal Building and U.S. courthouse in Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

For 38 years, Congressman Ralph Regula was a dedicated public servant and champion for Ohio.

While I served only one term with Congressman Regula, I worked with him long enough to recognize his strong and dedicated service to our country, as well as his great love for Ohio.

Congressman Regula is the consummate public servant. His career of service began long before the 38 years that he dedicated to this House.

After graduating from high school, he served in the Navy during World War II.

Congressman Regula continued his public service as a member of the Ohio State Board of Education. He went on to serve in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. When he arrived

in Congress in 1973, Congressman Regula's greatest years of serving our country were still ahead of him.

His leadership was apparent immediately. As a freshman member, alongside Congressman John Seiberling, he fought hard to have President Ford establish the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

Congressman Regula continued his fight to help build and protect the Cuyahoga Valley over the next 34 years of his career.

In 1974, Congressman Regula said “. . . we could be the architects in preserving this heritage for future generations; it goes far beyond today in terms of the potential.”

Today, that potential has been fully recognized.

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park is one of the most heavily visited national parks in the country.

It is one of the great treasures Congressman Regula has left us. And, I am privileged to be able to carry on his efforts to continue to preserve and expand the Park.

I want to thank Senator BROWN and Congressman BOCCIERI for leading the effort on this bill.

No one is more deserving of this great honor than Congressman REGULA. He left a great legacy for all of us to live up to.

It is clear that the citizens of Canton and the 16th congressional district are eternally grateful for his endless contributions.

I thank him for his service, and I am glad to be a part of this effort to recognize his importance by helping to pass this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. 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, the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriation Act:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-JJ

Name and Address: Watson Children's Shelter, 2901 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804

Description: The Watson Children's Shelter (WCS) is Western Montana's only emergency children shelter, serving nearly 100 children per year who escape from abuse, neglect, abandonment, family crisis, and other traumatic situations. The substantial population growth in Western Montana coupled with the subsequent increase in methamphetamine abuse, poverty, and related issues has significantly increased the need for children-oriented emergency shelter services. This request will facilitate the continued fulfillment of its mission of providing a safe haven for all children in crisis in Western Montana and meet increased demand.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-JJ

Name and Address: University of Montana, University Hall 116; Missoula, MT 59812

Description: The Montana Safe Schools Center (MSSC) will work with schools, state

agencies and Tribes on the interrelated issues of childhood trauma and victimization, suicide prevention, threat assessment, behavioral health and bullying.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-JJ

Name and Address: Youth and District Court Services Bureau, 301 South Park Avenue, Suite 328

Description: This project will integrate the MONTS Program into the Montana Youth Justice System by training staff in the appropriate application and use of MONTS & OTTER Notifications to divert Montana youth from custody and into appropriate alternative solutions.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP Byrne

Name and Address: East Helena Police Department, 316 East Main East Helena, Montana 59635

Description: This funding will allow the East Helena Police Department to hire Certified Police Officers.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Tech

Name and Address: Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 35017, Billings, Montana 59107

Description: The mobile digital video camera project will fund the purchase of new mobile video digital cameras to augment current systems and replace VHS formatted video systems. The information that is recorded can be used as evidence in court proceedings, assist the prosecution of D.U.I. arrests, gang activity, traffic and criminal offenses.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP Byrne

Name and Address: Gallatin County, 311 West Main Street, Bozeman, MT, 59715

Description: This funding will allow the Gallatin Country Treatment Court to expand the capacity of our program by adding case management, mental health access, treatment access, and housing and education assistance for program participants willing to seriously address their chemical dependency issues.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Meth

Name and Address: Montana Meth Project, PO Box 8944, Missoula, MT 59807

Description: Funding will support the Montana Meth Project campaign's commitment to solve the meth usage problem using prevention as the first line of defense.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP Byrne

Name and Address: Billings Clinic, PO Box 31031, Billings, MT 59107

Description: Funding will support the operation of the Billings Clinic Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program specializes in collecting evidence and caring for victims of sexual assault. Billings Clinic's SANE unit was recently in March of 2007 and is the only unit in the service area. The SANE unit is equipped with all necessary equipment for forensic evidence collection and provides a safe and private room specifically designed for victims of sexual assault.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mote Marine Laboratory

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, Fl. 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$1,500,000 for Science Consortium for Ocean Replenishment (SCORE) at Mote Marine Laboratory.

SCORE is a multi-state initiative for the recovery of the nation's ocean fisheries. Its approach is to replenish diminishing marine fisheries stocks based on scientific protocols developed through a highly coordinated national effort focused on demonstration of successful stock enhancement. This fast-track strategy has the potential to be more cost-effective and timely than policy measures traditionally used to conserve and sustain ocean resources.

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA APGAR OF WESTFIELD, NJ

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Virginia Apgar of Westfield, New Jersey to celebrate her life and achievements with her family and friends, and with my colleagues here in the United States Congress and with the American people.

Were she still alive today Dr. Apgar would have observed her 100th birthday this month.

Born on June 7, 1909, Dr. Apgar enjoyed a long distinguished career in medicine, education, public health and devoted a significant amount of efforts to preventing birth defects of infants around the world.

Educated at Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University, she became the director of anesthesiology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1938. In 1949, Dr. Apgar became the first full-time professor of her gender at Columbia University, overcoming the challenges for exceptionally talented women in higher education.

While millions of parents around the world in the last half of this century may not have known Dr. Apgar, they do know her last name well. The Apgar Score—which she created in 1952—is a straightforward and efficient system designed to evaluate the vital signs of newborns at birth. It is still in use today around the world.

The method she developed was the first time in public health that addressed the needs of newborns in the very early minutes of their

life after birth. The Apgar Score measures a newborn's appearance, pulse, grimace, activity and respiration. It has helped predict newborn survival and reduce infant mortality. Her efforts have changed the lives of millions.

Dr. Apgar was a dedicated advocate of the March of Dimes. She initiated programs to promote rubella immunization for infants and helped convene the first Committee on Prenatal Health, which produced a milestone study on the regionalization of pre-natal care in the United States in 1976.

While Dr. Virginia Apgar is not with us today, I would like to commend her for her lifetime of achievements. Not only do parents around the world appreciate her Apgar Scores, she has made numerous contributions to infant health.

It is my pleasure to remember Virginia Apgar on the anniversary of her 100th birthday and share her wonderful life story with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice-Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Meth Project Funding Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillsborough County

Address of Requesting Entity: 3110 Clay Mangum Lane, Tampa, Florida 33618

Description of Request: On behalf of Hillsborough County, I respectfully requested \$250,000 in funding for the County's Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup project. Methamphetamine use and distribution is a major problem in the Tampa Bay/Hillsborough County area. Realizing that methamphetamine has clear and tragic consequences, whether it's the obvious striking physical and mental affects or the cleanup of the toxic production laboratories, Hillsborough County will use this funding to combat this problem through meth prevention, treatment and the cleanup of drug sites.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BROUN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to vote on the following bills: H. Res. 430, H.R. 2325, H.R. 729, and H. Res. 540. If I had been able to make these votes, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 430, "yea" on H.R. 2325, "nay" on H.R. 729, and "yea" on H. Res. 540.

TRIBUTE TO COACH JACK DOSS AND THE S.R. BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Jack Doss and the S.R. Butler High School basketball team from Huntsville, Alabama. Along with assistant coaches Charlie Steele, Terry Mitchell, Arthur Wesley and Michael Freeman, Coach Doss led the Rebels to a second straight 5A State Basketball Championship and Butler's fourth of the past six years.

Though one of the smallest high schools in Division 5A, S.R. Butler High School has always upheld the highest standards of excellence in all its endeavors, and this team of outstanding athletes is no exception.

I commend the leadership of Principal Jacqueline Wyse and Coach Doss on their successful careers with Butler High and look forward to the continuation of a tradition of solid and consistent performance in academics and athletics.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Coach Doss and the entire S.R. Butler High School administration and staff for their commitment to achieving this championship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 15, 2009, I was unable to return to Washington in time to vote because of airplane mechanical problems. If I was here, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall No. 336, "yea" on Rollcall No. 337, "no" on Rollcall No. 338, because while the bill has a noble goal, the legislation imposes yet another federal mandate on local schools, and "yea" on Rollcall No. 339.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I obtained as part of H.R. 2487.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: NASA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

Address of Requesting Entity: 2525 Bay Area Blvd., Suite 640, Houston, TX 77058

Description of Request: An earmark of \$1,000,000 to fund the Bay Area SATOP program to transfer the knowledge and technology of the U.S. Space Program to small

businesses. SATOP provides technical assistance to small businesses.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following: Rollcall No. 337, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office," I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF REV. JOSEPH ROBERSON FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTH COLUMBUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Joseph Roberson of Columbus, Georgia, who has for the past 15 years served with unwavering love and devotion as the Senior Pastor of South Columbus United Methodist. On June 17, 2009, Reverend Roberson will resign his pastoral duties to serve as the Statesboro District Superintendent, where he will minister to 82 churches and 53 pastors.

Under Reverend Joseph Roberson's leadership these past 15 years, South Columbus United Methodist has grown from 45 members to now more than 800 members. It established a Hispanic Ministry and added an Associate Pastor to the church leadership team. Reverend Roberson has touched many lives through his ministry at South Columbus United Methodist. To his parishioners, he is a pastor, an evangelist, a prophet, a teacher, a counselor, and a friend.

A native of Waynesboro, Georgia, Reverend Roberson first joined the ministry in 1978 with the Statesboro District of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC). Over the next 16 years, his career took him from there to the West Point Parish (1980-1983), Speedwell UMC in Savannah, Georgia (1983-1985), Council on Ministries (1985-1991), the National Black Methodists for Church Renewal in Dayton, Ohio (1991-1994), and finally to the South Columbus UMC in 1994.

I appreciate the impact that Reverend Joseph Roberson and the South Columbus United Methodist Church have made on the city of Columbus. The church has become a spiritual pillar of the Columbus community reaching out to those in need and comforting those who are suffering.

I am truly honored to be able to call Reverend Roberson a fellow Georgian. His faithfulness and dedication are rare traits. I thank him for his years of service at South Columbus United Methodist and I wish him Godspeed in the next phase of his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. 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 Appropriations Act, 2010.

(1) Recipient: City of Glendale, Arizona, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301

Budget designation: \$1,000,000

The purpose of this budget designation is to upgrade and enhance the computer aided dispatch and records management system that is used by law enforcement to respond to emergencies in the Glendale community. These upgrades will include modules for booking, records management, dispatch, homeland security, court/prosecutors and wireless ticketing, as well as automatic vehicle location, a system that is currently used by the fire department which results in a much quicker response to calls and includes mapping so that officers can be directed to the call location. Over the past several years, the City of Glendale has become an entertainment and sports destination. The City is home to the University of Phoenix Stadium, a 73,000-seat multi-purpose facility which hosts the NFL Cardinals football games, the Fiesta Bowl, an annual BCS Game and just hosted the 2008 Super Bowl. The adjoining Jobing.com arena is home to the NHL Phoenix Coyotes and hosts numerous events and concerts. The national and regional events held at these facilities have significantly increased the public safety needs and demands on the City of Glendale. In order to protect the public that attends these events, the City of Glendale is pursuing the acquisition of infrastructure equipment that will enhance emergency response time. The Glendale Police Department currently uses a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) which was built in-house in the mid-1980s. The system is difficult to work with and sometimes it is not possible to make changes that reflect the current needs of the Police Department. This project will make the technology improvements necessary to meet the Glendale area's increasing public safety needs.

(2) Recipient: City of Surprise, Arizona, 12435 W. Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 86442

Budget designation: \$200,000

The purpose of this budget designation is to aid the Police Department of the City of Surprise in keeping the City of Surprise safe from criminals. The Police Department of the City of Surprise has grown significantly over the past few years in its service provided to the community. In 2008, the department reported an increase of over 12 percent in total incidents, increasing from 81,332 in 2007 to 92,596 in 2008. Citizen calls for service made up a total of 41,372 of the 2008 total incidents. Total incidents include the public calls for service, but also include the activities of officers such as viewed crimes and arrests, traffic enforcement, and other community contacts. The funds will be used to upgrade 75 mobile data computers and purchase in-car cameras to help keep the West Valley safe from criminal predators.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM D.
MCNAMEE**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Field Office Director William D. McNamee. Director McNamee will be retiring in July 2009 after thirty years of service to our country.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Bill McNamee truly is an American hero, for he has devoted much of his life to making his country and community better.

Bill McNamee began his career with legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as an inspector in Calais, Maine, in July 1978. During the next thirty years, Bill worked not only in the United States, but also in Canada and Germany. As the INS officer in charge in Frankfurt, Germany, from June 1998 to July 2001, one of Bill's many successes was helping approximately 60,000 Bosnian refugees obtain permanent resettlement in the United States. His commitment and empathy for this vulnerable population was extraordinary and deserves to be recognized.

In my home state of Oregon, we were fortunate to have Bill McNamee assigned to our INS Office in 2001. He became district director in 2004 and has led this office with compassion, integrity, and a sense of dedication to the immigrants he serves. His colleagues, his employees, and the public all respect Bill for his efforts to provide excellent service: a rare distinction.

Bill McNamee's commitment to public service is also evident in his work with the Federal Executive Board. The Board coordinates all federal, state, and local government organizations to ensure that every agency is better prepared for emergencies. Due to Bill's dedication to this mission, he was instrumental in obtaining permanent congressional funding for the Board.

It is an honor for me to recognize Director McNamee for his service and for providing a heroic example to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, June 12, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 335 (On Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1256).

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF "BEAT THE ODDS"
IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the "Beat the Odds" program in Loudoun County, Virginia. I am honored to recognize this important program in the 10th District of Virginia.

"Beat the Odds" is a national scholarship program that was initiated by the Children's Defense Fund in 1990 to celebrate the positive potential of young people and further their dreams of higher education. In 2004, several organizations in Loudoun County came together to organize the Loudoun chapter of "Beat the Odds." These organizations include: the Bar Association, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Family Services, the Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court Services, the Public Defender's Office, and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Since the first awards were given in 2005, the Loudoun Chapter has presented over \$40,000 in scholarships and merit awards to 18 deserving high school seniors from across Loudoun County. These young people have overcome tremendous challenges and obstacles in their daily lives to become role models in their communities. Their drive to succeed and inner strength make them truly remarkable individuals.

Each May, awardees are honored and recognized in a ceremony at the Old Courthouse in Leesburg. I had the privilege of attending this year's ceremony, which was held on May 28. This year's honorees were: Breon Earle, Broad Run High School; Ahsanul Haque, Dominion High School; Joseph Williams, Dominion High School; Marlen Santos, Loudoun Valley High School, and Jessica Murray, Loudoun Valley High School.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding students and recognize their achievements, as well as the continuing legacy of "Beat the Odds" in Loudoun County.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Caribbean Heritage Month and in particular to bring to the forefront the island nation of the Dominican Republic which is the country of origin of and home to thousands of my constituents in northern Manhattan. As is the case with Puerto Rico, also the land of origin of a sizable part of my constituents, these islands are indeed in the Caribbean although in the Spanish speaking minority. I am calling upon all of the nations of the Caribbean regardless of the differences among them to come together especially in these times and form a solidarity which cannot be broken. It is through the common bonds of

experience and tragedy that the lasting relationships of this world have been founded. The Caribbean itself is no stranger to struggle and tragedy regardless of what language they may speak. All of these nations have experienced the exploitations of slavery, the annihilation of its indigenous people and the colonization of a world power—yet they are still standing and striving to develop economies that can sustain development and compete under the new rules of globalization.

It is this common bond of fortitude and resilience that must be recognized and cherished. Nonetheless in an effort to solidify, we have become divisive. Something as powerful as language is often used as a tool to divide. The variety of cultures found within the Caribbean should not be used as boxes to contain the cultures of nations but rather as connecting bonds that will link them in a chain that will anchor their nations as a whole.

I call upon the Dominican Republic to be a leader in the Spanish speaking Caribbean and to pick up the torch to set ablaze the cauldron of solidarity amongst the Caribbean. Being Caribbean transcends the lines of language and ethnicity to the broader scope of history and culture. From the food—arroz y habichuelas or rice and peas, to the music—reggaeton or reggae, everywhere one can see the bonds that unite us. I believe that the Dominican Republic, as well as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is in a strategic position to initiate this dialogue and I urge them to lead.

IN HONOR OF MONTGOMERY'S
JOHN V. WARMS

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Montgomery Township's John V. Warms who passed away June 13 at the age of 71. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, John Warms was a resident of the Skillman section of Montgomery for more than 36 years.

A graduate of Carteret Academy, Montclair State College and Seton Hall University, John spent 32 years with the New Jersey Education Association as a field representative, negotiator and teacher rights case manager.

He was also an active member of state and national education professional associations. Mr. Warms is known for developing special national projects such as "Read Across America" and Drug-Free School Zones. And he helped to establish the Paul Demetrious Fund, and with the help of his friends and neighbors established the National Staff Organization and served as its president for 25 years.

Throughout this lifetime, John received many awards, most importantly the ACLU Roger Baldwin Civil Liberties Award. Following retirement, John was a vice-president of Teachscape, a professional development company for teachers.

He also represented New Jersey Probation Officers and served as a legal consultant for the Klausner Hunter law firm. Most recently, John served as special assistant to the president of Raritan Valley Community College for developmental projects.

John Warms' passion for education and advocacy for teachers and students came from

his personal experiences—he was himself a teacher at Winfield Park and Piscataway school systems.

John Warms was a bedrock in the community in which he lived. He served three terms on the Montgomery Township Committee with his most recent term ending in 2007. John Warms proudly served as mayor of Montgomery during 1992.

John's civic involvement also included liaisons with the Montgomery Police Department and Recreation Committee; Skillman Village negotiations with New Jersey; Route 206 modifications, and served on the Planning Board. He was a member of the Princeton B.P.O. Elks, and was a leader in the "Operation Friends" campaign to provide relief for Hurricane Katrina victims in Alabama.

John Warms also coached several middle and high school soccer and baseball teams, traveling soccer and baseball teams, and was the president of the Montgomery High School Booster Club.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Peg, and children Christopher of Hamilton, Peter and Joanne of Lambertville and Annie of Lawrenceville. Also surviving are three delightful grandsons, Tanner Kell, Cole and Thomas Warms.

Thank you John Warms for your contributions to the Montgomery community and New Jersey as a whole. You will be greatly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice—Office of Justice Programs (OJP)—Juvenile Justice Project Funding Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830

Description of Request: The Polk County Sheriff's Office has placed an earmark request of \$250,000 in order to supplement funding for the Polk County Gang Prevention Initiative. This critical program will continue work to thwart gang activity in Central Florida. According to the Polk County Sheriffs Office (PCSO) Gang Unit, there are currently 16 known national gangs and 24 known local "hybrid" gangs operating in the Polk County area. Funding for this project will expand the PCSO current anti-gang programs in Polk County to investigate, document, coordinate, and suppress gang related activity. Currently, the Polk County Sheriff's Office has a specialized Gang Unit which will utilize the federal dollars to develop strategies to combat gangs through community patrols. Funding will also be used toward the creation of presentations directed at children, adults, parents, teachers, school

administrators, and other law enforcement officials to educate individuals on the threats posed by gang activity and to promote overall awareness in an effort to reduce gang activity and violence.

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE
CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 95th Anniversary of the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross gained national recognition in 1881 through the efforts of its founder, Clara Barton. The Inland Northwest Chapter of the Red Cross, established in 1914, has continued to carry out its founder's mission to provide disaster relief and to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies on local, national, and international levels.

Responding to its 1905 Congressional Charter to "serve as a medium between the citizens of the United States and the Army and the Navy," the Inland Northwest Chapter has been active in providing relief in all major international conflicts of the past century. The organization demonstrated its dedication in WWI by raising funds and providing hospitality services and during the Second World War by providing clothing, supplies, medical aid, and a portion of much needed blood donations to members of our armed forces. Following the end of the Vietnam War, the Inland Northwest Chapter participated in a massive resettlement program for Vietnamese refugees.

In addition to providing aid during international conflicts, volunteers from the Inland Northwest Chapter have assisted victims of national disasters since the Great Depression, when the Red Cross transferred wheat surpluses throughout the country. Recently, the organization has alleviated suffering after national emergencies such as the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina.

This year, the chapter is working to strengthen ties with local members of the military, by establishing an office at Fairchild Air Force Base and by making weekly visits to the Spokane VA Medical Center. Historically, the Red Cross has played a key role in helping deployed soldiers communicate with their families. This July, the Inland Northwest Chapter plans to expand their services by moving these communications in-house. Other ongoing chapter activities include education and preparation for emergencies and 24-hour support for disaster victims, especially those affected by house fires.

Madam Speaker, I believe the dedication shown by the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross and their ongoing efforts to prevent, prepare for, and assist in the most critical disaster situations are worthy of recognition before this body. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross by observing and celebrating 95 years of selfless dedication to service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

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

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Justice Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Carlsbad

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$300,000 for the City of Carlsbad to construct the first Joint Fire and Police training center in North San Diego County, providing an unparalleled opportunity for first responders to train together and deliver enhanced and coordinated safety for the citizens of our region. Regional public safety collaboration will result in better training, yielding stronger and more coordinated responses by fire, police, public works, FBI, DEA and other North County law enforcement agencies. This project will also better prepare a coordinated, unified response to large-scale disasters and fires in the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

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

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Assistance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Escondido

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$200,000 for the Escondido Police Department to fund new Mobile Data Computers. Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) enhance emergency communications and support electronic messaging between police vehicles. Officers are dependent on this technology to be responsive to emergencies and have the necessary information to operate safely. Vehicles with new MDCs will increase officer communications and enable them to interface with Escondido's new CAD system with its GPS feature. During a large, regional emergency (e.g. a wildfire scenario) the Emergency Operations Center and 911 dispatch center will be able to visually determine where every Police and Fire unit is located and position them more effectively.

The Police Department currently maintains approximately 160 Mobile Data Computers. About 40 percent of these are three to four years old and are used beyond the manufacturers warranty period. Although these MDCs are still in the field and functioning, they are very costly to maintain. Not surprisingly, the successful deployment of the mobile laptop computers also has created a demand for increased access to new applications (e.g. Automated Field Reporting) and regional law enforcement databases (e.g. ARJIS, CLETS),

which puts a strain on these older mobile computers. Pushing these older mobile computers to the edge of their limits makes it difficult to maintain the reliability necessary for public safety operations. More importantly, some of the desired applications (ARJISNet, SDLaw, CalPhoto, new CAD system) simply cannot be accommodated on the older existing MDCs.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

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

Account: Byrne Discretionary Grant Program
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Diego County, District Attorney

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 for the San Diego County District Attorney's Gang and Drug Crime Investigation and Prosecution unit. This proposal for \$200,000 is consistent with the statutory purpose and goals of the Byrne Discretionary Grant Program. Investigation and prosecution of drug and gang-related crime in the District Attorney's Office is manpower-intensive. A substantial number of cases brought to the office come from Federal law enforcement, often due to the inability or unwillingness of the U.S. Attorney's Office to take certain cases. Deputy District Attorneys work hand in hand with Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate narcotics trafficking activity, much of which originates in Mexico. These investigations, many of which involve technically and legally complex wiretaps of extraordinary scope and duration, require an ever-increasing number of Deputy District Attorneys, as narcotics traffickers, and the attorneys they retain for their defense, become more sophisticated.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

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

Account: COPS Technology Grant Program
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of San Diego, Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego, CA 92123

Description of Request: I secured \$1,200,000 for the San Diego County Sheriff Department's Regional Communications System Upgrade. This proposal for \$1,200,000 is consistent with the statutory purpose and goals of the COPS Technology Discretionary Program. The Sheriff's continued vision is to increase and improve data sharing, automate officer alerts and notifications, improve disaster preparedness, and deliver 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.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 10001 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield, VA, 23832, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$930,000 to improve officer communications through the acquisition of floor mounted car radios. These floor mounted radios will increase the safety of police officers as well as citizens.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Suffolk Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Henley Place, Suffolk, VA, 23434, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$70,000 to fund the purchase of Emergency Medical Dispatching Software. Giving emergency medical information to a caller with a medical situation by a dispatcher is considered an industry standard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, yesterday my flight was delayed and I missed the four suspension votes.

On rollcall No. 336—H. Res. 430—Expressing condolences to the citizens of Italy and support for the Government of Italy in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck the Abruzzo region of central Italy, I would have voted "Aye."

On rollcall No. 337—H.R. 2325—To designate the "Laredo Veterans" Post Office in Laredo, Texas, I would have voted "Aye."

On rollcall No. 338—H.R. 729—Phylcia's Law, I would have voted "No."

On rollcall No. 339—H. Res. 540—Expressing condolences to families affected by ConAgra Foods Plant Explosion in Gamer, North Carolina, I would have voted "Aye."

RECOGNIZING THE HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS 2009 JUNIOR COLLEGE NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Howard College Hawks baseball team of Howard County Junior College in Big Spring, Texas for winning the 2009 Junior College National Baseball Championship.

The Hawks finished the season with a 63–1 record; the best record ever by a World Series championship team at any level of collegiate baseball. The championship squad includes sophomores Andrew Collazo, Jonathon Castillo, Tommy Vukovich, Nick Popescu, Caleb Nine, Bryan Johns, Runey Davis, Kane Kimrey, Hunter Hill, B.J. Armstrong, Dylan Cacciola, Monk Kreder, Chase Adams, Miles Hamblin, Marvin Prestridge, David de la Chapelle, Zach Neal, Jared Butler, William Calhoun, Corey Sartor, Anthony Collazo, Cody Henry, Juan Villarreal, and freshmen Kyle Padden, Tanner Ross, Zak Anderson, Blake Barnes, Brandon Parrent, Landon Steinhagen, Stephen Niedwiecki, Joe Leftridge, MacKenzie Harrison, Duncan McGee, Burch Smith, Josh Brewer. Led by head coach Britt Smith, the coaching staff includes assistant coaches J. Bob Thomas and Jack Geise.

Several players received individual recognition for their outstanding performance. Runey Davis and Miles Hamblin had the top fielding average as the Hawks led the nation in team fielding percentage. The NJCAA/Easton Division I Baseball Defensive Player of the Year award went to Hawk centerfielder Runey Davis. Andrew Collazo was honored as the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player. William Calhoun was awarded the Rawlings Big Stick Award with a regular season batting average of .527—the highest in the nation.

Three of the Hawks were named to the All American team: designated hitter William Calhoun, Pitcher Zach Neal, and Catcher Miles Hamblin.

With great support from the community, the Hawks have brought home the national championship to Big Spring. I applaud the Howard College Hawks for their hard work and success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROBLEM GAMBLING ACT OF 2009

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce, along with Representatives LEE TERRY and FRANK WOLF, the Comprehensive Problem Gambling Act of 2009, which would for the first time devote federal resources toward the prevention and treatment of problem and pathological gambling.

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, approximately 6–9 million

American adults meet the criteria for a gambling problem, which includes gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family or vocational pursuits. Over the past decade, gaming and gambling has grown in the United States and many states have expanded legalized gaming, including regulated casino-style games and lotteries. The recent economic downturn only compounds this situation as many states consider relaxing gaming laws in an effort to raise state revenues.

At the same time, the federal government and most states have devoted very little, if any, resources to the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling. Problem gambling can destroy a person's career and financial standing, disrupt marriages and personal relationships, and encourage participation in criminal activity. Currently, no federal agency has responsibility for coordinating efforts to treat problem gambling.

The Comprehensive Problem Gambling Act of 2009 would begin to address this deficiency by designating the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) as the lead agency on problem gambling, allowing them to coordinate Federal action. The legislation would allow SAMSHA to conduct research, develop guidelines for effective prevention and treatment programs, and provide assistance for community-based services. In addition, this legislation would authorize annual appropriations of \$200,000 for a coordinated public awareness campaign, \$4 million for an advisory commission to research problem gambling, and \$10 million for grants to state, local, and tribal governments and non-profit organizations to provide treatment and prevention programs.

Legal gambling revenue, excluding most sports betting, poker and Internet gambling, has grown into an approximately \$100 billion a year industry. In 2006, the IRS reported that individuals claimed \$27.902 billion in gambling winnings on their income tax returns, resulting in \$5.3 billion in federal tax revenue. I feel the responsible action is to invest a modest amount (the five-year cost of this bill is less than one-fourth of 1 percent of the yearly federal tax revenues from gambling) in prevention and treatment efforts.

While there may be disagreement over the degree to which gambling should be regulated, we should all be able to support efforts to minimize the negative effects of problem gambling. I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the two earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

My first request, totaling \$250,000, will come from the Community Oriented Policing Services technology account at the Department of Justice for the City of Rockford, Illinois

to acquire a new Records Management System and new crime fighting software for their police department to assist them in identifying, deploying, and effectively apprehending criminals. A major component of Rockford's crime reduction strategy has been to utilize technology to improve productivity and deploy resources in the most strategic and efficient manner possible. This leveraging of technology will be a force multiplier for the City and will help to reduce the crime rate in local neighborhoods. Rockford, and the surrounding areas of Winnebago County, has long struggled with high per capita crime rates. While crime has recently fallen in Rockford, too many people still do not feel safe in their own neighborhoods and dare not cross into someone else's part of town. Plus, with the decline in the national economy and the local unemployment rate in Rockford reaching 14.5 percent, higher crime rates may soon reemerge. This funding is needed to help the Rockford police use modern technology to help them confront the next challenges in law enforcement. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Rockford located at 425 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois 61104.

My second request, totaling \$250,000, will also come from the Community Oriented Policing Services technology account at the Department of Justice for the Office of the Sheriff of Winnebago County, Illinois to purchase new modern, interoperable mobile radios to improve communications among multiple law enforcement agencies in several counties along Illinois-Wisconsin border. The radios currently in use by the Sheriff's Department operate on older technology that the manufacturer no longer supports replacement parts. Having new communications equipment will allow their field operations units to have direct communications within their agency, as well as other law enforcement agencies within Winnebago County and adjoining counties in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. This request will help fulfill the Congressional mandate to have communications interoperability among first responders. The entity to receive this funding is the Office of the Sheriff of Winnebago County located at 650 West State Street in Rockford, Illinois, 61102.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the Chairman of the CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative ALAN MOLLOHAN, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative FRANK WOLF, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include these two critical law enforcement requests in this spending bill.

FIRST RxiMPACT DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the first RxiMPACT Day on Capitol Hill. Advocates from nearly 30 states travelled to the Washington, DC area on June 16–17 to talk about the contribution they make in providing quality

healthcare in over 50,000 community pharmacies operating nationwide. These advocates are participating in this event to urge members of Congress to recognize the value of pharmacies and make these “most accessible” experts full participants in any innovative health care delivery system and coordinated care model that is included in health care reform legislation.

Pharmacists are on the frontline of delivering quality, affordable health care. Today, there are more than 254,000 licensed pharmacists in the United States who work to improve health care throughout delivery systems across the country, including community pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice centers and in a patient's own home. Ninety-five percent of all Americans live within five miles of a retail or community pharmacy. It becomes a place where community members can ask questions, receive medications from pharmacists they know and trust, purchase prescription drugs at lower prices, and receive personal and knowledgeable service.

As the face of neighborhood health care, pharmacists across the nation are uniquely qualified to help patients manage their conditions through medication, including monitoring their prescription use. Appropriate medication use is critical to treating the most common chronic conditions that cost the nation \$1.3 trillion in lost productivity, decreased quality of life and morbidity. Unfortunately, only 50 percent of Americans living with chronic diseases adhere to their prescribed drug regimen. Patient non-adherence not only costs the nation's economy \$177 billion dollars each year, it is associated with a \$47 billion dollar a year price tag for related hospitalizations.

I applaud the work of pharmacies and their pharmacists who play a special role in the lives and health of folks in Eastern Washington as well as all Americans. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in recognizing the First Annual RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill and congratulating the more than 150 pharmacy leaders, pharmacists, students, and executives and the pharmacy community for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2847, FY 2010 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: NASA
Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

This funding will be used towards providing engineering support for extended human and robotic space flight missions, which will directly contribute to NASA's initiative of returning to the moon and going to Mars. For human and robotic missions, the Center for Space Sciences is addressing the need for a decreased reliance on mission control due to

the communication delays that occur in long distance missions.

MONEY SERVICE BUSINESS ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the “Money Service Business Act of 2009”. This is bipartisan legislation that has been cosponsored by the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee, Spencer BACHUS of Alabama as well as the Chair and Ranking Member of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee, Congressman LUIS GUTIERREZ of Illinois and JEB HENSARLING of Texas and the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, JUDY BIGGERT of Illinois.

Last Congress, this bill passed the House on a unanimous voice vote.

The “Money Service Business Act” addresses the critical problem of money services businesses (MSBs) being denied access to the banking system.

MSBs have experienced blanket terminations of their commercial accounts over the past several years due, in part, to banks responding to unclear guidance from regulators.

This bill establishes a mechanism that would allow MSBs to self-certify their compliance with Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering requirements, while allowing banks to make risk-based decisions about banking particular MSBs.

MSBs, which include check cashers, money transmitters and money order issuers, have served our nation's communities for years.

If this issue is left unaddressed, the viability of MSBs will be compromised, potentially pushing many of these transactions underground and potentially untraceable to law enforcement.

Banks, reacting to regulatory fears, have terminated MSB accounts in a blanket fashion, in an attempt to minimize exposure to “high risk” businesses.

Without a banking relationship, MSBs are unable to provide financial services to communities, making it difficult for millions of Americans to pay bills, send money, or cash checks.

Federal regulatory agencies, recognizing the problem facing MSBs, have sought to address this issue through agency guidance and regulatory changes, with little effect.

This legislation addresses this problem by enabling MSBs to self-certify their compliance with Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering requirements.

This approach is not novel.

It is similar in principle to that used for international correspondent banking.

It would not relieve banks of their due diligence responsibilities with regard to their MSB customers, rather, it would permit appropriate reliance on self-certification to relieve banks of being the de facto regulators only of MSBs' Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering compliance.

The mechanics of this self-certification will be handled by regulations set forth by the

Secretary of the Treasury and the certification will be filed with the financial institution where the MSB has a commercial account.

I do want to mention that even with the implementation of the self-certification; MSBs would continue to be responsible for complying with all other existing provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and will continue to be the subject of rigorous on-site examinations by IRS examiners. MSBs are also State-regulated in many jurisdictions.

Currently, 28 States and the District of Columbia require MSB's to be licensed and/or regulated by State banking agencies.

Both MSBs and the Financial Institutions banking them will still be required to fully comply with all other aspects of the Bank Secrecy Act, including the filing of Suspicious Activity Reports and Currency Transaction Reports.

Any violation of their certification would render the same civil and criminal penalties provided for by the Bank Secrecy Act and other Anti-Money Laundering Provisions.

This is a well crafted bill that allows law enforcement to continue to track the transactions of Money Service Businesses, while allowing the MSBs to have access to the banking accounts they need to conduct business.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice—Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Meth

Project Funding Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830

Description of Request: The Polk County Sheriff's Office has placed an earmark request of \$250,000 in continued funding for the Polk County Methamphetamine Project. This critical program has received previous federal funding to carry out methamphetamine prevention and mitigation programs that have shown positive results in cracking down on the growth of methamphetamine production and distribution in Central Florida. This funding will cover equipment, and training, thus enabling the Polk County Sheriffs Office (PCSO) to make a dedicated effort to combat the distribution and use of methamphetamine in Polk County, Florida. From 2003 through 2007, the PCSO made 3,481 methamphetamine related arrests, seized over 150,000 grams of methamphetamine, and eliminated 27 methamphetamine labs.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to pay homage to the Republic of Haiti, during this month when we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. The country is of great significance to all who support the free world, as they stand as the second free nation in the history of the Western Hemisphere, second only to the United States. In addition, the Haitian Revolution also produced the first black republic in the world, which is acknowledged as a sense of pride and honor to all people of color around the world.

Haiti does not only share a historical relationship with the U.S., but has been a long-time friend and ally, even supporting us with additional troops during the American Revolution. This level of sacrifice by a country should not be forgotten, especially during times of economic need and hardship.

This is why it is particularly important for us to remember, at this time, the thousands of non-criminal Haitians who currently have "final orders of removal"—or stand to be deported back to a country that is in no position to receive them. Sending 30,000 Haitians back to a country that, in past hurricane season, has been ravaged by consecutive storms is un-American and will be a missed humanitarian opportunity. As Americans, we should support our President in this humanitarian effort by offering these Haitians the opportunity to work and provide food and clothing to their families.

Persons with final orders of removal are ineligible for work authorization. This means that there are approximately 30,000 Haitians living in the U.S. who are not permitted to earn a living to take care of their families in the U.S. and abroad. As you know, remittances make up 1/4 of Haiti's GDP so this is a direct impact on the economic stability in Haiti. Just last month, the Huffington Post reported that Haiti had seen a decrease in remittances with a "dramatic dip this January falling to \$69 million from \$104 million the previous month". The World Bank, IMF, Inter-American Development Bank and money transfer offices are all predicting a thinning flow of remittance money into Haiti in the coming months. Based on these facts, it is no coincidence that we are hearing about more Coast Guard interdictions. These individuals are obviously desperate to find ways to feed their families.

Haiti also played an indirect role in helping the United States grow, as a nation. The defeat of the French Napoleon Army by the Haitians, albeit indirectly, helped America expand its territories towards the West with the Louisiana Purchase. At the time, Haiti was the producer of 40 percent of the world's sugar, was the most profitable colony the French owned and in fact the wealthiest and most flourishing of the slave colonies in the Caribbean. This was a tremendous loss to the French, and as a result, France was forced to sell off some of their land in the new world. The outcome for the U.S. was significant—the land included in the purchase, now famously known as the "Louisiana Purchase", comprises of around 23 percent of the territory of the United States today.

The historical relationship and the humanitarian concerns are important facts to consider when developing policy towards the country of Haiti.

Madam Speaker, I hope that our government will take this time, during the month when we honor our Caribbean American Heritage, to make the right decision regarding the granting of Temporary Protective Status, TPS, for these Haitian nationals.

Haiti has been a friend of ours for many years, and I hope that we exercise our friendship during this time of hardship.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 Appropriations Bill, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Brick Township Police Athletic League (PAL), 60 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723

Description of Request: Brick PAL offers after-school and summer camp programs to keep students engaged in educational, social and cultural programs in the critical hours while parents are at work. The amount of \$250,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will be used for hiring counselors, equipment, educational trips, scholarships and general operations of the programs.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: D.A.R.E. New Jersey, Inc., 292 Prospect Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Description of Request: D.A.R.E. New Jersey will use the \$350,000 listed in H.R. 2847 to implement the Middle School Drug and Safety Prevention Program, "Keepin' It Real" which focuses on teaching middle school students how to resist peer pressure, avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence and live productive, meaningful lives. The funding will be used for officer training, workbooks, teachers books and materials, evaluation of the program, personnel, and general expenses such as printing, postage and travel associated with the training.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Description of Request: The University's Resilient Coastal Urban Community and Eco-

system (RESCUE) Initiative will use the amount of \$250,000 listed in H.R. 2847 to maintain and expand the water quality monitoring system, work directly with communities to implement cost-effective strategies for reducing pollution, restoring and protecting critical habitats that support resilient coastal ecosystems and communities and support the development of community strategies to adapt to coastal threats.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: KidsBridge, 4556 S Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08620

Description of Request: The KidsBridge program allows students the opportunity to participate in leadership training, violence prevention and gang resistance programs during and after school. Through mentors and academic programs, students will learn improved behaviors thereby reducing violent encounters and victimization. The amount of \$90,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will be used to facilitate weekly youth meetings, materials and workbooks, evaluation, cultural and educational trips, healthy snacks for the students and staff salary.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton, 319 E State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: The YouthStat program is a key component of the City of Trenton's ongoing efforts to develop and implement aggressive new strategies to effectively respond to the problems of gang violence in Trenton, New Jersey. The amount of \$310,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will provide participants with customized community based programming including mentoring, work experience, life skills development, and recreation for juveniles who are at the highest risk for gang and criminal involvement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association
Address of Requesting Entity: 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$900,000 for the Alabama Computer Forensics Laboratories (Personnel \$575,000; Benefits \$150,000; Travel \$20,000; Equipment \$50,000; Supplies \$35,000; Other \$70,000). Matching funds of \$150,000 will be provided by the state and local sources. This appropriation request is for a continuation of the computer forensic lab program which created 3 regional computer labs to cover the entire state

of Alabama. These labs were created to address all forms of computer crime such as; child pornography, fraud, and identity theft. The computer labs utilize working relationships with federal, state and local agencies across the nation and are the only law enforcement agency exclusively handling computer crime cases from investigation to prosecution. Monetary losses from computer-related crime exceed that of the illegal drug trade worldwide and it is estimated that computer crimes will double in the US in the next 2 years. In 3 years, the program has assisted more than 75 outside law enforcement agencies and analyzed more than 2000 pieces of electronic evidence in approximately 851 criminal cases resulting in a multitude of convictions. Funding will create at least 2 jobs in the First District and will prevent victimization statewide.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS LE tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Baldwin County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12, Bay Minette, AL 36507

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to improve security at three courthouses in Baldwin County, AL. The funding will be used to install integrated digital cameras on the premises and access controls on the doors within the current judicial areas. The funding will be utilized in 4 technology segments as follows: [1] Acquisition of Central Infrastructure (the control center for the security network), [2] Bay Minette Courthouse Technology, [3] Fairhope Satellite Courthouse Technology and [4] Foley Satellite Courthouse Technology. For the acquisition of central infrastructure, approximately \$134,000 will be used (\$45,000 for servers, \$78,000 for network and storage, and \$11,000 for camera archiving software). Bay Minette Courthouse Technology will use \$210,000 (\$42,400 for network, \$6,300 for viewing stations, \$5,200 for viewing monitors, \$6,100 for wiring, \$150,000 for cameras). Fairhope and Foley Courthouses will both use \$78,000 (\$12,000 for network, \$6,300 for viewing stations, \$1,000 for viewing monitors, \$2,600 for wiring, \$37,500 for cameras, and \$18,600 for doors). Baldwin County is the 65th fastest growing county in the country (US Census Bureau). As such, the county has recently seen a significant increase in population and demand for public services. This is a one-year funding request, yielding long-term public safety benefits.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Bienville Blvd. Dauphin Island AL 36528

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$750,000 to fund a joint initiative between the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, a state-funded research and educational entity, and the University of South Alabama, a public institution, to research commercial fisheries critical to the state's economy and tourism. Recreational and commercial fisheries and tourism, as well as the businesses they support, are dependent on healthy stocks of fish which require ef-

fective science-based management. Management decisions which impact the region's economy need to be made on current research data—this study will provide data to the National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. This ecosystem-based fisheries management study on three species with a large economic importance in the Northern Central Gulf of Mexico—Spanish mackerel, adult red drum, and pompano—will look at the species' coastal migratory patterns in shallow coastal waters. This study will include the biological aspects of these coastal pelagic fishes as well as the historical and current socioeconomic impacts these fisheries have on the local fishing communities. With the results of this study, fishery management decisions can be made from effective and science based data. The funds will support students, research technicians, and senior scientists at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Approximately \$525,000 (70%) will go towards research personnel and day to day operations of the various vessels, equipment and supplies; and \$225,000 (30%) will be for project management, overhead and administration.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS LE Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Foley, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Foley 407 East Laurel Avenue, Foley, Alabama 36535

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 for the purchase and installation of monitored security cameras at public parks and areas in the 65th fastest growing county in the country (US Census Bureau). Funds will be used at approximately the following levels: Purchase of Cameras and monitors—\$225,000; Installation of Cameras—\$100,000; Wiring and Hardware—\$50,000; Monitoring of cameras—\$25,000. The transient worker population of Baldwin County has doubled recently. The City of Foley has expanded public services to accommodate its changing population, but public spaces have seen an increase in underage drinking, sexual encounters, vandalism and violence. Installation of some security cameras has successfully diminished illegal activities in public spaces in this high tourist-traffic city adjacent to Alabama's beaches. While no match is required, Foley will provide for maintenance and monitoring in the out years of the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mobile County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36644

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 to replace and enhance existing tidal gauges with new gauges capable of collecting data for a 30 foot storm surge. Mobile County, AL, is a gulf-front county, prone to natural disasters. During Hurricane Katrina, all of the existing tidal gauges were rendered inoperable as they were not equipped to handle such a strong storm surge. Tidal gauges measure changes in sea level and help predict and document the severity of storms. Residents, businesses, and emergency manage-

ment personnel rely on properly functioning tidal gauges so they can adequately respond to natural disasters and prepare warnings and evacuations accordingly. Six new gauges are required (costing \$100,000 each). This is a one-year funding request that will have long-term coastal emergency management benefits for this coastal county and popular tourist destination.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—JJ

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, Alabama 36609

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for mentoring, education and leadership development programs of Team Focus, Inc. Team Focus is a faith-based non-profit organization that mentors fatherless young men year round in 7 camps across the country (AL, OH, TX, MI, CA, DC, TN). Funds would provide curriculum development, equipment, and supplies for year-round mentoring programs and summer camps at no cost to the young men. While boys without fathers are twice as likely to go to jail, Team Focus offers—for most of the young men—the only leadership training and male mentorship they have. Former First Lady Laura Bush has praised Team Focus for teaching fatherless boys what it means to acquire skills, find a job, support a family and be loyal to one. Approximately \$120,000 (or 24%) for equipment to transport youth to program activities throughout the year; \$150,000 (or 30%) for program related mileage and travel to/from camps; and \$230,000 (or 46%) for supplies. Team Focus will match federal funds dollar for dollar.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Dauphin Island, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 1011 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island, AL 36528

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,500,000 to conduct a comprehensive engineering feasibility/design study to determine if construction of an engineered beach will stabilize this critical barrier island and maintain its purpose as a hurricane buffer for the Alabama coastline. The comprehensive study will include a review of the most probable technical approach, design engineering, sand source identification, dredging and habitat restoration (\$1,100,000), and planning costs for permitting and environmental compliance (\$400,000). As a barrier island, Dauphin Island protects Alabama's coastline from severe storm damage thereby saving more inland populated communities from more severe hurricane destruction. The island also fosters tourism and a significant commercial and recreational fishing industry supporting county and state revenue as well as thousands of jobs. This funding will complete the study. The Town of Dauphin Island will provide a matching cost share if necessary, but a match requirement is not anticipated, subject to program identification.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—JJ

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Mobile

Address of Requesting Entity: 5735 College Parkway, Mobile, Alabama 36613-2842

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$850,000 for funding of the University of Mobile's RamKids program. RamKids is a faith-based, mentor-oriented intervention program designed for at-risk youth, grades 8 through college level, in the city of Prichard, Alabama. Funds will support college entrance preparation programs, career exploration trips, and an extended summer program on-campus at this faith-based non-profit institution. The city of Prichard suffers from economic decline, low-education levels and high crime rates. RamKids works to break that cycle. After the first year and a half of the program, RamKids participants exhibited considerable improvement in a variety of areas, including grade point average, social competence, and family functioning. Approximately \$725,000 will be used to support educational opportunities, programs and activities for participants, support for mentors and curriculum development; approximately \$78,000 will be used for expenses associated with student field trips and other necessary events; approximately \$17,000 will be used for equipment and supplies; and approximately \$30,000 will be used for insurance and other expenses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NASA, CAS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama, P.O. Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: "Miniaturized Antennas for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, \$350,000." The funding will be used to investigate the unstable imaging problems existing in UAVs camera with novel ferrites & broadband ferrite antennas of unique design. The goal is to develop miniature antennas that are capable of supporting systems that control the flight of UAVs. Taxpayer Justification: Lessons from recent combat experiences show that UAVs can improve acquisition & rapid dissemination of intelligence, surveillance & reconnaissance data. There is a need to increase the amounts of communication bandwidth to utilize the full potential of UAVs. The request as submitted to Congressman ADERHOLT was for \$1,000,000 with a spending plan of \$500,000 for salaries, \$100,000 for laboratory supplies and materials, \$60,000 for equipment rental, \$40,000 for travel, and \$300,000 for equipment.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: International Trade Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 5651 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC 27518

Description of Request: "Textile Research Programs, \$965,000." This project is for advanced technology R&D, benefiting the sewn products and hosiery industry sectors through improved knowledge of body shape and the dissemination of said knowledge to improve apparel and hosiery fit and comfort for the consumer. Taxpayer Justification: Stemming the outflow of jobs and strengthening the apparel and hosiery supply chain will provide jobs for workers who may otherwise be displaced, requiring public assistance. Two research projects are budgeted, Sustainable Strategies for Product Development with a supplies cost of \$13,918 and Virtual Humans Research with a supplies cost of \$28,764, personnel costs are \$383,619, benefits cost of \$101,009, travel cost of \$24,589, occupancy cost of \$162,915, with indirect cost of \$250,186.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Meth

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, 27 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

Description of Request: "Blount, DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, Marion, Morgan, Pickens, Walker, Winston Counties, AL Drug Task Forces Anti-Methamphetamine Project, \$1,500,000." The funding would be used to help Drug Task Forces across the 4th District of Alabama fight illegal drug trafficking and production through training and the purchase of equipment. Taxpayer Justification: Drug use and crimes committed in association with the use or acquisition of drugs continue to plague the United States. This funding will help combat this growing trend.

These funds will approximately be used for the following: equipment: \$1,350,000; and personnel: \$150,000.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC), Montgomery, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC), 301 South Ripley Street, P.O. Box 301501, Montgomery, AL 36130-1501

Description of Request: "Electronic Training and Security Tools (ETAST) Phase III, \$250,000." The funding would be used to fully develop ADOC's 3D virtual environment Situational, Training & Awareness Tool for high-risk maximum security correctional facilities statewide and optimize planning, training, exercise and real-world response operations. Taxpayer Justification: ETAST Phase III is an integral part of our Nation's efforts to enhance public safety despite critical shortfalls within State budgets and problems retaining personnel at correctional facilities.

These funds will approximately be used for the following: Labor: \$245,000; Travel: \$4,000; Equipment/Supplies/Materials: \$500.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Albertville, Albertville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Albertville, 116 West Main St., P.O. Box 1248, Albertville, AL 35950

Description of Request: "Public Safety Mobile Data System, \$1,400,000." The full amount of this funding will be used to purchase equipment, specifically a mobile data system to enhance public safety operations. This system will increase efficiency in daily operations by allowing data to be transmitted from the field. Taxpayer Justification: This project will further the goals of information sharing and collaboration between local public safety agencies.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, 90 Broad Street, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267

Description of Request: "Law Enforcement and Forensic Science Technology and Equipment, \$150,000." The full amount of this funding will be used to purchase needed equipment for an in-house forensic lab. Taxpayer Justification: This funding would expedite case resolution, trial, and sentencing.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Commission, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Commission, 800 Forrest Avenue, Suite 113, Gadsden, AL 35901

Description of Request: "Interoperable Communications & Centralized Dispatch System, \$1,000,000." The full amount of this funding will be used to purchase a new interoperable communications system for the county. Taxpayer Justification: This allows for the county to become fully compliant with interoperability standards.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Morgan County, AL Commission, Decatur, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Morgan County, Alabama Commission, 302 Lee St. N.E., P.O. Box 668, Decatur, Alabama 35602

Description of Request: "Mobile Data Terminal Update, \$160,000." The full amount of this funding will be used to replace Mobile Data Terminals. Taxpayer Justification: RMS & MDT's keep data for our use and make it readily available to be transferred to agencies nationwide when needed. Officers have a need for instant access to information, including photos. It is important for officer safety both here and across the nation and the funding promotes this end.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Hackleburg, Hackleburg, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Town of Hackleburg, P.O. Box 279, 314 1st Avenue, Hackleburg, AL 35564

Description of Request: "Police Technology Upgrades, \$75,000" The full amount of this funding will be used to upgrade the technology for the police department with the latest equipment necessary to serve and protect the public and help control the fast growing drug problem in the region. Taxpayer Justification: This funding will better equip police departments so they can combat crime and drugs.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association, Montgomery, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association, 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Description of Request: "Alabama Computer Forensics Labs, \$900,000." The funding would be used to expand the computer forensic lab program and to provide cybersafety training. Taxpayer Justification: Since 2006, this program has assisted 75+ outside LEO and analyzed over 2000 pieces of electronic evidence in approximately 851 criminal cases and conducted many cybersafety trainings at schools. This funding will build on this program.

These funds will approximately be used for the following: salaries: \$575,000.00; benefits: \$150,000.00; travel: \$20,000.00; equipment: \$50,000.00; supplies: \$35,000.00; additional operating expenses: \$70,000.00.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, 102 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: "Auburn University Canine Program, \$900,000." It is my understanding that the funding would be used for continuing support of a program to provide Alabama (AL) Law Enforcement Organizations (LEO) with state-of-the-art detector-dog team (dog and handler) training for enhancing public and, especially, school safety. The detector-dog and handler team remain the most capable tool for the interdiction of explosive materials and illicit drugs. The capability of such teams is entirely dependent upon the quality of the dog, the dog's training, and instruction of its handler. This program would make available to AL LEO the highest state-of-the-art detector dogs, training, and handler instruction. AU proposes continuation and expansion of the FY09 program to provide AL LEO access to the services of CDTC in order to enhance public and, in particular, school safety in AL communities.

The funds will approximately be used for the following: personnel: \$405,000; equipment costs (including the costs of acquiring canines): \$112,000; in-state travel: \$81,000; administrative costs: \$243,000; and sub-contract support: \$59,000.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: National District Attorneys Association, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 110, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description of Request: "National Advocacy Center State and Local Prosecutors Training Program, \$150,000." The full amount of this funding would be used to develop the curriculum and training materials used by the National Advocacy Center to effectively train America's prosecutors. This program supports the National District Attorneys Association's participation in legal education training at the National Advocacy Center. Taxpayer Justification: The NDAA's mission at the NAC is to equip the nation's prosecutors with advocacy

skills to effectively represent their communities and constituents in the courtroom in order to ensure community safety.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1530 3rd Avenue South, AB 720E, Birmingham, AL 35294

Description of Request: "Model State Partnership for Cybercrime and Security, \$500,000." The funding will be used to increase technology infrastructure to provide technical assistance to government agencies, develop enhancements to existing tools & create new tools to assist law enforcement in the fight against cybercrime and cyberterrorism. Taxpayer Justification: This initiative will raise the value of the Alabama Fusion Center, as a Fusion Center capable of receiving cybercrime cases and working them successfully for the benefit of its citizens, offloading such work from the Federal government.

The funds will approximately be used for the following: personnel: \$250,000; and technology infrastructure: \$250,000.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—JJ

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, 90 Broad Street, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 25902

Description of Request: "Helping Families Program, \$250,000." The funding would be used by the Family Success Center of Etowah County to work with low income families through continual case management, after-school programs and family counseling. Taxpayer Justification: The Family Success Center in Etowah County strives to reduce the percentage of drug and alcohol abuse, promote smoking cessation, increase after-school tutoring, and improve family well-being through family counseling.

These funds will be used for the following: Case management salary and benefits: \$52,360; Supplies: \$15,000; After school program for middle school students: \$89,040; Family Counselor salary: \$80,000; Travel for family counselor (trainings and to meet with client groups): \$4,000; Co-located rental cost for on-site family counselor office in Family Success Center: \$9,600.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—JJ

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children, Selma, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children's Home, 1712 Broad Street, Selma, AL 36702-0830

Description of Request: "Security and IT Improvements, \$150,000." The funding would be used to replace patchwork security and information technology infrastructure with a state-of-the-art, organization-wide network. A modern system allows for seamless care for children as they move through the continuum of services we offer. Taxpayer Justification: Improves UMCH's ability to support treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families and to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization.

These funds will be approximately used for the following: equipment: \$120,000; and salaries: \$30,000.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Reprogramming of DOJ, COPS—Meth

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, 27 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

Description of Request: "Anti-Methamphetamine Project, \$1,000,000." The funding would be used to help the DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, Marion, Morgan, Pickens, Walker Counties, AL Drug Task Forces and the Blount County Sheriff's Department fight illegal drug trafficking and production through training and the purchase of equipment. Taxpayer Justification: Drug use and crimes committed in association with the use or acquisition of drugs continue to plague the United States. This funding will help combat this growing trend.

These funds will be approximately used for the following: equipment: \$900,000; and salaries: \$100,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. 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, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove, NY

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$615,000 will be used by the Glen Cove Police Department for updating technologies, which include equipment for the Emergency Command Center, technology for conversion to digital frequencies, and equipment to allow interoperability with regional responder facilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nassau County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501

Description of Request: \$385,000 will go to the Nassau County Police Department's Heroin Abatement Program to help mitigate the recent proliferation of heroin in Long Island communities through saturated law enforcement and investigations.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Parents for Megan's Law, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1320 Stony Brook Road, Suite 201, Stony Brook, NY 11790

Description of Request: \$300,000 will be used to support the Sex Offender Registration Tips (SORT) and Support Programs giving the public two interactive resources for confidentially reporting sex offenders that fail to comply with registration, supervision requirements, and other criminal activity.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grant

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Suffolk County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 30 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

Description of Request: \$250,000 will be used by the Suffolk County Police Department to combat computer and internet crime with upgraded computer forensics technology and training coupled with on-line sting operations and educational programs on internet safety for the public.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 526 Bay Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

Description of Request: \$600,000 will go to the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science (PMAFS), a multi-state partnership, that will use the funds to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. Better management of the fisheries is essential to the success of Long Island's recreational and commercial fishing industries.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF CAPTAIN JOHN J. COONAN, JUNIOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor retired Navy Captain John J. Coonan, Jr., who passed away on June 12, 2009. Captain Coonan served our nation, our Navy and the people of Northwest Florida with honor and distinction, and I am humbled to recognize him.

Known to his friends as Captain JJ Coonan, John was an American patriot who served over 30 years as a career Naval Officer. He worked as a single-seat jet pilot in carrier aviation and accumulated over 5,000 flight hours and 1,000 carrier landings. JJ's command assignments varied among squadron, Carrier Air Wing, and deep draft ship command. His most notable assignment came in 1988 when he served as Commanding Officer of the USS America, a Kitty Hawk class supercarrier of the U.S. Navy. Captain Coonan's distinguished naval career is a testament to his profound dedication to his country.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1996, Captain Coonan joined the staff at the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation in Pensacola, Florida. He began as Director of Development and later transitioned to a position as Vice President of Education and Chief Operating Officer. Captain Coonan's leadership at the Foundation had a tremendous impact on all those who visited the museum; however, his most lasting contribution is his stewardship of the National Flight Academy. The academy will be the leading aviation-inspired education program in the country. In a tribute to the life of Captain Coonan, today the National Flight Academy broke ground on the new facility, paving the way for construction and completion of the academy in May of 2011. His dedication to the service of others will live on through the academy long after his passing.

The people of Pensacola and our entire area have many reasons to be proud of Captain Coonan. My wife Vicki and I will keep his entire family, especially his wife, Kathryn, children Michael and Kelly, and grandchildren in our prayers. Northwest Florida will truly miss Captain JJ Coonan.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are: (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and was included in H.R. 2847—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF.

Project Name: Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, 16 Memorial Union, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon and in the Klamath River Basin.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$600,000 for the Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon project. According to the requesting entity, this is a collaborative research plan involving Oregon State University, Humboldt State University, University of California—Davis, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Klamath River tribal agencies that will research management actions to reduce disease in natural juvenile salmon in the Klamath River of Oregon and California.

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Tech.

Project Name: Mobile Video Equipment.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Umatilla County Sheriff, 4700 NW Pioneer Place, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Project Location: Pendleton, Oregon and Umatilla County.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$130,000 for the Umatilla County Sheriffs Office Mobile Video Equipment project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used to outfit up to 9 vehicles with video/audio recording systems; one archive server located in Pendleton, Oregon and a server at each satellite office in Hermiston and Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne.

Project Name: Rx for Saving Oregon Teens.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Partnership, 6443 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97221.

Project Location: Portland, Oregon.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$470,000 for the Rx for Saving Oregon Teens project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used to implement a statewide public education campaign addressing prescription drug abuse in Oregon.

MR. RONALD E. CHRONISTER, DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY AVIATION AND MISSILE COMMAND

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of Mr. Ronald E. Chronister, deputy to the Commander, of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Mr. Chronister's life-time service to the U.S. Army has been an outstanding one. He has served this country with loyalty, dignity and respect, always engaging his active mind to better develop materials needed by our brave service men and women. We are forever in debt to him for all he has done in the name of freedom and our pursuit of happiness. Today, I stand proud as we commemorate his honor and hard work for the more than 25 years he has served this country through the U.S. Army.

Mr. Chronister earned his bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from The University of Alabama in 1982, and shortly after enrolled at the Army Material Command Intern School of Engineering and Logistics in Texarkana, Texas. In 1983, he went on to be a general engineer in the production engineering division of the U.S. Army's Research Development in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, where he climbed the ranks from chief to deputy director to acting director.

In 2002, he earned a master's of science in program management from the Naval Post Graduate School and has received throughout his career numerous awards, certifications and has been an active member of professional associations.

His career in the U.S. Army's Research team has grown by leaps and bounds. Since October 2005, Mr. Chronister has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and served as Executive Director of the Integrated Material Management Center from October 2005 until February 2008. During that time, he established the Prototype Integration Facility, a unique government-owned and government-

operated enterprise that provides a rapid response, cost effective approach to meeting weapon systems program manager's material requirements.

Mr. Chronister continues to serve our country diligently and with great honor. Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the work Mr. Chronister has done for the U.S. Army and our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARCHBISHOP
MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL BASE-
BALL TEAM

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Archbishop Moeller High School baseball team on winning the Division I Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship. This is Moeller's fifth state championship in baseball. Moeller also won state titles in 1972, 1989, 1993, and 2004.

This year's team was led by Manager Tim Held, who recently took the reins from legendary Coach Mike Cameron. Following the example that Cameron set, Coach Held guided the Crusaders to a state championship in just his second season, finishing with a final record of 25 wins and 5 losses. Moeller beat Pickerington North 5–2 in the title game in Columbus, avenging a previous loss to them in the regular season. Pitcher Robby Sunderman tossed a resilient five innings giving up only two runs, one earned, to get the victory for the Crusaders. Five different Moeller players scored runs in the title game making, this victory truly a team effort.

I look forward to following the players on this year's team in the future. They will certainly be headed toward a bright future. Past prep stars from Moeller have included Major League Baseball players Ken Griffey, Jr., Barry Larkin, the Bell Family—Buddy, David, Mike, and Rick—and many others. I must not fail to mention that our own House Minority Leader JOHN BOEHNER is a 1968 graduate of this esteemed Cincinnati high school.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Moeller on yet another State Championship. Go Moe.

SENTENCING OF TWO AMERICANS
IN NORTH KOREA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call for the immediate release of two U.S. journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, sentenced to twelve years hard labor in North Korea.

On March 17, 2009, Laura Ling and Euna Lee were arrested by North Korean officials while investigating the plight of North Korean refugees fleeing to China. The North Korean government accused the two women of committing hostile crimes against the Korean nation and illegally crossing the North Korean

border. On June 8, after a four-day trial conducted largely in secret, Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee were sentenced to twelve years of hard labor in a North Korean prison camp.

North Korea's blatant disregard for due process and human rights in the treatment of these two women is unacceptable. International human rights organizations have unanimously declared their conviction the result of inflated accusations and a "sham trial". Despite being party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, North Korea's judicial system fails international fair trial standards for transparency, independence, and conviction based on recognized criminal offenses. Unfortunately, the arrest and conviction of these two American journalists is but one example of the oppression under which North Koreans have suffered for too long.

Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee's sentencing to prison labor camp is also a disturbing violation of human rights and humanitarian standards. The State Department reports that conditions in North Korean prison camps are harsh and life threatening, with beatings and torture a regular occurrence. Three months of detention have already exacerbated Ms. Ling's medical condition and caused significant trauma for Ms. Lee's young daughter and family. Sentencing these two women to twelve years hard labor is a severe breach of international humanitarian standards. Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee should be released immediately.

The draconian sentence handed down to the two American journalists raises serious concerns about United States-Korean relations. It is deeply disturbing that North Korea would consider using these women as a negotiating tactic to avoid punishment for its latest nuclear tests. If North Korea truly wishes to ensure its national security, it should begin by releasing Laura Ling and Euna Lee and participating in the global community as a fair player.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues and the Obama Administration to work for the swift release of these two women back to their families.

HONORING MARY LASH

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Mary Elizabeth Lash, who is currently teaching in Paramount, California, in my Congressional District, and has been teaching for a remarkable 59 years. She is California's longest-serving credentialed teacher.

Nearly all of Mary's 59 years of teaching have been in the Paramount Unified School District. In 1950, the Compton Unified School District hired Mary as a Home Economics teacher at Paramount Junior High School. In 1953, when Paramount formed its own unified school district, she took a Home Economics position at Paramount Senior High School, where she continues to teach today.

In 1955, Mary began working with the high school youth organization known as the "Corsairs" as the assistant to its founder. This service organization remains under Mary's leadership 54 years later. She has influenced

many young men and women into a life of service to others through this organization.

Mary was also a charter organizer of Future Homemakers of America/HERO, which is a national service organization whose goal is to develop citizenship, leadership, life skills, and career goals through competition, recognition events, and club-sponsored activities. Paramount High School's chapter of Future Homemakers of America/HERO has earned several Silver and Gold Medals in prepared speech, community involvement, and chapter exhibit events on both the National and State Levels.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today in tribute to Ms. Mary Elizabeth Lash as she is being honored in California for being its longest serving teacher. Mary has shown an enduring commitment to educating the youth of Paramount and providing them with the tools and skills needed to contribute to their communities and prosper in their adult lives. She truly touched the future, reaching many generations of students. Students, both current and past, who had the privilege of being in her class or in an organization she advised, will continue to be influenced by her example of hard work, dedication, and public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 15, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 336, 337, 338, and 339.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform you of the circumstances regarding my absence on June 15, 2009. Yesterday, I, along with members of the Maine and New Hampshire congressional delegations, met with the Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, to discuss matters concerning the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Unfortunately, because of this meeting, I was unable to make it back to Washington in time to register my votes. If I were present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 430, H.R. 2325, H.R. 729, and H.R. 540.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. 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, the Commerce,

Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Agency/Account: DOJ, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Dodge City Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 W. Bruce St., Dodge City, KS 67801

Description of Project: I have secured \$200,000 for the Dodge City Police Department Equipment and Technology Upgrade Project. Funding will be used for a variety of equipment and technology upgrades that includes crime scene mapping and surveying upgrades, building security and safety cameras, and training room upgrades.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Agency/Account: DOJ, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Liberal Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 2199, Liberal, KS 67905

Description of Project: I have secured \$200,000 for the Liberal Police Department Equipment Upgrade Project. The department is in serious need of some upgrades to current equipment including portable and car radios, mobile vehicle recorders, firearms, and holsters. Their current radios are between 7 to 10 years old and are beginning to deteriorate. Patrol vehicles are equipped with mobile vehicle recorders which are 6 to 7 years old and have started to deteriorate as well. Funding will be used for the City of Liberal Equipment Upgrade Project to help remedy this situation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Agency/Account: DOJ, OJP—Byrne Jag Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hutchinson Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 210 W. 1st, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Description of Project: I have secured \$200,000 for the Hutchinson Police Department Emergency Response Team Equipment Upgrade Project. The Hutchinson Police Department is in great need of upgrading their tactical team equipment to include funding for new tactical body armor, helmets, weapon systems, cell disrupter, surveillance equipment and throw phone. Funding will be used to upgrade these much needed items.

BANK ACCOUNTABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the "Bank Accountability and Risk Assessment Act of 2009." This legislation, which I introduced today, will change the way that the FDIC charges premiums to federally insured banks in order to capitalize the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF).

Specifically, my bill will do two things: First, it will create a risk-based assessment process

for all insured banks. Second, it will establish a special annual risk premium for the "too-big-to-fail" banks that represent a systemic threat to our financial system.

I am recommending these changes because I believe that our current system disproportionately advantages the largest institutions at the expense of small banks. For example, under the current system, the FDIC determines the regular quarterly premiums for each bank based only on the domestic deposits held by the bank, rather than on the bank's total assets. As a result, banks with assets of \$1 billion or fewer pay assessments on nearly 80 percent of their liabilities because domestic deposits are their primary source of funding. Meanwhile, banks with more than \$10 billion in assets pay premiums on only 47 percent of their liabilities.

So, under the current system, while small banks pay insurance premiums on nearly their entire balance sheets, large banks pay on only half. I think we have it backwards. I think the largest banks with the riskiest investments should be responsible for paying more into the Deposit Insurance Funds than our Main Street banks that generally stay away from subprime mortgages and don't invest in mortgage backed securities or credit derivative swaps.

The absurd result of the current system is that banks with fewer than \$10 billion in assets pay approximately 30 percent of the total assessment base, although they hold only about 20 percent of total bank assets. This discrepancy is exacerbated by the fact that the largest institutions are "too-big-to-fail," and it can be argued that their depositors and other creditors enjoy superior protection than do the depositors and creditors of "too-small-to-save" banks.

I believe that each institution should pay an insurance fee based on risk. And where does risk come from? It does not come from deposits, but from the assets and investments of banks. We've seen how assets—like mortgage backed securities—can turn from assets to liabilities overnight. It's just common sense that banks with risky investments should pay more in deposit insurance premiums.

In addition, small banks all across the nation, those under \$10 billion in total assets, will almost universally see their premiums go down under my proposal. For example, of the 655 federally insured banks in Illinois, 651 of them would see their premiums reduced. Only four banks would see an increase—the four largest banks.

I like to compare this bill to the risk-based pricing that the banks have forced on consumers. For years, the banks have argued that risk-based pricing for their products, such as credit cards and home mortgages, is not only logical but fair because they only raise rates on those customers they feel are the greatest risk to the overall health of their institution.

Well, many of the same banks that utilize "risk-based" pricing for consumers required hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars to survive. Their irresponsible actions not only created a huge risk for our nation's overall financial health, but also placed hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars at risk. Through the "Bank Accountability and Risk Assessment Act of 2009," I propose that the American people impose the same risk-based assessment on the banks that the banks have been imposing on our constituents for years.

The FDIC has already taken a step forward in recognizing the greater risk that large, money center banks represent to the DIF. Last month, the FDIC's Board of Directors voted 4–1 to base their emergency premium assessment off a bank's assets and not their deposits. By basing the assessment off the institutions assets and not the deposits, the FDIC has recognized that any threat to the fund through a bank failure is dependent upon the liabilities that exist in a bank's assets, not their deposits.

This was a good first step toward requiring systemically significant banks to pay their fair share into the DIF, but Congress must take action to codify this assessment base for all quarterly payments into the DIF and create system risk premiums for those banks deemed "too-big-to-fail."

I am introducing this bill today, because I think this issue should be on the table as we consider legislation to overhaul our financial regulatory system. Deciding who will bear the financial burden for the systemically important institutions is, I believe, a fundamental aspect of the regulatory restructuring debate. Above all, the "Bank Accountability and Risk Assessment Act of 2009" will return fairness to the deposit insurance assessment process.

I urge my colleagues to support this important regulatory reform bill.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JAMES R. MYLES OF THE U.S.
ARMY AVIATION AND MISSILE
COMMAND

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of Major General James R. Myles of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

Major General Myles assumed command of the United States Army Aviation and Missile Command on July 19, 2007. He first began his career with the U.S. Army in 1974 upon graduation from Middle Tennessee State University, where he received a bachelor's of science degree in business management. He also earned a master's degree in business administration from Webster University.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Transportation Officer Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His aviation training includes the initial entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Maintenance Officer Course, the UH–60 Qualification Course, and the Fixed Wing Qualification Course.

Major General Myles' first assignment was as an Infantry Platoon Leader in C–1/501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While serving in Panama, his positions included Production Control Officer and Scout Platoon Leader of the 210th Aviation Battalion, 193d Infantry Brigade at Fort Clayton. After moving to St. Louis, Missouri, he served as the Fixed Wing Readiness Project Officer and Assistant SGS at TSARCOM. His final company-grade assignment came as the Aviation Maintenance Officer for USREDCOM at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

He commanded C Company followed by the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Company in 2d Aviation Battalion, 2d Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea. He then moved to Fort Campbell where he served four years in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Group as the Systems Integration and Maintenance Officer and Regimental Executive Officer.

Major General Myles' battalion command came with the 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; followed by a return assignment to the 160th SOAR(A) as the Regimental Deputy Commander. He was selected to command the 17th Aviation Brigade in Yongsan, Korea, and completed a follow-on assignment as the Eighth Army Chief of Staff. He left Korea for a position as the Chief of the Middle-East Division on the Joint Staff in Washington, DC.

Major General Myles would return to Fort Hood as the Assistant Division Commander of the First Cavalry Division, and the Commanding General of the United States Army Operational Test Command.

His most recent assignment was Commanding General of the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, VA. Currently, Major General Myles is the Commanding General of the Army Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Major General Myles continues to serve our country diligently and with great honor. Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the work he has done for the U.S. Army and our country.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2410) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, to modernize the Foreign Service, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Chair, I rise to express my opposition to amendment number 19 offered by Representative KIRK to H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

Representative KIRK's amendment would allow the United States Secretary of State, at her discretion, to make payments from the Rewards for Justice program to officers or employees of foreign governments who provide information leading to the capture of exceptional and high-profile terrorists.

Upon first glance, this amendment may seem reasonable. Of course the United States wishes to encourage persons in foreign countries to assist our efforts to resist global terrorism. However, I question the necessity and wisdom of using U.S. taxpayer funds to pay employees of foreign governments for official duties they are presumably already being paid by their own governments to perform. Long-term success in the global fight against terrorism requires that America's partners make this mission an integral part of their work, not an extra-credit activity.

In addition, the effect of this amendment could be contrary to America's commitment to due process and human rights. In previous instances when soldiers or officials have been offered monetary incentives to capture "terrorists", innocent civilians have been labeled as terrorists and accusations grossly conflated so the informant can claim a financial prize or even a political score. The language of this amendment is too vague to protect against potential human rights abuses.

For the two reasons I have stated, Madam Chair, I voted against the amendment offered by Mr. KIRK.

HONORING THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, as the House author of legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, I request that the names of these brave patriots be inserted for history's sake:

WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II

Class, First Name, Name Post-WASP, Name in Training:

43-1, Lovelle, Benesh, (Richards);
 43-1, Betty, Blake, (Tackaberry);
 43-1, Claire G, Callaghan, (Callaghan);
 43-1, Marjorie, Deacon, (Ketchum);
 43-1, Marion J, DeGregorio, (Mackey);
 43-1, Byrd Howell, Granger, (Granger);
 43-1, Marjorie M, Gray, (Gray);
 43-1, Ruth, Hellman, (Hellman);
 43-1, Evelyn, Howren, (Greenblatt);
 43-1, Ann R, Johnson, (Johnson);
 43-1, G.C. "Brownie", Kindig, (Brown);
 43-1, Edna C, Kingdon, (Collins);
 43-1, Marjorie, Kumler, (Kumler);
 43-1, Elizabeth A, Matray, (McKinley);
 43-1, Margaret E, McCormick, (McCormick);
 43-1, Sidney, Miller, (Miller);
 43-1, Eleanor, Morgan, (Boysen);
 43-1, Mary Lou, Neale, (Colbert);
 43-1, Marylene "Geri", Nyman, (Lamphere);
 43-1, Vega, Sogg, (Johnson);
 43-1, Jane S, Straughan, (Straughan);
 43-1, Magda T, Tacke, (Tacke);
 43-1, Dorothy L, Young, (Young);
 43-2, D, Lewis, Adie, (Coleman);
 43-2, Ann R.K., Anderson, (Kary);
 43-2, Margaret K, Boylan, (Kerr);
 43-2, Catherine, Bridge, (Vail);
 43-2, Marion Brown, (Schorr);
 43-2, Betty J, Buehner, (Bachman);
 43-2, Jane, Carter, (Emerson);
 43-2, Lois K, Chaffey, (Gott);
 43-2, Iris C, Critcheli, (Cummings);
 43-2, Barbara, Darnell, (Russell);
 43-2, Katherine, deBarnard, (deBarnard);
 43-2, Patricia A, Dickerson, (Dickerson);
 43-2, Virginia A, Disney, (Alleman);
 43-2, Patricia C, Erickson, (Chadwick);
 43-2, Carol, Fillmore, (Fillmore);
 43-2, Marie, Genaro, (Muccie);
 43-2, Ellen H, Gery, (Gery);
 43-2, Frances, Gustayson, (Dias);
 43-2, Emily, Harden, (Hiester);
 43-2, Ruth R, Hawkins, (Thompson);
 43-2, Ruth, Helm, (Dailey);
 43-2, Geraldine B, Hill, (Masinter);
 43-2, Alma Marie, Hinds, (Jerman);
 43-2, Mary D, Huber, (Darling);
 43-2, Betty E, Joiner, (Eames);
 43-2, Zelda, Lamer, (Lamer);
 43-2, Paula, Loop, (Loop);
 43-2, Melvina K, Maier, (Maier);
 43-2, Rita, McArdle, (Moynahan);
 43-2, Jary J, McKay, (Johnson);
 43-2, Virginia, Moffatt, (Moffatt);
 43-2, Dorothy, Nichols, (Nichols);
 43-2, Mary Tufts, O'Brien, (Trotman);
 43-2, Avanel, Pinkley, (Pinkley);
 43-2, Ruth F, Reynolds, (Franckling);
 43-2, Florence L, Roberson, (Lawler);
 43-2, Helen, Rownd, (Ricketts);
 43-2, Martha D, Rupley, (Wagenseil);
 43-2, Elizabeth W, Smith, (Whitlow);
 43-2, Helen S, Stone, (Stone);
 43-2, Ruth Grimm, Trees, (Trees);
 43-2, Margaret A, Tunner, (Hamilton);
 43-2, Lila C, Vanderpoel, (Chapman);
 43-3, Marcia C, Bellasai, (Courtney);
 43-3, Mary N, Beritich, (Beritich);
 43-3, Esther D, Berner, (Pool);
 43-3, Clarice M, Bessent, (Bessent);
 43-3, Katherine A, Brick, (Menges);
 43-3, Betty June Budde, (Deuser);
 43-3, Mildred, Chapin, (Toner);
 43-3, Betty A, Fernandes, (Archibald);
 43-3, Gretchen, Graba, (Gorman);
 43-3, Frances F, Grimes, (Grimes);
 43-3, Lois B, Halley, (Brooks);
 43-3, Marion, Hanrahan, (Hanrahan);
 43-3, Anna F, Isbell, (Franckman);
 43-3, Elaine, Jones, (Jones);
 43-3, Louise, Kidd, (Kidd);
 43-3, Florence E, Knight, (Knight);
 43-3, Mary L, Leatherbee, (Leatherbee);
 43-3, Grace B, Mayfield, (Birge);
 43-3, Dora, McKeown, (Dougherty);
 43-3, Beatrice A.T., Medes, (Medes);
 43-3, Elsie D, Monaco, (Dyer);
 43-3, Laurine Y, Nielsen, (Nielsen);
 43-3, Jean Hanmer, Pearson, (Pearson);
 43-3, Virginia B, Pierce, (Crinklaw);
 43-3, Elinore, Pyle, (Owen);
 43-3, Vilma, Qualls, (Lazar);
 43-3, Elin, Raimondi, (Harte);
 43-3, Mabel, Rawlinson, (Rawlinson);
 43-3, Frederica, Richardson, (McAfee);
 43-3, Lillian, Roberts-Risdon, (Conner);
 43-3, Joyce E, Secciani, (Sherwood);
 43-3, Marie, Shale, (Shale);
 43-3, Mary Belle, Smith, (Ahlstrom);
 43-3, Isabel, Stinson, (Fenton);
 43-3, Shirley, Thackara, (Ingalls);
 43-3, Bertha, Trasky, (Link);
 43-3, Emma, Ware, (Coulter);
 43-3, Lois H, Ziler, (Hollingsworth);
 43-4, Nancy Lee, Baker, (Baker);
 43-4, Elizabeth, Bane, (Mitchell);
 43-4, Eleanor E, Beith, (Moriarity);
 43-4, Betty, Berkstresser, (Heinrich);
 43-4, Edna Hines, Bishop, (Pedlar);
 43-4, Martha H, Born, (Bevins);
 43-4, Julia S, Bower, (Sapp);
 43-4, Ann C, Brennan, (Brennan);
 43-4, Jean T, Brown, (Trench);
 43-4, Mary Louise, Brown, (Bowden);
 43-4, Jennie E, Burbeck, (Brown);
 43-4, Hazel W, Caldwell, (Pracht);
 43-4, Helen B "Peg", Calhoun, (Calhoun);
 43-4, Virginia, Clair, (Clair);
 43-4, Mary Ann, Cleary, (Thielges);
 43-4, Dorothy R, Colburn, (Colburn);
 43-4, Bertha M, Collins, (Miller);
 43-4, Vera K, Cook, (Cook);
 43-4, Juanita, Cooke, (Bolish);
 43-4, Violet C, Cowden, (Thurn);
 43-4, Nancye Ruth, Crout, (Lowe);
 43-4, Rosa L, Meek, Dickerson, (Fullwood);
 43-4, Dwight B, Diel, (Hildinger);
 43-4, Janet J, Dirlam, (Zuchowski);
 43-4, Bert H, Dodd, (Dodd);
 43-4, Marian J, Edwards, (Bradley);
 43-4, Mary Edith, Engle, (Engle);
 43-4, Natalie L, Fahy, (Ellis);
 43-4, Grace C, Fender, (Clark);
 43-4, Ruth T, Florey, (Underwood);

- 43-4, Maryalice, Ford, (L'Hommedieu);
 43-4, Laurretta, Foy, (Beaty);
 43-4, Ruth I, Gamber, (Gamber);
 43-4, Mary E, Grant, (Hines);
 43-4, Rosalie L, Grohman, (Grohman);
 43-4, Virginia, Hagerstrom, (Jowell);
 43-4, Janice R, Harris, (Tate);
 43-4, Barbara W, Heinrich, (Willis);
 43-4, Gwendolyne E, Hickerson, (Cownt);
 43-4, Margery, Holben, (Moore);
 43-4, Catherine M, Houser, (Houser);
 43-4, Constance L, Howerton, (Llewellyn);
 43-4, Joanne M, Jenks, (Trebtoske);
 43-4, Rena D'Arcy, Jones, (Wilkes);
 43-4, Cornelia Y, Kafka, (Colby);
 43-4, Isabel M, Karkau, (Steiner);
 43-4, Lyda M, Keefe, (Dunham);
 43-4, Willie P, Kelly, (Peacock);
 43-4, Lydia N, Kenny, (Lindner);
 43-4, Eileen M, Kesti, (Roach);
 43-4, Kittie, King, (Leaming);
 43-4, Virginia, Krahn, (Luttrell);
 43-4, Jean, Landis, (Landis);
 43-4, Barbara J, Lazarsky, (Ward);
 43-4, Hazel Ying "Ah Ying", Lee, (Lee);
 43-4, Mary M, Lewis, (Rosso);
 43-4, Mary, Lyman, (Clifford);
 43-4, Margie, Maddox, (Heckle);
 43-4, Doris, Manuel, (Manuel);
 43-4, Betty L, Martin, (Naffz);
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 43-4, Mary C, McConkey, (Wilson);
 43-4, Mary Jane, Meikle, (Stephens);
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 43-4, Dorothea M, Moorman, (Johnson);
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 43-4, Patricia L, Newlon, (Hanley);
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 43-4, Dorothy, Olsen, (Kocher);
 43-4, June L, Petto, (Ellington);
 43-4, Martha J, Phillips, (Potter);
 43-4, Jennie X, Reimann, (Hrestu);
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 43-4, Margaret H, Riviere, (Reeves);
 43-4, Jeanne B, Robertson, (Robertson);
 43-4, Frances R, Sargent, (Rohrer);
 43-4, Helen M, Schaefer, (Schaefer);
 43-4, Gene S, Scharlau, (Slack);
 43-4, Ethel M, Sharon, (Sharon);
 43-4, Dorothea G, Shultz, (Shultz);
 43-4, Margaret, Sliker, (Bruns);
 43-4, Helen Wyatt, Snapp, (Snapp);
 43-4, Patti M, Stadler, (Canada);
 43-4, Nancy E, Staples, (Nesbit);
 43-4, Alice-Jean, Starr, (May);
 43-4, Frances R, Steele, (Sanderson);
 43-4, Katherine S, Strehle, (Loft);
 43-4, Virginia L, Sweet, (Sweet);
 43-4, Alice Jane, Talcott, (Talcott);
 43-4, Alta C, Thomas, (Corbett);
 43-4, Mary Jo, Tilton, (Farley);
 43-4, Kathleen, Titland, (Kelly);
 43-4, Mary E, Trebing, (Trebing);
 43-4, Marcella J, Tucker, (Fatjo);
 43-4, Isabel, Van Lom, (Madison);
 43-4, Martha, Volkomen, (Lawson);
 43-4, Esther N, Walters, (Reinholdt);
 43-4, Virginia F, Watry, (Harris);
 43-4, Ann H, Watson, (Howell);
 43-4, Violet S, Wierzbicki, (Wierzbicki);
 43-4, Mary L, Wiggins, (Wiggins);
 43-4, Betty L, Wood, (Taylor);
 43-4, Virginia, Wood, (Hill);
 43-4, Inez S, Woods, (Woodward);
 43-4, Eleanor, Wertz, (Thompson);
 43-4, Elizabeth (Sarah?), Lundy, (Pearce);
 43-4, Martha M, Lundy, (Lundy);
 43-4, Jane, Fllesbach, (Waite);
 43-5, Mary, Audrain, (Parker);
 43-5, Lorraine, Blaylock, (Sterkel);
 43-5, Betty, Boyd, (Shea);
 43-5, Ruth A, Boyea, (Anderson);
 43-5, Mary "Pat", Call, (Hiller);
 43-5, Jane, Campbell, (Thomas);
 43-5, Charlotte M, Carl, (Mitchell);
 43-5, Ann G, Carl, (Baumgartner);
 43-5, Janice, Christensen, (Christensen);
 43-5, Sylvia D, Clayton, (Dahmes);
 43-5, 43-5, Clements, (Clements);
 43-5, Ruthmary, Cole, (Buckley);
 43-5, Virginia, Cutler, (Streeter);
 43-5, Jeanne Perot, D'Ambly, (D'Ambly);
 43-5, Solange, D'Hooghe, (D'Hooghe);
 43-5, Edna, Davis, (Modisette);
 43-5, Helen Irene, DeGray, (Fremd);
 43-5, Helen, Dettweiler, (Dettweiler);
 43-5, Floella, Downs, (McIntyre);
 43-5, Jean L, Dunkle, (Livingston);
 43-5, Dorothy Ellen, Ebersbach, (Ebersbach);
 43-5, Vivian, Eddy, (Cadman);
 43-5, Josephine, Egan, (Pitz);
 43-5, Ellen, Endacott, (Endacott);
 43-5, Ellen C, Evans, (Croxtan);
 43-5, Leotta C, Feyen, (Cook);
 43-5, Ethel M, Finley, (Meyer);
 43-5, Harriet N, Fisher, (MacLane);
 43-5, Ruth E, FitzSimons, (FitzSimons);
 43-5, Izydora, Focht, (Bochanek);
 43-5, Monica, Frassetto, (Flaherty);
 43-5, Lillian E, Goodman, (Epsberg);
 43-5, Sylvia, Granader, (Schwartz);
 43-5, Elizabeth E, Greene, (Greene);
 43-5, Kathryn S, Gunderson, (Stark);
 43-5, Virginia C, Hammond, (Wilson);
 43-5, Mary, Hartson, (Hartson);
 43-5, Geraldine P, Hill, (Hill);
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 43-5, Helen, Holland, (Turner);
 43-5, Charlotte, Hughes, (Niles);
 43-5, Celia M, Hunter, (Hunter);
 43-5, Ruth C, Johnson, (Carter);
 43-5, Geraldine H, Jordan, (Hardman);
 43-5, Frances, Kari, (Green);
 43-5, Ann M, Kenney, (Karlson);
 43-5, Julie E, Ledbetter, (Ledbetter);
 43-5, Irene G, Lindner, (Gregory);
 43-5, Alice, Lovejoy, (Lovejoy);
 43-5, Allison B, McBride, (Burns);
 43-5, Jill S, McCormick, (McCormick);
 43-5, Lucille F, McVey, (Friesen);
 43-5, Ruth, Muller, (Lindley);
 43-5, Pauline, Mulligan, (Markle);
 43-5, Roberta E, Mundt, (Mundt);
 43-5, Marianne I, Nutt, (Beard);
 43-5, Yvonne C "Pat", Pateman, (Pateman);
 43-5, Elizabeth H, Pfister, (Haas);
 43-5, Helen, Pozzobon, (Hague);
 43-5, Anne Armstrong, Proctor, (McClellan);
 43-5, Nadine, Ramsey, (Ramsey);
 43-5, Gayle, Reed, (Bevis);
 43-5, Helen, Richey, (Richey);
 43-5, Margaret, Ringenberg, (Ray);
 43-5, Annabelle, Rotbart, (Kekic);
 43-5, Barbara, Runtan, (Hicks);
 43-5, Ellenor Bell, Schaffer, (Kurten);
 43-5, Jane S, Scott, (Scott);
 43-5, Dawn Y, Seymour, (Rochow-Balden);
 43-5, Helen B, Sheffer, (Porter);
 43-5, Marjorie T, Sizemore, (Popell);
 43-5, Jean M, Springer, (Mohrman);
 43-5, Eugenia St., Martin, (Garvin);
 43-5, Margaret C, Stegall, (Cox);
 43-5, Caryl W, Stortz, (Jones);
 43-5, Shirley, Teer, (Slade);
 43-5, Marjorie, Thompson, (Sanford);
 43-5, Doris V, Tracy, (Bristol);
 43-5, Marion, Trick, (Carlstrom);
 43-5, Irma, Weigel, (Cleveland);
 43-5, Ruth, Wheeler, (Hagemann);
 43-5, Macie Jo, Wheelis, (Myers);
 43-5, Harriet L, White, (Urban);
 43-5, F. Virginia, Williams, (Acher);
 43-5, Wilma B, Wine, (Morehead);
 43-6, Helen T, Abell, (Abell);
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 43-6, Louesa F, Beard, (Thompson);
 43-6, Lana B, Boxberger, (Cusack);
 43-6, Mary T, Breitenstein, (McDonnell);
 43-6, Hazel M, Brooks, (Pierce);
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 43-6, Rebecca H, Brown, (Edwards);
 43-6, Martha L, Bullock, (Smith);
 43-6, Mildred C, Caldwell, (Caldwell);
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 43-6, Mildred M, Christiansen, (McClelland);
 43-6, Carol E, Cook, (Webb);
 43-6, Ann, Currier, (Waidner);
 43-6, Laurretta A, Darcy, (Darcy);
 43-6, Shirley J, deGonzales, (Condit);
 43-6, Lorena B, Dorr, (Daly);
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 43-6, Enid C, Fisher, (Fisher);
 43-6, Libby, Gardner, (Gardner);
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 43-6, Bethel G, Gibbons, (Gibbons);
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 43-6, Margaret, Grant, (Callahan);
 43-6, Margaret M, Hatfield, (Wendelin);
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 43-6, Dorothy P, Hoover, (Hoover);
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 43-6, Evelyn M, Jackson, (Stewart);
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 43-6, Nelle L, Klein, (Carmody);
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 43-6, Corinne W, Nienstedt, (Nienstedt);
 43-6, Jane Patch-Crowder, (Wilson);
 43-6, Frances B, Pullen, (Buford);
 43-6, Mary Ruth, Rance, (Rance);
 43-6, Lola C, Ricci, (Perkins);
 43-6, Margaret, Roberts, (Wissler);
 43-6, Ruth, Roberts, (Roberts);
 43-6, Rose, Ross, (Penn);
 43-6, Eleanor, Rust, (Alexander);
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 43-6, Nancy L, Sendelbach, (Featherhoff);
 43-6, Maxine S, Smith, (Steward);
 43-6, Evelyn L, Stephens, (Fletcher);
 43-6, Margaret R, Stevenson, (Kirchner);
 43-6, Irma "Babe", Story, (Story);
 43-6, Rita G, Stump, (Cason);
 43-6, Elizabeth M, Sullivan, (McGeorge);
 43-6, Frances M, Tanassy, (Snyder);
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 43-6, Evelyn L, Tomlinson, (Tomlinson);
 43-6, Ruth W, Tompkins, (Westheimer);
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 43-6, Deborah, Truax, (Truax);
 43-6, Marjorie, Wakeham, (Wakeham);
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 43-6, Dorothy E, Webb, (Webb);
 43-6, Rita D, Webster, (Davoly);
 43-6, Bonnie Jean, Welz, (Weiz);
 43-6, A. Lee, Wheelwright, (Leonard);
 43-6, Orpha M, Wilson, (Brunsvold);
 43-6, Maxine A, Wright, (Nolt);
 43-6, Virginia H, Yates, (Yates);
 43-6, Margaret, Lowell-Wallace, (Lowell-Wallace);
 43-7, Leonora H, Anderson, (Horton);
 43-7, Dorothy A, Avery, (Avery);
 43-7, Mildred D, Axton, (Axton);
 43-7, Jean McCartney, Babb, (Babb);
 43-7, Sylvia B, Barter, (Barter);
 43-7, M. Allaire, Bennett, (Bennett);
 43-7, Thelma N, Bluhm, (Harris);
 43-7, Caro, Bosca, (Bayley);

43-7, Nell S. Bright, (Stevenson);
 43-7, Mary Helen, Burke, (Burke);
 43-7, Elizabeth P. Carroll, (Hartz);
 43-7, Betty J. Clark, (Clark);
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 43-7, Emerald, Drummond, (Drummond);
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 43-7, Babette, Edinger, (DeMoe);
 43-7, Eleanore C. Folk, (Bryant);
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 43-7, Lela, Harding, (Loudder);
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 43-7, Neva, Hubbard, (Calderwood);
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 43-7, Phyllis M. Jarman, (Jarman);
 43-7, Aleta M. Johnson, (Grill);
 43-7, Mitchell I. Long, (Long);
 43-7, Marian G. Mann, (Mann);
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 43-7, Isabel E. Martell, (Tynon);
 43-7, Dorothy I. McLean, (McLean);
 43-7, Tex, Meachem, (Brown);
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 43-7, Helen T. Pittenger, (Barrick);
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 43-7, Robbie, Rinehart, (Grace);
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 43-7, Katherine L. Steele, (Landry);
 43-7, Patricia J. Sullivan, (Seares);
 43-7, Jane, Tallman, (Tallman);
 43-7, Audrey, Tardy, (Tardy);
 43-7, Wilhelmina M. Teerling, (Teerling);
 43-7, Gene K. Wakeley, (Smith);
 43-7, Justice Mary C. Walters, (Coon);
 43-7, Sara, Winston, (Chapin);
 43-7, Lucile D. Wise, (Doll);
 43-7, M. Winifred, Wood, (Wood);
 43-7, Yvonne C. Wood, (Ashcraft);
 43-7, Lillian, Yonally, (Lorraine);
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 43-8, Esther, Ammerman, (Mueller);
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 43-8, Rae E. Barnes, (Barnes);
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 43-8, Frances A. Blakeslee, (Jensen);
 43-8, Ruth, Brown, (Humphreys);
 43-8, Marilyn L. Browning, (Seafeld);
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 43-8, Marjorie, Dresbach, (Selfridge);
 43-8, Elizabeth V. Dressler, (Chadwick);
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 43-8, Jocelyn, Evernham, (Moore);
 43-8, Mary E. Fearey, (Estill);
 43-8, Maxine E. Flournoy, (Edmondson);
 43-8, Joalene, Foster, (Snodgrass);
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 43-8, Donna S. Glendinning, (Spellick);
 43-8, Jeannette, Goodrum, (Gagnon);
 43-8, Helen M. Hansen, (Skjersaa);
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 43-8, Bobbye C. Jersig, (Crain);
 43-8, Effie M. Kempton, (Pratt);
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 43-8, Doris M. Long, (Moffat);
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 43-8, Elizabeth S. Lux, (Stavrum);
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 43-8, Marcia W. Milner, (Wenzel);
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 43-8, Iris H. Schupp, (Heilman);
 43-8, Andrea C. Shaw, (Shaw);
 43-8, Margaret Slaymaker, (McNamara);
 43-8, Kathryn Stamps, (Stamps);
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 43-8, Betty E. Trout, (Wright);
 43-8, Dorothy I. Warfield, (Aspell);
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 44-1, E. Marie, Clark, (Mountain);
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 44-1, Katherine Dussaq, (Dussaq);
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 44-1, Martha A. Mitchell, (Wilkins);
 44-1, Catherine A. Murphy, (Murphy);
 44-1, Doris, Nathan, (Burmester);
 44-1, Alberta, Nicholson, (Hunt);
 44-1, Anne, Noggle, (Noggle);
 44-1, Virginia D. O'Neill, (Stell);
 44-1, Mary A. O'Rourke, (Jershin);
 44-1, Anne B. Rawlings, (Bartholf);
 44-1, H. Lorraine, Raymond, (Fiedler);
 44-1, Dolores M. Reed, (Meurer);
 44-1, Marjorie E. Rees, (Ellfeldt);
 44-1, Alice L. Riss, (Riss);
 44-1, Jane O. Robbins, (Robbins);
 44-1, Phyllis, Ryder, (Ryder);
 44-1, Carolyn P. Saas, (Wood);
 44-1, Gwendolyn C. Scales, (Scales);
 44-1, Mary, Smith, (Beecham);
 44-1, Elizabeth B. Strohus, (Wall);
 44-1, Josephine, Swift, (Keating);
 44-1, Rosina, Todd, (Lewis);
 44-1, Eleanor, Vaughn, (Hinkle);
 44-1, Margaret C. Watson, (Harper);
 44-1, Anna L. White, (Hopkins);
 44-1, Eileen A. Worden, (Kealy);
 44-1, Barbara M. Robinson, (Manchester);
 44-10, Suzanne L. Armstrong, (Bane);
 44-10, Ann, Atkeison, (Atkeison);
 44-10, Jerrie, Badger, (Phillips);
 44-10, Christine W. Browning, (Grayson);
 44-10, Pam L. Carr, (Carr);
 44-10, Ann, Carter, (Shaw);
 44-10, Helen B. Celler, (Celler);
 44-10, Emily, Chapin, (Chapin);
 44-10, Virginia A. Coakley, (McPike);
 44-10, Rosa Charlyne, Creger, (Creger);
 44-10, Helen P. Davis, (Paine);
 44-10, Dorothy H. Davis, (Davis);
 44-10, Patricia, Detchon, (Disston);
 44-10, Suzette, Douglas, (Van Daell);
 44-10, Eleanor C. Faust, (Collins);
 44-10, Martha B. Gaunce, (Blair);
 44-10, Mary, Jo Germaine, (Bardsley);
 44-10, Margaret W. Gilman, (Werber);
 44-10, Ellen A. Graff, (Howard);
 44-10, Ruth W. Guhsé, (Glaser);
 44-10, Betty S. Harlan, (Stabler);
 44-10, Virginia, Hash, (Hash);
 44-10, Sara P. Hayden, (Payne);
 44-10, Catherine M. Henzel, (McGrath);
 44-10, Kathleen A. Hilbrandt, (Hilbrandt);
 44-10, Levona L. Hove, (Hove);
 44-10, Juanita A. Hurlbutt, (Dreier);

44-10, Dorothy K. Ireland, (Nagel);
 44-10, Suzanne, Jones, (Irvine);
 44-10, Ruth K. Jurnecka, (Kutner);
 44-10, Julia L. Kimport, (Loufek);
 44-10, Dolores M. Lamb, (Lamb);
 44-10, June S. Leckie, (Wolfe);
 44-10, Nancy L. Mayes, (Mayes);
 44-10, Frances, McAdams, (Gimble);
 44-10, Jean T. McCreery, (Terrell);
 44-10, Ethel L. Miller, (Lytch);
 44-10, Thelma K. Miller, (Hench);
 44-10, Muriel M. Moran, (Moran);
 44-10, Jane E. Morrison, (Morrison);
 44-10, Nina K. Morrison, (Morrison);
 44-10, Nancy J. Murray, (Burnside);
 44-10, Francie M. Park, (Meisner);
 44-10, Ruth, Phillips, (Rees);
 44-10, Patricia A. Rideout, (Houran);
 44-10, Josephine H. Robinson, (Kater);
 44-10, Ruby L. Rosenthal, (Hibbler);
 44-10, Mittie P. Schirmer, (Parsley);
 44-10, Carmel, Seidenberg, (LaTorra);
 44-10, Mary Jane, Sellers, (Lind);
 44-10, Gail G. Sigford, (Sigford);
 44-10, Mary L. Simmonds, (Van Scyoc);
 44-10, Ailsa M. Simonson, (Connolly);
 44-10, Henrietta P. Sproat, (Speckels);
 44-10, Barbara, Squire, (Searles);

HONORING THE WOMEN AIRFORCE
 SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD WAR
 II

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, as the House coauthor of legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, I request that the names of these brave patriots be inserted for history's sake:

WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD
 WAR II

Class, First Name, Name, Post-WASP,
 Name in Training:

44-10, Margaret E. Temme, (Eger);
 44-10, Louise, Thokey, (Magoon);
 44-10, Joan M. Uhalt, (Freter);
 44-10, Natalie, Vinson, (Jones);
 44-10, Mary J. Wagner, (Ceyanes);
 44-10, Janis M. Wheatley, (Gregg);
 44-10, Florence E. Wheeler, (Emig);
 44-10, Betty, White, (Fulbright);
 44-10, Elizabeth L. Whiting, (Phillips);
 44-10, Mary Anna, Wyall, (Martin);
 44-10, Frankie, Yearwood, (Yearwood);
 44-10, Millicent A. Young, (Peterson);
 44-10, Jacquelyn, Zerland, (Riley);
 44-2, Kate Lee, Adams, (Harris);
 44-2, Ruth, Adams, (Adams);
 44-2, Twila E. Andrews, (Edwards);
 44-2, Clarice I., Bergemann, (Siddall);
 44-2, Eleanor J. Brady, (Patterson);
 44-2, Maisie Kay, Browning, (Clevely);
 44-2, Annette H. Bulechek, (Henderson);
 44-2, Virginia D. Campbell, (Dulaney);
 44-2, Susan P. Clarke, (Clarke);
 44-2, Jean H. Cole, (Haskell);
 44-2, Phyllis Sally, Felker, (Tobias);
 44-2, Dorothy C. Goot, (Hawkins);
 44-2, Doris J. Hamaker, (Elkington);
 44-2, Mary L. Heckman, (Heckman);
 44-2, Kathryn F. Herman, (Herman);
 44-2, Verda-Mae, Jennings, (Lowe);
 44-2, Marjorie J. Johnson, (Johnson);
 44-2, Mary Ellen, Keil, (Kell);
 44-2, Ruth M. Kunkie, (Weller);
 44-2, Betty M. LeFevre, (LeFevre);
 44-2, Anne E. Lesnikowski, (Berry);
 44-2, Joan W. Lyle, (Whelan);
 44-2, Elizabeth, Magid, (MacKethan);

- 44-2, Mary J, McCallum, (McCrae);
 44-2, Alice M, Montgomery, (Montgomery);
 44-2, Annabelle, Moss, (Craft);
 44-2, Esther E, Noffke, (Noffke);
 44-2, Madeline E, O'Donnell, (Sullivan);
 44-2, Joanne, Orr, (Wallace);
 44-2, Mildred W, Palmer, (Grossman);
 44-2, Anna Mae, Pattee, (Petseys);
 44-2, Mary V, Peter, (Strok);
 44-2, Ruth Mary, Petry, (Petry);
 44-2, Rose L, Potter, (Puett);
 44-2, Rose D, Reese, (Reese);
 44-2, Marie, Robinson, (Michell);
 44-2, Lorraine H, Rodgers, (Zillner);
 44-2, Muriel L, Segall, (Lindstrom);
 44-2, Frances L, Smith, (Laraway);
 44-2, Jean M, Soard, (Moore);
 44-2, Yvonne, Stafford, (Stafford);
 44-2, Marjorie, Stewart, (Gilbert);
 44-2, Frances M, Tuchband, (Smith);
 44-2, Margaret E, Twito, (Ehlers);
 44-2, J Margaret, Walker, (Needham);
 44-2, Mary M, Willson, (Saunders);
 44-2, Jane, Wisewell, (Rutherford);
 44-2, W. Ruth, Woods, (Woods);
 44-2, Leona H, Zimmer, (Golbinez);
 44-3, June E, Bent, (Braun);
 44-3, Marquerite T, Bernhardt, (Tuffin);
 44-3, Eunice E, Boardman, (Boardman);
 44-3, Vergie M, Buchele, (Bryant);
 44-3, Elizabeth M, Chambers, (Chambers);
 44-3, Margaret D, Christian, (DeBolt);
 44-3, Marjorie, Christiansen, (Redding);
 44-3, Mary C, Cox, (Cooper);
 44-3, Ann Russell, Darr, (Darr);
 44-3, M. Joy, DeCosta, (Jehl);
 44-3, Virginia Lee, Doerr, (Warren);
 44-3, Betty Jane, Erenberg, (Hanson);
 44-3, Mary H Crane, Foster, (Foster);
 44-3, Ann M, Frink, (Brothers);
 44-3, Josephine F, Gale, (Martin);
 44-3, Virginia N, Grant, (Grant);
 44-3, Starley M, Grona, (Grona);
 44-3, Isabelle G, Hale, (McCrae);
 44-3, Maxine H, Harvey, (Manogue);
 44-3, Alma J, Jeschien, (Jacomini);
 44-3, Cecily E, Kayes, (Elmes);
 44-3, Kristin S, Lent, (Swan);
 44-3, Winfrey M, Leonard, (Robinson);
 44-3, Mary P, Loomis, (MacLoed);
 44-3, Elizabeth Ann, Lore, (Lore);
 44-3, Marcella M, Lucier, (Fried);
 44-3, Lea Ola, McDonald, (McDonald);
 44-3, Doris K, Muisse, (Duren);
 44-3, Vivian G, Nemhauser, (Gilchrist);
 44-3, Jeanne L, Norbeck, (Norbeck);
 44-3, Beryl O, Paschich, (Owens);
 44-3, Mary Louise, Prine, (Prine);
 44-3, Mary Abbie, Quinlan, (Quinlan);
 44-3, Hazel J, Raines, (Raines);
 44-3, Jimmie P, Rees, (Parker);
 44-3, Kathryn "Kip", Requardt, (Humphreys);
 44-3, Hazel Sue, Richter, (Richter);
 44-3, Dorothy M, Rooney, (Moulton);
 44-3, Mary Eleanor, Sabota, (Martin);
 44-3, Gloria D, Schwager, (DeVore);
 44-3, Betty, Scott, (Scott);
 44-3, Delrose, Sieber, (Sieber);
 44-3, Jeanne A, Simpson, (Wagner);
 44-3, Juliette, Stege, (Jenner);
 44-3, Clara Jo, Stember, (Marsh);
 44-3, Margaret, Tamplin, (Chamberlain);
 44-3, Ruth A, Thatcher, (Choquette);
 44-3, Harriet M, Thyson, (Thyson);
 44-3, Evelyn R, Wahlburg, (Taylor);
 44-3, Mary T, Wallace, (Gilmore);
 44-3, Patricia A, Weaver, (Nethercutt);
 44-3, Norine P, Welch, (Patterson);
 44-3, Rita M, Wischmeyer, (Murphy);
 44-3, Eileen, Wright, (Evans);
 44-3, Shirley A, Wunsch, (Haugan);
 44-3, Lois A, Young, (Bristol);
 44-3, Mary W, Holden, (Waters);
 44-4, Frances E, Acker, (Standefer);
 44-4, Dorothy J, Allen, (Allen);
 44-4, Meriem L, Anderson, (Roby);
 44-4, Marybelle J, Arduengo, (Lyal);
 44-4, Eloise, Bailey, (Huffhines);
 44-4, Susie, Bain, (Winston);
 44-4, Mickie M, Carmichael, (Carmichael);
 44-4, Stella Jo, Claiborne, (Baker);
 44-4, Catherine, D'Arezzo, (D'Arezzo);
 44-4, Margaet K, Dallwo, (Diffin);
 44-4, Mildred T, Dalrymple, (Davidson);
 44-4, Mary L, DeBehnke, (Cavette);
 44-4, Mary M, Dourdeville, (Brown);
 44-4, Mildred J, Doyle, (Baessler);
 44-4, Ann Gift, Dula, (Tucker);
 44-4, Grey Allison, Dunlap, (Hoyt);
 44-4, Peggie, Eccles, (Parker);
 44-4, Grace E, Everett, (Everett);
 44-4, Ruth S, Fleisher, (Shafer);
 44-4, Corinna H, Folkins, (MacDonald);
 44-4, Patricia, Gibson, (Gibson);
 44-4, Carol, Granger, (Kelly);
 44-4, Mary N, Guthrie, (Hagner);
 44-4, Hazel M, Hohn, (Stamper);
 44-4, Louise J, Hyde, (Brand);
 44-4, Frances, Johannessen, (Gilbert);
 44-4, Jeannette C, Kapus, (Kapus);
 44-4, Florine P, Maloney, (Phillips);
 44-4, Dorothy F, Mann, (Britt);
 44-4, Peggy, Martin, (Martin);
 44-4, Jean F, McCart, (McCart);
 44-4, Madge, Moore, (Leon);
 44-4, Doris K, Ohm, (Klein);
 44-4, Faye, Olney, (Wolfe);
 44-4, Maurine M, Orr, (Miller);
 44-4, M. Odean "Deanie", Parrish, (Bishop);
 44-4, JoAnn, Parry, (Parry);
 44-4, Ina C, Petsch, (Barkley);
 44-4, Flora Belle, Reece, (Smith);
 44-4, Frances R, Reeves, (Roulstone);
 44-4, Betty W, Roberts, (Hayes);
 44-4, Alyce S, Rohrer, (Stevens);
 44-4, Anabel L, Ruso, (Earp);
 44-4, Elizabeth H, Shiple, (Williamson);
 44-4, Dorothy L, Sweeney, (Herthneck);
 44-4, Shirley J, Tannehill, (Tannehill);
 44-4, Doris, Tanner, (Brinker);
 44-4, Jane C, Tedeschi, (Dunbar);
 44-4, Della, Tissaw, (Gremling);
 44-4, M. Ann, Ufer, (Ufer);
 44-4, Ethelyn M, Young, (Sowards);
 44-4, Alma E, Zell, (Velut);
 44-5, Norma A, Anderson, (Sisler);
 44-5, Bette N, Anderson, (Richards);
 44-5, Lorraine M, Bain, (Nelson);
 44-5, Harriet T, Blake, (Train);
 44-5, Martha M, Boshart, (Mace);
 44-5, Irene R, Brady, (Minter);
 44-5, Dorothy H, Burns, (Beard);
 44-5, Martha M, Carpenter, (McKenzie);
 44-5, Urcela, Coventry, (Wald);
 44-5, Betty J, Cozzens, (Stump);
 44-5, Lillian D, Eno, (Calkins);
 44-5, Alma L, Fornal, (Newsom);
 44-5, Margaret A, Goldhahn, (Roberts);
 44-5, Holly H, Grasso, (Hollinger);
 44-5, Harriet, Griggs, (Griggs);
 44-5, Janet, Hargrove, (Hargrove);
 44-5, Earlene, Hayes, (Flory);
 44-5, Virginia S, Healy, (Knapp);
 44-5, Mary H, Hearn, (Nesbit);
 44-5, Gloria W, Heath, (Heath);
 44-5, Virginia M, Hubbard, (Williams);
 44-5, Marion P, Jameson, (Jameson);
 44-5, Lucille R, Johnson, (Carey);
 44-5, Karla D, Jordan, (Mogensen);
 44-5, Mary Jane, Kenward, (Stimson);
 44-5, Jean, Koehler, (McFarland);
 44-5, Dorothy M, Lewis, (Swain);
 44-5, Codye Gwen, Linder, (Clinkscales);
 44-5, Mildred T, Marshall, (Taylor);
 44-5, Muriel V, Martin, (Kiester);
 44-5, Peggy M, McCaffrey, (Moynihan);
 44-5, Dorothy C, McCracken, (Ehrhardt);
 44-5, Margaret W, McGlinn, (Bergh);
 44-5, Jeanne L, McSheehy, (McSheehy);
 44-5, Joan C, McWaters, (Hutton);
 44-5, Kathryn L, Miles, (Boyd);
 44-5, Jane C, Miller, (Dyde);
 44-5, Jacqueline, Morgan, (Twitcheil);
 44-5, Beverly, Moses, (Moses);
 44-5, Jennie M, Mosley, (Hill);
 44-5, Marjory V, Munn, (Foster);
 44-5, Mary L, Nirmaier, (Burch);
 44-5, Margaret L "Peggy", Nispel, (Nispel);
 44-5, Dorothea M, Norris, (Norris);
 44-5, Patricia, Nuckols, (Kenworthy);
 44-5, Phyllis M, Paradis, (Johnson);
 44-5, Marylyn E, Peyton, (Myers);
 44-5, Genevieve, Rausch, (Landman);
 44-5, Florence G, Reynolds, (Shutsy);
 44-5, Dorothy M, Ritscher, (Meyn);
 44-5, Irene M, Robertson, (Raven);
 44-5, Martha G, Roundtree, (Harmon);
 44-5, Merridee, Schneberger, (Newell);
 44-5, Carol E, Selfridge, (Brinton);
 44-5, Ethel L, Sheffler, (Jones);
 44-5, Leta, Shirley, (Brownfield);
 44-5, Caroline, Shunn, (Shunn);
 44-5, Beverly, Southwick, (Olson);
 44-5, Harriet I, Stockwell, (Stockwell);
 44-5, Margaret P, Taylor, (Phelan);
 44-5, Elizabeth E, Taylor, (Eyre);
 44-5, Wanda C, Townsley, (Robedee);
 44-5, Barbara E, Truitt, (Truitt);
 44-5, Margot, Veal, (Harvey);
 44-5, Elizabeth A, Watson, (Watson);
 44-5, Dortha E, Wethey, (Sexten);
 44-5, Pauline C, White, (Cutler);
 44-5, Ruth S, Wilson, (Steel);
 44-5, Anne, Wiltsee, (TePas);
 44-5, Elizabeth, Worrall, (Hubbard);
 44-5, Helen P "Patti", Wright, (Ordway);
 44-5, Jennie L, Wynne, (Gower);
 44-6, Kay, Alspach, (Alspach);
 44-6, Edna B, Atkins, (Harrison);
 44-6, Pauline C, Banken, (Canney);
 44-6, Beverley, Beesemyer, (Beesemyer);
 44-6, Juner, Bellew, (Bellew);
 44-6, Mary B, Boyce, (Hilberg);
 44-6, Frankie, Bretherick, (Lovvorn);
 44-6, Helen Louise, Brown, (Hall);
 44-6, Mary R, Burchard, (Reineberg);
 44-6, Mary H, Chappell, (Gosnell);
 44-6, Frances E, Coughlin, (Coughlin);
 44-6, Geraldine M, Crockett, (Tribble);
 44-6, Irene I, Crum, (Crum);
 44-6, Carolyn L, Cullen, (Cullen);
 44-6, Edith M, Daley, (Cragin);
 44-6, Audrey W, DuCote, (Maxwell);
 44-6, Elizabeth I, Dybbro, (White);
 44-6, Nancy U, Foran, (Upper);
 44-6, Barbara L, Foss, (Fleming);
 44-6, Georgia, Gehring, (Gehring);
 44-6, Elizabeth G, Goette, (Peters);
 44-6, Lavina B, Green, (Lippincott);
 44-6, Ann G, Griffith, (Warren);
 44-6, Norma "Penny", Halberg, (Hall);
 44-6, Dorothea B, Hamilton, (Baumeister);
 44-6, Dorothy L, Hammett, (Bancroft);
 44-6, Nancy, Hanks, (Hanks);
 44-6, Mary B, Hansen, (Breidenbach);
 44-6, Nanette, Hazeltine;
 44-6, Hayden A, Head, (Head);
 44-6, Jean F, Hixson, (Hixson);
 44-6, Patricia A, Hughes, (Collins);
 44-6, Alice R, Jakle, (Jakle);
 44-6, Lucy D, Johnson, (Dubiel);
 44-6, Janice, Kaufman, (Norton);
 44-6, Barbara H, Kennedy, (Hart);
 44-6, Shirley C, Kruse, (Chase);
 44-6, Lorraine R, Lasswell, (Lasswell);
 44-6, Irene M, Leahy, (McConihay);
 44-6, Joan M, Lemley, (Michaels);
 44-6, Mildred P, MacRobble, (Coats);
 44-6, Marion A, Mayfield, (Hagen);
 44-6, Beverly F, McCarty, (Cangiamila);
 44-6, Verneda G, McLean, (Rodriquez);
 44-6, Patricia, Moran, (Hopkins);
 44-6, Dorothy B, Mosher, (Hines);
 44-6, Betty, Niehoff, (LeVeque);
 44-6, Eleanor R, O'Dell, (O'Dell);
 44-6, Rose A, Palmer, (Palmer);
 44-6, Suzanne U, Parish, (Delano);
 44-6, Anita F, Paul, Sr Terese, OCD, (Paul);
 44-6, E. Marie, Pedersen, (Pedersen);
 44-6, Evelyn B, Perrin, (McNulty);
 44-6, Barbara L, Posey, (Leonard);
 44-6, Margaret M, Powell, (Godfrey);
 44-6, Ava, Richardson, (Hamm);

44-6, Marilyn, Saunders, (Miller);
 44-6, Doratheia B, Scatena, (Rexroad);
 44-6, Betty A, Sharr, (Thompson);
 44-6, Janet L, Simpson, (Hutchinson);
 44-6, Genevieve N, Sinkler, (Lee);
 44-6, Mabelle "Barry", Smith, (Vincent);
 44-6, Elinor, Stebbins, (Fairchild);
 44-6, Mary E, Szablowski, (Shoemaker);
 44-6, Christie E, Thuresson, (Carlton);
 44-6, Daisy M, Vaughan, (Vaughan);
 44-6, Sarabel D, Wardle, (Booth);
 44-6, Mary R, Wells, (Retick);
 44-6, Margaret, Wight, (Hicks);
 44-6, Betty Jane, Williams, (Williams);
 44-6, Lesley S, Williams, (Williams);
 44-6, Justine H, Woods, (Fletcher);
 44-7, Margaret M, Armstrong, (McGrath);
 44-7, Ruth, Bauer, (Reilly);
 44-7, Edith S, Beal, (Smith);
 44-7, Velta C, Benn, (Haney);
 44-7, Patricia J, Bonansinga, (Blackburn);
 44-7, Frances W, Brookings, (Winter);
 44-7, Betty June, Brown, (Overman);
 44-7, Sylvia M, Burrill, (Miller);
 44-7, M. Ellen, Campbell, (Wimberly);
 44-7, Mildred E, Carder, (Eckert);
 44-7, Beverly F, Carruth, (Frisbie);
 44-7, Nancy Allison, Conklin, (Conklin);
 44-7, Ann Connelly, (Pedroncelli);
 44-7, Betty M, Cross, (Roth);
 44-7, L. Jane, Cunningham, (Harris);
 44-7, Mary Ann, Dreher, (Walker);
 44-7, Nancy A, Dunnam, (Nordhoff);
 44-7, Mary Catherine, Edwards, (Quist);
 44-7, Opal Vivian, Fagan, (Hicks);
 44-7, Eileen W, Ferguson, (Wright);
 44-7, Margaret, Garland, (Parish);
 44-7, V. "Scotty", Gough, (Bradley);
 44-7, Eleanor M, Gunderson, (Gunderson);
 44-7, Hulda M, Haag, (Chilcoat);
 44-7, Bernice F, Haydu, (Falk);
 44-7, Annie J, Henry, (Henry);
 44-7, Winnie Lee, Jones, (Jones);
 44-7, Julia E, Jordan, (Eagan);
 44-7, Alberta A, Kinney, (Paskvan);
 44-7, Virginia B, Krum, (Krum);
 44-7, Jean I, Landa, (Landa);
 44-7, Margaret S, Latta, (Shaffer);
 44-7, Carol A, Lewis, (Nicholson);
 44-7, Grace E, Lotowycz, (Ashwell);
 44-7, Dorothy A, Lucas, (Smith);
 44-7, Iola V, Magruder, (Clay);
 44-7, Lila M, Mann, (Moore);
 44-7, Margaret E, Martin, (Neyman);
 44-7, Joan A, McKesson, (Smythe);
 44-7, Naoma "Penny", Moore, (Halladay);
 44-7, Virginia H, Mullen, (Mullen);
 44-7, Elizabeth P, Nicholas, (Pettitt);
 44-7, Ann E, O'Connor, (Cawley);
 44-7, Geraldine F, Olinger, (Bowen);
 44-7, Nona H, Pickering, (Holt);
 44-7, Bernice M, Pickerton, (Dannefer);
 44-7, Betty Jo, Reed, (Streff);
 44-7, Ola M, Rexroat, (Rexroat);
 44-7, Muriel R, Reynolds, (Rath);
 44-7, Mary S, Ruprecht, (Storm);
 44-7, Adelaide, Schaefer, (Schaefer);
 44-7, Mary "Mimi", Sheehan, (Caffrey);
 44-7, Edith U, Smith, (Upson);
 44-7, Mary B, Sturdevant, (Barnes);
 44-7, Dorothy, Van Valkenberg, (Sorensen);
 44-7, Mary Alice, Vandeventer, (Putnam);
 44-7, Margaret M, Weiss, (Weiss);
 44-7, Vyvian Mae, Williams, (Williams);
 44-7, Irene N, Wysocki, (Norris);
 44-8, Lucy G, Alston, (Gadson);
 44-8, Arline M, Baker, (Baker);
 44-8, Jamece, Brewton, (Paxson);
 44-8, Eula "Betty", Brown, (Morton);
 44-8, Dorothy L, Burri, (Johnson);
 44-8, Myrtle R, Carter, (Allen);
 44-8, Geraldine F, Crook, (Fulk);
 44-8, Doris J, Daniel, (Anderson);
 44-8, Gertrude E, Dietz, (Dietz);
 44-8, Cathleen B, Dooley, (Dooley);
 44-8, Mary Jane, Ehrman, (Isham);
 44-8, Muriel, Essertier, (Keir);
 44-8, Joan G, Frost, (Gough);
 44-8, Emily M, Giles, (Metz);
 44-8, Patricia T, Gladney, (Thomas);
 44-8, Mary Ann, Hays, (Palmer);
 44-8, Neil Douglas, Herrod, (McInnis);
 44-8, Carla H, Horowitz, (Howard);
 44-8, Ruth C, Hubert, (Clifford);
 44-8, Pearl B, Judd, (Brummett);
 44-8, Marguerite "Ty", Killen, (Hughes);
 44-8, Georgia P, Kingdon, (Sloan);
 44-8, Mary, Kinney, (Jackson);
 44-8, Mary W (DR), Lamy, (Lamy);
 44-8, Edna D, MacDougall, (Maginnis);
 44-8, Anne D, Marshall, (Dailey);
 44-8, Joanne B, Martin, (Blair);
 44-8, Mary L, McCann, (Stuart);
 44-8, Wilda W, McCurrach, (Winfield);
 44-8, Lois J, McMurdie, (McCurdie);
 44-8, Margaret M, Moore, (Moore);
 44-8, Ann W, Morse, (Kenyon);
 44-8, Jean, Neill, (Ward);
 44-8, Roberta E, Newcomb, (Sattler);
 44-8, Patricia, O'Bannon, (Braun);
 44-8, Shireen M, Phelps, (Phelps);
 44-8, Marjorie C, Roberts, (Stevenson);
 44-8, Patricia, Sherwood, (Sherwood);
 44-8, Bonnie J, Shinski, (Dorsey);
 44-8, Margaet VC, Standish, (Standish);
 44-8, Kathleen N, Thomson, (Elliott);
 44-8, Bea St. Claire, Thurston, (Smith);
 44-8, Helen L, Venskus, (Venskus);
 44-8, Doris, Wanty, (Boothe);
 44-8, Mary L, Webster, (Webster);
 44-8, Beverly, Wilkinson, (Dietrich);
 44-8, Katherine, Willinger, (Willinger);
 44-8, Virginia F, Wise, (Fisher);
 44-8, Jan Marie, Wood, (Wood);
 44-9, Phyllis M, Bahl, (McCarty);
 44-9, Anna C, Baron, (Beiliveau);
 44-9, Julia L, Bartlett, (Lamm);
 44-9, Marjorie M, Beck, (Christiansen);
 44-9, Evelyn P, Brier, (Brier);
 44-9, Eleanor M, Brown, (McLernon);
 44-9, Helen C, Cannon, (Johnson);
 44-9, Catherine, Chatham, (Parker);
 44-9, Gloria L, Collins, (Nelson);
 44-9, Dorothy C, Duffield, (Picture);
 44-9, Dorothy, Estep, (Estep);
 44-9, Dorothy Deane, Ferguson, (Ferguson);
 44-9, Mildred H, Ferree, (House);
 44-9, Roberta Jane, Fohl, (Fohl);
 44-9, Penelope, Garrett, (Pierce);
 44-9, Margaret, Gee, (Gee);
 44-9, Sarah J, Gleeson, (Allishouse);
 44-9, Ann G, Gleszer, (Griffin);
 44-9, Mary Ann, Gordon, (Baldner);
 44-9, Jean D, Harman, (Downey);
 44-9, Elaine D, Harmon, (Harmon);
 44-9, Phyllis, Hitner, (Lee);
 44-9, Margaret J, Johnson, (Phillips);
 44-9, Rosalie T, Johnson, (Phillips);
 44-9, Marie J, Jones, (Jacobson);
 44-9, Ruth W, Kearney, (Groves);
 44-9, Lillian, Kelley, (Dixon);
 44-9, Kathryn J, Kleinecke, (Kleinecke);
 44-9, Anita B, Matthew, (Bronken);
 44-9, Wilma L, Miller, (Miller);
 44-9, Nadine V, Nagle, (Canfield);
 44-9, Marjorie, Nicol, (Osborne);
 44-9, Frances D, Ochoa, (Stroud);
 44-9, Joan, Olmsted, (Olmsted);
 44-9, Marilyn H "Jackie", Petty, (Hughes);
 44-9, Elizabeth W, Ransom, (Davis);
 44-9, Jean (Barbara?), Reimer, (Reimer);
 44-9, Martha S, Reuel, (Sarager);
 44-9, Mary Anne, Richey, (Showers);
 44-9, Betty F, Riddle, (Martin);
 44-9, Esther L, Rumler, (Stahr);
 44-9, Gayle M, Snell, (Snell);
 44-9, Virginia E, Spear, (Batherton);
 44-9, Elizabeth M, Stone, (Briscoe);
 44-9, Sarah G, Symmes, (Rewey);
 44-9, Virginia M, Trumbull, (Potthoff);
 44-9, Janet W, Tuch, (Wayne);
 44-9, Barbara H, Tucker, (Hershey);
 44-9, Betty S, Turner, (Stagg);
 44-9, Norma, Van Brooker, (Boston);
 44-9, Vee M, Van Delden, (Nisley);
 44-9, Mary, Wilkinson, (Regalbutto);

44-9, Sona, Wilson, (Kierstead);
 44-9, Mary F, Woodward, (Woodward);
 44-9, Lillian G, Wray, (Glezen);
 DWP, Jacqueline, Cochran, (Cochran);
 WAFS, Bernice I, Batten, (Batten);
 WAFS, Helen Mary, Clark, (Clark);
 WAFS, Aline, Brooks, (Rhonie);
 WAFS, Esther L, Carpenter, (Nelson);
 WAFS, Helen Mary, Clark, (Clark);
 WAFS, Nancy B, Crews, (Batson);
 WAFS, Barbara T, Fasken, (Towne);
 WAFS, Kathryn, Fine, (Bernheim);
 WAFS, Cornelia, Fort, (Fort);
 WAFS, Phyllis B, Fulton, (Burchfield);
 WAFS, Betty Huyler, Gillies, (Gillies);
 WAFS, Theresa D, James, (James);
 WAFS, Gertrude T, Levalley, (Meserve);
 WAFS, Barbara E, London, (Erickson);
 WAFS, Nancy L, Love, (Harknell);
 WAFS, Lenora L, McElroy, (McElroy);
 WAFS, Helen, McGilvery, (McGilvery);
 WAFS, Helen, Prosser, (Richards);
 WAFS, Katherine, Rawls, (Thompson);
 WAFS, Barbara, Ross, (Donahue);
 WAFS, Adela R, Schar, (Schar);
 WAFS, Dorothy, Scott, (Scott);
 WAFS, Evelyn, Sharp, (Sharp);
 WAFS, Barbara, Shoemaker, (Poole);
 WAFS, Dorothy, Slinn, (Fulton);
 WAFS, Florene, Watson, (Miller);
 WAFS, Esther, Westervelt, (Manning);
 WAFS, Opal "Betsy", Woodward, (Ferguson);

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—FY10 Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Deep East Texas Council of Governments

Address of Receiving Entity: 210 Premier Dr., Jasper, TX 75951-7495

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology account for the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

The funding will be used to purchase AFIX Tracker automated fingerprint and palm print identification systems, AFIX Verifier single-finger verification systems, and AFIX Identifier 2-finger live capture identification systems, including hardware, software, installation, training and support to Sheriff's Departments and Police Departments across the 12-county region.

WT WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, after making three hundred thirty nine

straight recorded votes, I missed my first vote on the floor of the House of Representatives today as I attended the high school graduation of my daughter, Caitlin Rose Connolly.

While I take my responsibilities as a member of Congress seriously and make an effort to ensure my constituents are represented on every vote, nothing would have kept me from witnessing my daughter's graduation.

I would like to take this time to congratulate my daughter, Caitlin Rose Connolly, all of the graduating seniors at W.T. Woodson High School, and all other graduates in the class of 2009. Completing high school is a tremendous achievement. I am certain that the parents, family, friends and teachers of all of the graduates are as proud of their students as I am of Caitlin.

I would also like to take this moment to indicate how I would have voted on those votes that I missed.

On H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building," I would have voted, "aye."

On H.R. 780, the Student Internet Safety Act of 2009, I would have voted, "aye."

On the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted, "aye."

On H.R. 2247, the Congressional Review Improvement Act, I would have voted, "aye."

On H.R. 403, the Homes for Heroes Act of 2009, I would have voted, "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF 100 YEARS OF
THE BLACKLAND RESEARCH AND
EXTENSION CENTER IN TEMPLE,
TX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition for the 100 years of work of scientists at the Blackland Research and Extension Center in Temple. They have worked on securing a safe and affordable food supply, protecting the environment, and strengthening the economy.

The Center was created by the Texas Legislature in 1909 and was charged to solve pressing problems with the soils and crops grown in central Texas. Today the Center occupies a 542 acre site in the south-central part of the Texas Blackland Prairie, a 12 million acre agricultural region stretching over 300 miles along I-35 from the Texas-Oklahoma border to San Antonio. The Center is the state's premier research agency in agriculture, natural resources, and the life sciences.

In 1931 the USDA-Soil Erosion Service, which was later renamed the Soil Conservation Service, joined scientists at Blackland to intensify research on soil and water associated with farming the region's highly erodible soils. This began a long history of cooperative and highly productive research between the Texas A&M System and USDA in Temple, which has led to the development of many modern soil conservation practices used by farmers around the world today.

Today, the Blackland Research and Extension Center shares research facilities with the

Grassland, Soil, and Water Research Laboratory of the USDA—Agricultural Research Service. By combining innovative research, they continue to find solutions to problems and issues in the way we manage our land and water resources in Central Texas and beyond. They work regularly with scientists in the military helping to find innovative ways to restore and maintain Fort Hood's military lands in the best possible condition for training those who defend our country. The Center also works closely with USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service and other federal and State agencies to assist in applying sound scientific principles to manage our agricultural and urban lands in a way that maximizes production and profits with minimal impact on the environment. The Blackland Research and Extension Center frequently collaborates with scientists in developing countries to assist them in finding better ways for farmers to manage their water, livestock, and grow crops to feed their growing populations.

The value of research by the scientists stationed at the Temple Center is remarkable. The long-lasting partnerships between the State Land Grant Universities (Texas A&M AgriLife), and Federal Agencies (USDA Agricultural Research Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service), illustrate the superiority in effectiveness in partnerships when solving our agricultural and natural resource problems versus what individual agencies can do alone.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Alvernia University, Reading PA—\$470,000 to form a partnership with the Reading Police Academy, and create a high-tech laboratory, which will be used by the Academy to train police officers and criminal justice students in investigation techniques for white collar, internet and cyber crime.

Berks County Emergency Response Team, Exeter Township, PA—\$350,000 to buy armored vehicle and other equipment to provide safe approach to dangerous scenes.

Cabrini College, Radnor PA—\$100,000 for a project that will focus on the impact of domestic violence on children and ways that school personnel can help provide support to students affected by domestic abuse.

Police Athletic League of Norristown, Norristown PA—\$90,000 to support the continued delivery of programs to youth ages 5–18 through the Norristown PAL Center.

St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA—\$200,000 requested to support and develop an interdisciplinary approach to dealing with crisis violence and create a state-of-the-art strategy for violence prevention in the communities of Pennsylvania.

Spring Township Police, Reading PA—\$90,000 for video cameras for each of the department's patrol vehicles.

IN HONOR OF THE AMAZING BICYCLE JOURNEY OF SHAWNE CAMP

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, today, a heroic journey came to a successful end when Millbrae, California's Shawne Camp parked his bicycle at the foot of the Washington Monument. In fewer than 50 days, Shawne has ridden from San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge to the nation's capital to raise funds and awareness for lung disease and the American Lung Association.

In 2000 and 2001, Shawne suffered two complete collapses to his right lung. The condition, known as spontaneous pneumothorax, is extremely painful and can be fatal if not treated quickly. After multiple surgeries, Shawne was told that he was unlikely to ever return to full strength and should resign himself to a more sedate lifestyle. But the lifelong athlete wasn't accustomed to taking it easy and set out to prove that he could come back to full strength—and then some.

With support from family, friends and his employer, Shawne turned his success at rehabilitation into a personal crusade to help others. On May 8, he headed north from the Golden Gate Bridge on a solo, self-funded bicycle ride across America to help others suffering from lung ailments.

Over the past five weeks, Shawne has endured mountains, deserts, storms, fierce headwinds, angry dogs and even bears. But he's been supported by legions of devoted followers who have tracked his 3000 mile journey online and countless strangers along the way who have helped with shelter from the rain, a warm shower, or occasional meal.

Madam Speaker, Shawne Camp is an inspiration to anyone who chooses to overcome adversity. His journey has advanced awareness for spontaneous pneumothorax and other lung afflictions and raised money for a very good cause. I am proud to call Shawne Camp my constituent and am delighted to introduce this inspiring young man to my colleagues in the United States Congress.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. KATHERINE Q. BUXTON ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I ask for the House of Representatives to recognize an important day in the life of a resident and friend of the 27th Congressional District, Mrs. Katherine Q. Buxton. On June 13, 2009, Mrs. Buxton reached a milestone birthday and on June 20, 2009, she will celebrate her 80th Birthday with her loving family and friends.

Mrs. Buxton, along with her husband William D. Buxton, began and ran one of Western New York's cherished family businesses, Buxton Quality Locksmiths. After the passing of her husband in 2001, Mrs. Buxton helped her sons take over the family business.

Mrs. Buxton has always been and continues to be family oriented. She opens her home to

her friends and family for “gala gatherings.” Her five children, 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and friends refer to her as “Wild Kate” because of her desire to learn and to try new adventures.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Kate Q. Buxton for reaching this important milestone and recognize her for achievements. Along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 27th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor Kate Buxton and thank her for her many contributions to her family, community and country. I wish “Wild Kate” many more years of happiness, love and adventure.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support this amendment to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). When the Federal government passed SCAAP in 1994, it recognized its responsibility to reimburse states and localities for the arrest, incarceration, and transportation costs associated with criminal aliens.

Unfortunately, this program has been consistently under-funded. This year was not the first time a President proposed no funding for the SCAAP program. Fortunately, the Appropriations Committee allocated \$300 million to the program. While this level is significantly better than zero, it remains \$100 million below the 2009 funding level. Our amendment will provide that additional \$100 million for SCAAP.

Even with \$400 million, states and localities would still only receive reimbursement for a small fraction of what they are spending. This inadequate funding has had a devastating effect on public safety, especially in California and other border states. At a time when many states and counties face budget shortfalls, every dollar reduction in SCAAP reimbursement means one less dollar to spend on essential public safety services. Following SCAAP funding cuts in 2003, the LA County Sheriff's Department was forced to implement a new “early release” policy for inmates convicted of misdemeanors.

From a public safety perspective, it is far better for criminals to serve their full sentences. Without adequate resources, other programs will have to be scaled back or terminated to accomplish this goal. Basic police protection, anti-gang activities, homicide investigations, anti-terrorism activities; and rehabilitation programs to reduce recidivism are programs that could face cuts in California and across the nation if this amendment does not pass.

We introduced this bipartisan amendment to ensure that police chiefs and sheriffs do not

have to choose between keeping our youth out of gangs and incarcerating criminal aliens.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

IN HONOR OF BERNIE EPWORTH

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate an important member of New Jersey's 3rd District, Mr. Bernie Epworth. Mr. Epworth will be installed as the Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans at the 78th Annual New Jersey Jewish War Veterans Convention on June 28, 2009. His lifelong activism and dedication has made him one of the most respected members of his community and deserving of this honor.

Mr. Epworth was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of New York University and served as a First Lieutenant in the Armored Cavalry and in the New York National Guard. While serving as Vice President with Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn, NJ, Mr. Epworth earned several awards, including the Centennial Award of Honor from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Community Relations Council's ‘Community Relations Award.’

As the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126, Mr. Epworth was named ‘Commander of the Year,’ while his post was declared “Post of the Year.” His dedication to his community also earned him the ‘Legion of Honor Award’ by the Chapel of Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation in 2006.

Mr. Epworth's career and dedication to his community is a shining example of public service and I sincerely congratulate him on his much deserved installation as Department Commander of the New Jersey Jewish War Veterans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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 Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech account, \$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, AL 36830

Description of Request: “City of Auburn Mobile Data System” Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for a mobile data system for Auburn's Police Division. This consists of in-car com-

puters and associated equipment (routers, wireless networking, e.g.) to equip all of the police vehicles. This request is the continuation of a program for which the City of Auburn received \$400,000 in FY06 and 305,500 in FY08.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$360,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Montgomery

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1111, Montgomery, AL 36101

Description of Request: “City of Montgomery and Montgomery County Interoperable Upgrades” Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to upgrade and implement an in-car digital video and server solution for City of Montgomery police vehicles and Montgomery County sheriff vehicles. This system will replace outdated VHS systems that are currently in police and sheriff vehicles and provide new installations in vehicles that are currently without a system. The ultimate goal is to have one upgradeable digital in-car system for the entire fleet and a central depository that will provide video evidence for courtroom presentation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$900,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association Address of Requesting Entity: 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL

Description of Request: “Alabama Computer Forensics Labs” Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for a continuation of the computer forensic lab program which created 3 regional computer labs to cover the entire state of Alabama. These labs were created to address all forms of computer crime such as; child pornography, fraud, murder and identity theft. Currently, we are the only law enforcement agency handling, exclusively, computer crime cases from investigation to prosecution. The computer labs utilize working relationships with federal, state and local agencies across the nation. The labs have made a tremendous impact on computer crime and are enabling local and state law enforcement personnel to utilize yet another tool in the prosecution of criminal activity. Additionally, investigators and prosecutors are also available for instruction and have been enlisted on numerous occasions to speak to the public about internet safety, as well as, train local/state law enforcement on the basics of information sharing, computer crime/digital evidence and multiple courses designed for first responders. Furthermore, since the programs inception in 2006, we have assisted more than 75 plus outside law enforcement agencies and analyzed over 2000 pieces of electronic evidence in approximately 851 criminal cases resulting in a multitude of convictions.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$900,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: "Auburn University Canine Program" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for continuing support of a program to provide Alabama (AL) Law Enforcement Organizations (LEO) with state-of-the-art detector-dog team (dog and handler) training for enhancing public and, especially, school safety. The detector-dog and handler team remain the most capable tool for the interdiction of explosive materials and illicit drugs. The capability of such teams is entirely dependent upon the quality of the dog, the dog's training, and instruction of its handler. This program would make available to AL LEO the highest state-of-the-art detector dogs, training, and handler instruction. AU proposes continuation and expansion of the FY09 program to provide AL LEO access to the services of CDTC in order to enhance public and, in particular, school safety in AL communities.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Homeland Security Appropriation.

The following earmark was requested by my office and is listed for funding in this bill:

CITY OF ELK GROVE—EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: 2010 Homeland Security Appropriation

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Requesting Agency: City of Elk Grove

Agency Address: 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

Amount: \$750,000

Description: The Emergency Operations Center will provide the necessary tools to receive, assess, and respond to a critical incident. The communications system must provide for a redundant path to ensure that both situational awareness information and strategic orders can pass into and out of the facility without interruption.

The proposed EOC will include an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). The ITS will be an important component of the EOC as it will provide a mechanism for controlling local traffic patterns to ensure transportation safety and mobility during an emergency. The system can be used to relieve traffic congestion and through the use of advanced video communications technologies, provide the Elk Grove EOC with a bird's eye view of critical intersections and roadways leading in and out of the City. Wireless video technology will also be deployed at locations determined to be "sensitive" for the purposes of Homeland Security.

The Emergency Operations Center has a clear federal nexus. As a result of such national events as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, there has been a renewed demand for local entities around the country to focus on local preparedness and accountability during emer-

gency situations. Elk Grove is home to 140,000 residents and a likely destination for evacuees from the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas. In addition, the Sacramento region is subject to potential flooding due to an intricate and aged levee system. Elk Grove has multiple freight and passenger rail lines, one of the largest above-ground propane storage facilities, an airport, and two heavily traveled freeways, Interstate 5 and State Route 99. It is essential that the City of Elk Grove has an Emergency Operations Center to coordinate emergency response efforts in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack.

Having the ability to work regionally and have interoperability between different agencies is critical in the event of an emergency. With the use of advanced communications technology, Elk Grove will be able to work in concert with the County and City of Sacramento, State of California Office of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to share information and respond rapidly to any event.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on June 15, 2009, I was delayed in returning to Washington, and missed rollcall votes numbered 336, 337, 338 and 339.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes: 336 expressing condolences to the citizens of Italy and support for the Government of Italy in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck the Abruzzo region of central Italy; 337, a bill to name the Laredo Veterans Post Office; 338, Phylicia's Law; and, 339, a resolution expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the catastrophic explosion at the ConAgra Foods plant in Garner, North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Monday night, June 15, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 430, H.R. 2325, H.R. 729 and H. Res. 540.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 336, on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 430, Expressing condolences to the citizens of Italy and support for the Government of Italy in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck the Abruzzo region of central Italy, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 337, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 2325, the Laredo Veterans Post Office, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 338, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 729, Phylicia's Law, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 339, on suspending the rules and passing H. Res.

540, Expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the catastrophic explosion at the ConAgra Foods plant in Garner, North Carolina, I would have voted "aye."

THE ENHANCED SUPPLY AND PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2009

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation with the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and the gentleman from Vermont, Mr. WELCH, in order to provide relief for American consumers at the pump in the short term and save taxpayer dollars. Last summer, gas prices soared to record highs above \$4 per gallon. This year, American consumers are beginning to experience a bad case of déjà vu. Incredibly, today marks the 50th straight day that gas prices have risen. As a result, prices at the pump have already increased by more than one dollar a gallon since the beginning of the year. For American families who are already struggling through a down economy, these rising prices are hitting especially hard.

The Enhanced Supply and Price Reduction Act of 2009, or Enhanced SPR Act, directs the Secretary of Energy to sell 70 million barrels of light sweet crude—less than 10 percent of the total oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)—and replace it with heavy crude oil over a period of five years. Swapping oil from the SPR has a proven record of lowering oil prices in the short term. In 1991, when President Bush's father deployed oil from the reserve, oil prices fell 33.4 percent in two days. In 2000, President Clinton conducted a time exchange of oil from the SPR and prices again immediately dropped by 18.7 percent. And in 2005, when President Bush himself released oil following Hurricane Katrina, prices fell 9.1 percent. That's an average drop in the price of oil of 19.2 percent.

In addition, this legislation would implement a number of recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to better use taxpayer funds. First, swapping a small percentage of light oil in the reserve for heavier crude has been recommended by the GAO to save taxpayers money. Replacing a small percentage of light oil currently in the reserve with heavy oil would also better match up with the needs of our nation's refineries and protect us against supply disruptions from unstable countries such as Venezuela.

The legislation would also implement GAO's recommendation to purchase a constant dollar value rather than constant volume of oil to fill the SPR in the future. In testimony before the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming last year, GAO testified that if the Department of Energy had taken this approach between 2001 and 2005, it would have saved American taxpayers nearly \$600 million or roughly 10 percent cost to fill the SPR during that period. Finally, the bill would authorize the Secretary to purchase and store refined petroleum product in the SPR in order to further enhance our national security.

The House has already voted in support of similar legislation in the last Congress in an

overwhelming, bipartisan fashion. The SPR is currently filled to roughly 99.5 percent of its capacity—its highest level ever. As we work to enact comprehensive energy and climate change legislation, Congress should take action to provide relief at the gas pump in the short term. The Enhanced SPR Act represents a common sense approach to reducing pressure on consumers while saving taxpayers dollars.

HONORING ALLEN McQUARRIE

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allen McQuarrie, a man who has worked tirelessly to assist those recovering from substance addiction in Bucks County.

Mr. McQuarrie's path began in the classroom as a public school science teacher. Following his retirement after thirty years with the New Jersey Education Association, he worked for public employee unions and employers. In this field, Mr. McQuarrie pioneered human resources training and personnel services to aid staff and their families recovering from substance addiction, stress, and other barriers to healthy living.

Most recently, Allen McQuarrie has partnered with PROACT, the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together, a grassroots recovery support initiative in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Over the past ten years, he has been a volunteer, a mentor for men incarcerated in the Bucks County Correctional Facility, and a co-chair of the organization.

Mr. McQuarrie has also served as a board member for the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, as well as on the Traffic Advisory Committee for Doylestown Township. He was the recipient of the 2008 Ambassador of the Year Award, presented to him by the Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance. In addition, Mr. McQuarrie will be receiving the prestigious Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award on behalf of PROACT. This award is granted based on the success of this organization in increasing the prevalence and quality of long term recovery in their community.

Allen McQuarrie has contributed enormously to his community in Bucks County. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. McQuarrie for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 350, on Motion that the Committee Rise—H.R. 2847, Making Appro-

priations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes—I would have voted “no.”

IRANIAN POLITICAL OPPRESSION

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in sympathy with the victims of Iranian political oppression who have been injured or killed protesting the outcome of their election.

Yet regardless of whether Ahmadinejad or Mousavi wins, we must not maintain any illusions about where true power in Iran rests.

That would be in the hands of the Islamic Republic's clerical regime, extremists determined to advance Iran's nuclear program and use terrorism to bully other states in the region.

Much of the regime's most egregious activities are done in the dark, hidden from the world's eyes and thus escaping media attention. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps quietly funnels weapons and funding into terrorists groups from Iraq to Afghanistan to Lebanon to Gaza. Iranian centrifuges enrich uranium at nuclear plants often hidden from weapons inspectors. And terrorist groups make voyages to Iran to receive training at unspecified locations.

But this week the true colors of the Iranian regime are on broad display. With the whole world watching, the Iranian regime has been embarrassed—called to account seemingly for the first time. This is an opportunity we cannot squander. Let us rally the world around the Iranian people. Let us use this opening to show the international community how dangerous the Iranian regime is—and why a nuclear Iran is flatly unacceptable.

Regrettably, the President and Democratic leadership in congress are failing to respond to the growing threat a nuclear Iran poses to the world.

Today we call on President Obama to immediately condemn the violence the Iranian regime is perpetrating against its citizens. We call on the Speaker to immediately bring to the floor and consider the Iran Petroleum Sanctions Act. The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Chairman BERMAN and Ranking Member ROSLEHTINEN, would impose sanctions on the radical Iranian regime while they continue to seek nuclear weapons and destabilize the Middle East.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MARIE
BERNARDE PROCKNAL OF THE
BUFFALO SISTERS OF MERCY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Marie Bernarde Procknal of the Buffalo Sisters of Mercy. It is my privilege to recognize her for her service to our community through education.

Her commitment to education begins with her own. She graduated with Bachelor's Degree from Niagara University, received Master's Degree from Canisius College, and took part in a career and guidance fellowship at Boston University. She also is certified through New York State in kindergarten through sixth grade, junior high school social studies, and high school guidance.

Sister Marie chose to use her education to serve others through teaching at several elementary and junior high schools in the Western New York Community.

However, Sister Marie's dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed. She received a grant from the Diocese of Buffalo and the National Principals' Association in order for her to further education at SUNY Plattsburg, where she earned a certification in administration and supervision.

After earning a degree, she returned to the schools in the Buffalo area to continue her role in shaping the community through education and service. She worked as the principal of St. William Elementary School and St. Thomas Aquinas. She then was as Supervisor of Sisters of Mercy Elementary and Secondary Schools, and served as a guidance counselor at Mt. Mercy Academy.

Sister Marie's roles as educator and leader were conveyed in 2008, when Sister Marie was chosen to help celebrate the Sisters of Mercy's 150th Anniversary by throwing the first pitch at the June 22nd Bisons game.

Sister Marie continues to give back to the community that helped raise her. Today, she works at Trocaire College as a member of the Students Affairs Teams and as a Career Counselor. She helps students through sharing her insights and advising them on their own education.

My community is blessed to have Sister Marie. Her unwavering dedication and selfless service allows us to be confident in our community's future as she is preparing a new generation of bright and giving Americans. Today, I ask my fellow Members of Congress to help me thank an extraordinary woman, whom I admire, for her service and commitment to the young people of New York's 27th Congressional District.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fleming County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Court Square, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041

Description of Request: Appropriate \$48,000 to acquire four (4) Mobile Data Terminals

(MDT) for the Fleming County Sheriff's Office. MDTs will allow the department to connect to the Kentucky State Police LINK/NCIC system directly from the police vehicle. MDTs also increase both officer and public safety by empowering law enforcement with critical information prior to exiting their vehicle. MDTs will quickly let the officers know if a vehicle is stolen, the person driving is wanted, and if the person is licensed to carry a concealed weapon. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Henry County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 North Main St, New Castle, Kentucky 40050

Description of Request: Appropriate \$82,000 for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Henry County Sheriff's Office, as well as the City of Eminence Police Department and the City of Campbellsburg Police Department. Equipment will include five (5) MDTs, 1 TASER, 3 ATN-NVM 14-3 Night Vision Minocular, 3 Aimpoint Comp M4, among other items. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oldham County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1855 North Highway 393, La Grange, KY 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$57,000 to purchase six (6) Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs). The County currently has some MDTs and the use of these systems has provided a rapid and reliable means of obtaining information in today's criminal justice arena. For example, use of MDTs allows the officers to immediately determine wants or warrants on individuals and reduces down time by allowing them to enter reports and stolen property information immediately while still on duty. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oldham County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 1855 North Highway 393, La Grange, Kentucky 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$75,000 to acquire upgraded equipment appropriate to assist the Sheriff's Department in responding to a variety of law enforcement situations within the community. Equipment purchases will include dual antenna radar units, handheld radar units, mobile data terminals, portable breath testing units, Taser brand units, community service kid care identification machine, and Magna PD6500 brand security scanners, among other items. The Oldham County Sheriff's Office provides emergency response to

the residents of Oldham County and surrounding Counties as requested. In addition, the Sheriff's office is responsible for courtroom security, prisoner transport throughout Kentucky, and protection of government employees, officials and government property. Federal funds will be used to purchase equipment that will increase the interoperability, improve the safety of sworn offices and the department's ability to respond to the needs of Oldham County. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pendleton County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Chapel St, Falmouth, Kentucky 41040

Description of Request: Appropriate \$12,000 for the purchase of twelve (12) X26 TASERS (Electronic Control Devices) for county law enforcement officials and related training in equipment usage. Pendleton County does not have a detention center, so the Sheriff's Office and Jailer's office both transport prisoners fifty miles to and from Boone County Detention Center for court hearings and trials. TASERS would give the officials an additional tool on a non-lethal scale to control an unruly person. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations bill that was included in H.R. 2638:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce,

Justice, Science Appropriations bill

Account: COPS—METH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 4040, Hovey 310, Normal, IL 61790-4040

Description of Request: \$200,000 to expand an innovative new program addressing the epidemic of methamphetamine use through treatment of arrested juveniles from rural populations. It is my understanding that this funding will be used as follows: \$40,000 for psychiatric services; \$30,000 for post discharge treatment; \$35,000 for treatment Supplies; \$20,000 for evaluation research consultants; \$50,000 for salaries; and \$25,000 for travel.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce,

Justice, Science Appropriations bill

Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State Geological Survey

Address of Requesting Entity: 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Description of Request: \$800,000 for the Illinois State Geological Survey to continue their Height Modernization project. The project would update the benchmarks in the state (approximately half can no longer be located), unify the database of benchmarks, and provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. It is my understanding that the funding will be used as follows: \$68,000 for salaries; \$13,723 for travel; \$8,000 for computer hardware and services; \$210,000 for level lines and benchmarks in northern Illinois; \$50,000 for Continuously Operating Reference (CORS) station; \$180,000 for LiDAR data collection; \$2,000 for outreach forums; \$359 for commodities; \$400 for telecommunications; \$134,718 for facilities and administration at the University of Illinois; and \$132,800 for NOAA/NGS overhead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on June 16, 2009, I missed roll call vote 350 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PAUL HARRELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the North Kansas City School District's Chief Financial Officer, Paul Harrell, on the occasion of being named the 2009 School Business Official of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Business Officials.

Paul Harrell came to the North Kansas City School District in 2000 as the top accountant and budget manager. During that time, Harrell modernized the district's business operations by implementing the use of new technologies, sound fiscal management, and building community partnerships. He also moved the school district to a paperless time sheet system that saved the district countless accounting hours. Due to Paul's conservative financial management, the school district has earned top marks from auditors over the past several years.

In addition to revitalizing the school district, Paul has also helped the community. He assisted in building a partnership with the city of Gladstone that produced a new natatorium next to the Gladstone Community Center.

Last year, Paul was awarded the 2008 Outstanding Director by the North Kansas City Business Council, which he also won in 2002. Each year there is a \$1,000 scholarship given to a student in the school district under Harrell's name as part of this award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Paul Harrell for his dedicated service to the North Kansas City School District. Paul's dedication and commitment to his work are shining examples of the kind of work ethic we should all strive for. I

know Paul's colleagues, family, and friends join me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his award and wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: City of Hampton Virginia Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE), \$500,000

Requested by: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)

Intended Recipient of Funds/Grantee: City of Hampton, 22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor, Hampton, VA 23669

Project description and explanation of the request: Funds would be used by the City of Hampton to develop Virginia's Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE). This laboratory would allow local governments and first responders to plug into state and federal entities and participate in simulated cyber attacks would help identify the processes, procedures, capabilities and gaps in protection. This program will incorporate cyber attack prevention into the mainstream of emergency operations at the local level and creating a virtual municipality of randomly generated internet protocol addresses. The concept would allow cyber security capabilities, processes and procedures to be developed.

The City of Hampton is located in the crossroads of Hampton Roads, home to major military installations such as Oceana Naval Air Station, Langley AFB, NASA Langley Research Center, Joint Forces Command, Naval Station Norfolk, etc. The localities play a large role in ensuring the safety and security of these assets as well as the many military and civilian personnel in the area. Through modeling and simulation at the City's emergency operations center, localities can gain experience in deterring and preventing cyber attack and other potential attacks on the area's installations, transportation infrastructure and information networks.

Funding will be used for: Initial cyberspace data collection/study phase: \$225,230; Initial definitions of cyberspace experimental processes, procedures and responses: \$97,256; Development of cyberspace municipal event scenarios: \$54,967; Architectural design, development and integration with IT department: \$34,246; Initial execution and assessment of VOICCE construct / scenarios: \$36,804, and; Initial staff review and input meetings: \$2,608; Final VOICCE Report Development & Associated materials for printing, CD-ROMS: \$48,889.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that was included at my request in H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill:

MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

Account: Homeland Security, Science and Technology, Borders and Maritime

Legal name and address of requesting entity: SRI International, 830 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$4,000,000 is included in the bill for SRI International to continue its work to develop a replicable port security system that will be functional in diverse environments which include coastal maritime, seaport, island, extreme, and remote locations. This project will include the development of pilot test beds for use in a shallow and deep water setting. The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate has identified a need to establish national maritime security technology test bed capability. Current test bed operations are conducted at a number of diverse facilities that are neither centrally coordinated nor operated under uniform standards. With over 95,000 miles of coastline to protect, ensuring our nation's maritime security is challenging and requires complex technology and knowledgeable oversight. The absence of both a recognized test bed capability and effective operations organization impacts DHS's ability to: (1) consistently validate security system performance; (2) accurately compare and evaluate the effectiveness of competing systems and related technologies; (3) minimize biases and variables in tests and evaluations, i.e. create and apply uniform standards; (4) provide recognized certifying authority; and (5) advance new technologies to better protect our homeland. Ultimately, our nation's security is compromised without this crucial capability. This initiative establishes an independent, objective, entity to test and certify technologies for application in deep water, port, and coastal environments. The proposed program additionally serves to focus agency resource management by: (1) synergizing and minimizing duplicative efforts; (2) aligning disparate testing operations; and (3) engaging all maritime security stakeholders—local through federal as well as commercial through military. SRI International and the University of Hawaii have teamed to address the nation's critical port security needs. This partnership will create trust-earned oversight and will leverage previous federal infrastructure investment to provide the most effective test bed capability at the lowest achievable cost. The partnership also provides institutional ties to both the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services, thus bridging their efforts and providing for uniform, cost-effective maritime security solutions.

DR. TOM CUMMINGS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and leadership of Dr. Tom Cummings on the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of service to the North Kansas City School District, including 14 years as the superintendent.

Dr. Cummings has dedicated the majority of his life to assisting and educating children. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Franklin College in Indiana and his Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from Indiana University, Dr. Cummings has committed almost half a century to education. From coaching basketball to becoming the district superintendent in 1995, Dr. Cummings has continually worked to improve the lives of his students. During his 49 years as an educator, Dr. Cummings also always strived to serve his community. He was president of the Greater Kansas City School Administrators Association, served on the board of the directors for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and served on the Education Commissioner's Advisory Committee.

During his time as superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, Dr. Cummings changed the way the school district approached both education and the surrounding community. Dr. Cummings built a core foundation of transparency, community partnerships, technology, and impressive physical facilities. Due to these efforts, the school district began to receive money again from the community to pay for bonds. This was revolutionary for the school district, as every single request for school bonds in the 17 years prior to Dr. Cummings was turned down. Dr. Cummings commissioned a panel of community, government and business leaders that shaped the district's new mission—to provide an elite educational experience that produced enlightened citizens adaptable to change and involved in their communities.

Dr. Cummings will leave many legacies at North Kansas City Schools. He created a professional and leadership development program, new career and technical education options for students, organizational efficiency, an award-winning money management team, standardized curriculum and differentiated instruction.

Dr. Cummings has also been awarded numerous times throughout his tenure as superintendent. He was honored by YouthFriends as their first recipient of the School-Based Mentoring Achievement and Advancement Award. In 2005, Dr. Cummings was named the Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The following year, he received the Look North award for being an Outstanding Northland Leader by the Clay County Economic Development Council. In 2008, he was recognized as an Outstanding Missourian by the Missouri House of Representatives, and most recently, the school district's administration building was renamed the Thomas P. Cummings Administrative Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Tom Cummings for his many years of dedicated service to the

North Kansas City School District. His commitment to the students, the school and our community provide a strong example of the kind of leader we should all strive to be. I know Tom's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes on many more years of happiness and success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Judges Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 32185, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the development of a new, nationwide, distance-learning program for judges so they can update and expand web-based educational programs in their home districts without having to miss work or travel to seminars. The American Judges Association plans to use all of the funds to develop websites and on-line courses, collaborate with selected presenters on past and future projects, enhance presentations by the use of self-assessment quizzes, slides, video clips, glossary terms, and other visual materials to be incorporated into presentations, and videotaping and encoding presentations. This web-based training is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it will prevent courts from sending judges to expensive training seminars, and will be especially useful for smaller courts with tight budgets, including municipal courts throughout NE Ohio.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chagrin Falls Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 21 W. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the purchase of new equipment for an interoperable dispatch and Operations Center within a planned new police station, the costs of which will be borne by residents through a ballot initiative. All of the funds requested will be used to purchase the equipment and technology for the operations and communications center. The Communications Center will help protect about 17,000 people served by the ten agencies that will utilize the center. The funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the interoperable center will improve communications between police and fire departments throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Great Lakes Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for education programs at the new Great Lakes Water Project exhibition. The Center is developing world class exhibitions on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes and will be a focal point for educating and engaging 450,000 pre-K-16 students and visitors in issues central to the region's economy and vital to the ecological health of the world's largest freshwater resource. Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC), one of the country's leading science and technology centers. All of the funds for this project will be used for the development of the education program on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Science Center has raised \$4,430,000. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it follows the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences that Congress invest in improving Math and Science education programs for students.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for upgrading and improving the county-wide interoperable Public Safety Radio System because the current 800 MHz radio system's technical support and parts will no longer be available in 2012. The entire budget will be used for the purchase of equipment. \$1,000,000 has been contributed to this project from the Lake County General Fund. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide communications for all law enforcement in the county, and will replace a system that will soon be obsolete and unable to be repaired.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Russell Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$35,000 to allow this small department to upgrade from an analog, 800 radio-communication system to a digital, 800 radio-communication system. Approximately, \$13,618 will be used to purchase four mobile 800 radios, \$20,000 for eleven portable 800 radios, \$528 for four portable radio chargers, and \$854 for twelve portable radio shoulder microphones. The Village of South Russell is contributing \$12,359.60. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the upgrade is mandatory for the county and must take place by 2011. This modest funding will allow the South Russell Police Department to communicate seamlessly with 25 other public safety agencies in Geauga County and improve public safety throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Akron

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Buchtel Mall, Akron, OH 44325, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to develop a fully equipped and staffed High Technology Forensics Laboratory and Resource Center in a partnership with the University of Akron and the Summit County Sheriff's Department. It will be utilized by at least 23 law enforcement agencies in the area. Approximately, \$24,000 will be used for three forensic work stations, \$260,200 for lab equipment and technology, and \$215,800 for the operating budget including hardware and supplies. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the facility will train students to do forensic and other high-tech, crime-solving work and will create jobs for the region.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF JAMES S.W. DREWRY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize the outstanding service of James S.W. Drewry upon his retirement from the practice of law.

Jim Drewry is retiring after decades of outstanding service as a lawyer to his country, to the Congress of the United States, and a leading practitioner in the Washington, DC, community. As outstanding as his National service and later career have been, I would be especially remiss if I did not go to Jim's early work experience prior to graduating from college and attending law school. Jim began his work experience serving as a clerk for Senator E.L. Bartlett (D-Alaska) in the United States Senate during the summers of 1961 to 1963. He then got some real world labor experience as a gandy dancer while working as part of the labor gang on the Alaska Railroad during the summer of 1964. These experiences prepared him well for a life-long career as a legislative attorney that often touched on the important maritime, fishery, natural resource, and transportation issues of importance to my State of Alaska. I for one always appreciated the professionalism and knowledge that Jim brought to the issues, but also his early practical and hands on experience that he brought to any situation.

Jim obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, in 1966, with honors in political science. There he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to earn not one but two law degrees. The first was from the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.B. 1969) and the second from the London School of Economics (LL.M. international law 1975). Contemporaneously, he held various positions during school breaks including working as a deckhand on a Great Lakes iron ore cargo ship (summer 1965), as a clerk for the Shipbuilders Council of America (summers 1966-67), and as an editorial assistant for the Stratton Commission on National Ocean Policy (summer 1968). Upon

graduation from law school, he was admitted to the Virginia Bar and worked as a solicitor in the Corporate Law Department of the Southern Railway (July to October 1969) before joining the U.S. Navy (October 1969 to August 1974). In the Navy he served on active duty as a Navy Judge Advocate in Japan (2 years), Vietnam (1 year), and Florida (1 year). In the course of that he prosecuted, and defended, in over 200 courts-martial, and served as trial judge in others. For this service he was awarded Navy Achievement Medal twice, for performance in Japan and Vietnam.

After his Naval service, he continued in public service from November 1975 to June 1980, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). While at NOAA, he served as Special Assistant to the NOAA Administrator and as well as in progressively senior positions in the NOAA General Counsel's Office. As Senior Counsel for International Law, he was the Commerce Department's legal representative on U.S. international delegations for the negotiation of major treaties involving fisheries, wildlife, and maritime boundaries. As Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries, he was one of the two main legal advisers to the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service and carried out the overall supervision and office management of the attorneys and staff. As Staff Attorney, he worked closely with the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel on a wide range of legal issues and represented NOAA in Administrative Law Judge proceedings.

In 1980 he began his illustrious and distinguished career with the United States Congress. While Jim worked his entire congressional career in the Senate, I say United States Congress because his contributions to legislation and legislative process benefited the entire institution, not just one body. For over 18 years he served as Counsel to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in positions requiring senior-level policy and managerial experience in the fields of commerce, transportation, communications, science and technology, natural resources, and consumer affairs. Many of those years he worked for the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, Senator Fritz Hollings, who was always a gentleman to this Member and a great friend to my dear friend, Senator Ted Stevens. During this tenure at the Commerce Committee Jim was Senior Democratic Counsel for Oceans and Atmosphere (June 1980 to July 1987), nonpartisan Legislative Counsel (July 1987 to May 1994), and Democratic General Counsel/General Counsel (May 1994 to 1999). Throughout his service, and in addition to his considerable substantive contributions in the matters before Congress, Jim provided advice and guidance on parliamentary procedure, the Congressional Budget Act, ethics requirements, and other legal and policy matters. He had daily contact with Democratic floor staff regarding Senate floor action that affected Commerce Committee legislation, participated in the day-to-day management and supervision of the Democratic staff, ensured that documents relating to hearings, markups, and other meetings of Members and the Committee were comprehensive and legally and factually correct, and maintained regular and excellent relationships with Republican staff. Jim's hallmark was his dedicated, calm, and profes-

sional manner that provided all Members regardless of political party or philosophical establishment the best support and advice possible.

After this illustrious career in public service, he struck out and went into private law practice. There he took with him and used all of the legislative and ethics skills he developed over the years. He served clients in both the public and private sector, in maritime, fisheries, and natural resources. His approach to client advocacy was one of impeccable integrity, professional skill, and thoroughness in advice. Jim's advice was rightly sought because of this approach. Jim really cared about helping people—everyday people including many in my own State. He tried his best to find compromise and a way to get things done, and a way to get to “yes” on difficult problems so that his fellow citizens could benefit. There is much said today to malign those in the law and lobbying business and those who go from positions in government to the private sector. For those who want to know how our system should work, and does work, they need only look to the career of James S.W. Drewry. Jim's pursuit of truth, excellence, and integrity were unparalleled in the Washington community.

Now he moves on to a justly deserved retirement but one that we hope will keep him active in area of public policy development and implementation. He comes from a long line of public servants from Virginia having a grandfather, Patrick Henry Drewry, who served in the Congress as Member of this House and a father, John Metcalf Drewry, who served as a chief counsel for the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee in the House of Representatives. Jim was not content to rest on the laurels of his family legacy, however, and as you can see from this account, distinguished himself in his own right. I join with throngs of his friends and colleagues in saying that the likes of Jim Drewry do not come along everyday and his service to and with us all will be truly missed. With that I send him my very best wishes and also to his wife, Maria, and two sons, for many years of a healthy and prosperous “next chapter” in his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a list of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of HR 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Boise Center Aerospace Laboratory (BCAL) Watershed Modeling Utilizing LiDAR at Idaho State University
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: Department of Commerce NOAA
Recipient: Idaho State University
Recipient's Street Address: 921 South 8th Avenue Stop 8007, Pocatello, Idaho 83209
Description: ISU's Department of Geosciences has developed free spatial analysis

tools available to the public for remote sensing and geographic information sciences (GIS). The remote sensing tools include a downloadable toolbox for analyzing light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data LiDAR is an imaging method using a laser mounted on an aircraft to determine precise vertical information (topography) of the earth's surface (15 cm precision). Commonly, this information is translated into high-resolution digital elevation models (DEMs) LiDAR can provide both a bare earth surface and the vegetated (or built) surface. LiDAR can also provide topographic data below water. Specifically to the concern of NOAA and the State of Idaho, LiDAR can provide up to date and precise flood plain maps for rivers with built environments (such as the Boise River) to guide decisions on flood insurance coverage and land use restrictions. These predictive maps can also aid in evacuation of people and livestock during an impending flood. This project will leverage existing infrastructure and expertise at ISU to develop state-of-the-art watershed modeling tools for NOAA and other federal agencies. These tools will enable better management of watersheds through improved topographic analyses for prediction of runoff, floods, and water storage capacity. Hyperspectral analysis (soils and vegetation) will be coupled with the LiDAR data for a full characterization, spectrally and spatially of the landscape. These analyses will allow for studies of vegetation structure, dependence of vegetation, soils, and earth processes (e.g. fire, erosion) on topology (slope and aspect, drainages, surface roughness). The goal of this research and its resulting algorithms and tools is to significantly benefit NOAA in its ability to convert LiDAR data into usable derivative datasets for environmental and safety applications in Idaho and elsewhere.

Project Name: Idaho Meth Project
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000
Account: Department of Justice COPS Meth
Recipient: Idaho Meth Project
Recipient's Street Address: 304 N. 8th Street, Room 446, Boise, Idaho 83702

Description: Methamphetamine trafficking and abuse in Idaho has been on the rise over the past few years and, as a result, meth is having a devastating impact in many communities throughout Idaho. Meth is the number one illegal drug of choice in Idaho and the State's leading drug problem. The financial and social consequences of meth abuse in Idaho are devastating. It is a contributing cause for much of the crime in Idaho, costs millions of dollars in productivity, contributes to the ever increasing prison populations and adversely impacts families. The Idaho Meth Project is a large-scale, statewide prevention and public awareness program designed to reduce the prevalence of first-time methamphetamine abuse in Idaho by influencing attitudes through high-impact advertising. The Idaho Meth Project is focused solely upon prevention and, to achieve this goal, is active in three areas: public service messaging, community action and public policy. This includes a pervasive media campaign reaching the target population through TV, radio, billboards, print, and the Internet.

Project Name: Idaho State Police to participate in the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance Network (CISANet)
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Recipient: Idaho State Police

Recipient's Street Address: 700 South Stratford, Meridian, Idaho 83642

Description: In 2006, the Idaho State Police (ISP) developed and deployed, on a limited basis, a web-based Case Investigative System (CIS). This tool allows investigators to collect, use and share critical law enforcement information across the state. CISAnet provides a bi-directional information-sharing network within and between state and local law enforcement agencies. CISAnet provides ISP and law enforcement across Idaho with real time access to criminal intelligence information shared by law enforcement partner agencies within the states of Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. This ten state area is regarded as one of the most vulnerable to our nation's security—a 'soft spot' through which illegal Mexican immigrants filter, illegal drug trafficking passes and terrorists move freely. It is believed that securing this porous border with Mexico is an effective way to protect American citizens. The CISAnet system provides an effective means for law enforcement agencies to share information across state lines on known or suspected criminal activity. Together, access to CISAnet, Idaho's Fusion Center and remote access to CIS will ensure that Idaho state and local law enforcement officers have the best information available in a timely manner. In today's environment, these systems are an effective way to monitor illegal drug and terrorist activity and identify, target and locate potential terrorists. These systems are important components of an overall prevention strategy and are crucial to protecting the citizens of Idaho and the United States' homeland security. The Criminal Information Sharing Alliance network (CISAnet) FY2010 federal funding will be used to continue the integration of CIS into the CISAnet infrastructure, to expand its capabilities by adding a Geo coding module and by integrating CIS, RMS and CISAnet into Idaho's Criminal Intelligence Center.

Project Name: NCOMS Medical and Mental Health Sharing Software Development

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grants

Recipient: Idaho Department of Corrections

Recipient's Street Address: 1299 North Orchard, Suite 110, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: States are legally mandated to provide appropriate medical care to incarcerated individuals. These funds will be used to create, modularize and implement the medical/mental health module for the National Consortium of Offender Management Systems (NCOMS). This technology will allow public safety organizations that house offenders to track and record the medical information to ensure that offenders receive proper medical treatment.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

HONORING KENNETH WAYNE HUDSON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and thank Kenneth Wayne Hudson for his service in the United States Navy. The hard work and devotion he has demonstrated through out his career serves as an example to us all. Kenny has served our country with courage and honor both at home and abroad.

See Madam Speaker, during the Vietnam War Kenny chose to leave high school before graduating to serve his country. After the war, he began his career and was never able to return to school to obtain his high school diploma. It is with great pleasure that I am today congratulating Kenny on his most deserved accomplishment of receiving his high school diploma from Humble High School. I know all his family and friends are very proud.

Kenny has recently retired from the workforce and I know he will enjoy the company of his wife Becky and three children, Michelle, Chad and Todd.

This great country will forever be in Kenny's debt. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. He will continue to reach new levels of accomplishment.

We appreciate his service to America and his commitment to keeping our nation the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH A. REIMAN

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career and contributions of Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Reiman. Lieutenant Colonel Reiman is retiring from his most recent position as Deputy Director of the Test Support Group for the Missile Defense Agency at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

Prior to assuming his current position, Lt. Col. Reiman was Program Director of the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-based Mid-course Defense Program for Ground and Flight Test Execution. He has served 23 years as an Air Force officer and has spent a lifetime serving his country.

Lt. Col. Reiman has always played an important role in the development of North Alabama's missile defense community and our nation's defense. His dynamic leadership and exceptional technical skills directly resulted in the Missile Defense Agency's successful execution of its \$2 billion per year flight and ground test programs.

Reiman's distinguished career reflects great credit upon himself, the United States Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the Tennessee Valley.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of everyone in North Alabama, I rise to express my gratitude

to Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Reiman for his many years of service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM JOSEPH BURKE, SR., ESQ.

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PASCHELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, William "Bill" Joseph Burke, Sr., Esq. Mr. Burke will be recognized on June 16, 2009 with the Ram of the Year Award for his dedication to the Fordham University family.

It is only fitting that William "Bill" Joseph Burke, Sr., Esq. be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth, for he is a true embodiment of the American dream and sets a great example in giving back to his community.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Burke. As a fellow alumnus of Fordham University, I am proud to bestow this honor onto William "Bill" Joseph Burke, Sr., Esq.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Bill's family and friends, all those whose lives have been influenced by Bill, the students, faculty and alumni of Fordham University and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of William "Bill" Joseph Burke, Sr., Esq.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK M. FARMER

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jack M. Farmer, a distinguished member of our Western North Carolina community. Mr. Farmer dedicated his life to benefitting his community, and it was with great communal sadness that we mourned Mr. Farmer when passed away on September 26, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Leming Farmer, his sons, Bruce Alan Farmer and Phillip Marlowe Farmer, and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Farmer was born on July 8, 1957 in Haywood County, North Carolina. A graduate of the Florida School of Forestry, he went on to serve as the District Ranger of North Carolina District 9 for 37 years. Because of his outstanding service, Mr. Farmer was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2000 by Governor Jim Hunt. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the most prominent awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina, only available to those who have dedicated over 30 years of service to the state.

In addition to his forestry service, Mr. Farmer was actively involved in his community. He was instrumental in the establishment of Pinnacle Park, an 1,100 acre public park filled with frequently used hiking trails. Mr. Farmer

also served on the Jackson County Green Ways Committee, on the Board of Directors of Cullowhee Fire Department, and as the President of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, Mr. Farmer worked with Jackson County Housing to construct elderly housing and with the Jackson County Department on Aging to build access ramps for the disabled elderly. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sylva since 1965, where he often served as a Deacon.

I am proud to have had Mr. Farmer as a constituent. I extend my condolences to his family and offer my most sincere appreciation for his service to North Carolina.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the War Supplemental Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2346.

The illegitimate war in Iraq undermines our credibility on the world stage as we continue to occupy the country. Over 4,300 Americans and estimated hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians have been killed in a war fought over lies. The conflict in Afghanistan was ignored while the previous administration led the American people into war with Iraq. We need to withdraw our troops and direct our support to humanitarian aid and a stable civilian government.

These wars have cost us the ability to properly address the biggest problems facing our country. Healthcare reform, our economy, and reforming energy policy are top priorities of Congress. We cannot justify hundreds of billions of dollars for these wars at the expense of the American taxpayer.

I urge my colleagues to vote against the war.

HONORING CHARLES M.
CHAMBERS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of an important community leader and a good friend, Charles M. Chambers, who passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Mr. Chambers served from 1993 to 2006 as Lawrence Technological University's fifth president and as the University's first chancellor from February 1, 2006 to July 1, 2006, when he was named president emeritus. His dedication to higher education and technology reshaped the business acumen at Lawrence Tech and allowed the University to enjoy unprecedented fund acquisition to enhance curriculum and facilities throughout the campus.

During his tenure, Chambers led the institution in investing millions of dollars in upgrading older facilities on the University's 102-acre

campus. In addition, the University constructed several new facilities, including the University Technology and Learning Center, the Student Housing Center-North, the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center, and the Center for Innovative Materials Research. Growth and expansion of applied research and academic offerings accelerated during his presidency, including the launch of Lawrence Tech's first doctoral programs and the establishment of learning centers and higher education partnerships elsewhere in Michigan, Canada, Germany, Mexico, and Asia.

Dr. Chambers' career accomplishments are testaments of his passion for revitalizing the scientific community and enhancing higher education. In the 1960s, he was an aerospace engineer with NASA, where he participated in the Apollo space program. He was president of the American Foundation for Biological Sciences, a consortium of over fifty scientific laboratories, museums, and societies. In addition, he served on the faculties of Harvard University, the University of Alabama, and George Washington University, where he was a dean for graduate evening programs.

Dr. Chambers was also involved in economic development initiatives for southeast Michigan. A founding director of Oakland County's Automation Alley, he also served on the advisory board of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Detroit Renaissance Steering Committee, the Oakland County Workforce Development Board, the WIRED (Workforce Investment for Regional Economic Development) and the Education Foundation of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was also a member of the Oakland County Business Roundtable.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Chambers, a genuine leader in the field of education, science and technology. I join with the Chambers family, and the extended family of Lawrence Technological University, in mourning his loss, celebrating his life, and paying tribute to him for all the good work he did for others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained last evening and missed rollcall vote 350. If present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING WOMEN AIR SERVICE
PILOTS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for legislation recognizing the Women Air Service Pilots with a Congressional Gold Medal. These brave women served the nation at a pivotal moment in our history. I'm proud that we in Congress have finally commended them for their pioneering spirit and selfless dedication during World War II.

The Women Air Service Pilots, commonly known as WASP, were the first women in history authorized to fly American military aircraft. These courageous women volunteered to fly noncombat missions so that every available male pilot could be deployed into combat, contributing to the successful completion of U.S. Air force missions in the South Pacific and on the Western Front.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, WASPs used their well-honed skills to dutifully service military aircraft, providing the U.S. Army Air force with an invaluable assistance. Thanks to their rigorous training, by 1944 the WASP had flown every aircraft in the army's inventory—including P-59 jet fighters. The WASP flew searchlight tracking missions, ferried and tested planes, performed flight checks, towed targets for anti-aircraft gunnery practice, and instructed male pilot cadets, in addition to performing several other valuable tasks.

While more than 25,000 women applied for WASP training, only 1,879 candidates were accepted. Of these, only 1,074 successfully completed the grueling program at Avenger Field, the nation's largest all-female air base. Though WASP participants underwent the same vigorous training as male cadets, these dedicated individuals were refused recognition as a women's service within the U.S. Army Air Force and were denied veterans' benefits for over 30 years, finally gaining full recognition in 1977.

I'm honored to represent five former Women Air Service Pilots who reside in my Congressional District: Eileen W. Ferguson, Geraldine F. Olinger, Alyce S. Rohrer, Margaret M. Weiss, and Lillian G. Wray. These pioneering women answered the call of duty with enthusiasm and vigor, offering their great skills in service of our nation. I thank you for your service and congratulate you on your long overdue honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2009, I inadvertently failed to vote on rollcall No. 328, had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

Madam Speaker, on June 11, 2009, I inadvertently failed to vote on rollcall No. 329, had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER ERIC STANLEY
HOWE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding serviceman in the Fifth District of Ohio. Chief Petty Officer Eric Stanley Howe is retiring from the United States Navy after Twenty years of service.

Officer Howe has earned numerous decorations and promotions throughout his years of

service to our nation. The dedication and commitment that he has shown throughout his military career has served America well.

During his time in the Navy, Officer Howe made deployments to the Mediterranean, Iceland, and Puerto Rico. Two of his deployments have been in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Chief Petty Officer Eric Stanley Howe. Servicemen like Officer Howe lay the foundation upon which freedom and prosperity can rest. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to honor this sailor and his service to our great nation.

HONORING THE CITY OF
ARLINGTON, TENNESSEE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to rise today on behalf of the City of Arlington, Tennessee for being recognized by the EPA with its Excellence in Site Re-Use Award for turning one of the nation's most dangerous Superfund sites into a safe community park.

When pesticide producer Arlington Blending and Packaging closed its doors for the final time in 1979 it left behind contaminants concentrated in the sites soil and ground water due to years of spills and leakage from facility operations. Years after the site closed the EPA conducted a thorough examination of the 2.3 acre site and listed it as one of the most dangerous Superfund sites in the country. This prompted the EPA to launch an extensive cleanup of the site to safely restore it to families residing in the adjoining Mary Alice neighborhood.

With the EPA's cleanup completed, Arlington Mayor Russell Wiseman and Town Superintendent Ed Haley spearheaded an ambitious effort to purchase the former Superfund site and build a community park though the EPA's Return to Use initiative in conjunction with securing a community development block grant for the park's construction. The successful completion of the Mary Alice Park stands as a shining example of how relentless determination, community support and a unified vision can take something that was once thought to be broken and renew it with new life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arlington Mayor Russell Wiseman, Aldermen Glen Bascom II, Gerald McGee, Hugh Lamar, Oscar Brooks, Harry McKee, Brian Thompson, Town Superintendent Ed Haley, and residents of the Mary Alice Neighborhood for their proactive and conscientious approach to turning a once abandoned and contaminated industrial site into a community park that will be treasured by Arlington families for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I was inadvertently recorded as having voted in the negative on H.R. 1256, House rollcall vote 335, on June 12, 2009. I would like the record to show that I fully intended to vote "yea." I strongly support this measure and, indeed, voted for the legislation when the measure first came before the House for a vote on April 2, 2009.

HONORING KATHY BANKS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Kathy Banks, a great Georgian who died in October 2008 at the age of 66. A kind and warm-hearted woman, talented realtor and active Republican, Kathy was a delight to be around. Her death was a great loss to those who knew and loved her.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Kathy was not a Georgia native; but after moving to Atlanta as a child, she adopted the state as home, staying in Georgia for the rest of her days.

In 1960, Kathy met the love of her life. She and Lee Banks married in July 1961 and stayed together till death did them part 47 years, three kids and five grandkids later. Early in their marriage, the couple moved to Fairburn in south Fulton County. An old family friend there, Mr. Ed M. Green, immediately noticed Kathy's warmth and bright personality and told her that real estate was "the business for her." Mr. Green went on to become Kathy's teacher, mentor, broker and dear friend in the business.

In real estate, Kathy achieved great success. She developed close relationships with her clients, taking personal joy in helping buyers find their first homes, and her clients loved working with her as well. In her 36-plus years in real estate, Kathy sold more than 1,200 homes. Even during the recession of 1975, she had more than a million dollars in sales. A talented businesswoman, Kathy acquired every accreditation in the real estate industry as well as hundreds of awards. She won the President's Award on numerous occasions and was a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Club. Kathy's business interests and mine intertwined at times. In fact, soon after I began my own construction company, Kathy sold the first home that I built.

Kathy was active in her community with dedicated political involvement. She was a lifelong Republican and shared her beliefs as a member of the Troup County Republican Women's Organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in remembering and honoring the life of Kathy Loughney Banks, a loving wife and mother, a successful businesswoman, a great Georgian and a loyal friend.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CONDE HACKBARTH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Conde Hackbarth, who passed away on June 6 following a 28-year battle with cancer.

Conde Hackbarth was born on August 8, 1937, to Elizabeth and John Spaulding. She grew up in Chicago and Winnetka and raised her family in Kenilworth and Lake Forest. An accomplished student, she graduated from New Trier High School in 1955 and Connecticut College in 1959. Conde spent her summers in Harbor Beach, Michigan, in her family cottage, and for the past 10 years she was a winter resident of the Ocean Reef community in Key Largo, Florida.

Conde Hackbarth is survived by a loving family including her husband Philip, an attorney in Chicago, daughter Elizabeth Sears Smith, son Christopher Sears, stepchildren Rory Hackbarth and Philip Hackbarth, five grandchildren (Jane, Phineas, Sydney, Neil and Kathryn), and Brother Charles Spaulding.

I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Conde Hackbarth in this difficult time, as well as praise Conde for the grace, strength, and courage with which she waged her battle against cancer. Her life is an inspiration to us all.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. 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, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Westminster

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Westminster, 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683

Description of Request: Provide \$290,000 in FY 2010 to be used for the Criminal Enterprise Initiative, following the Year 2 federal funding provided in 2009. The detectives assigned to the Little Saigon Substation are in operation, specifically focusing on identifying, investigating and dismantling criminal enterprises, having both national and international implications, within the Little Saigon area. Under this project, the Westminster Police Department's Crimes Against Public Unit occupies office space within the Little Saigon district of Westminster, placing a powerful "investigative engine" into the heart of the area where Asian Criminal Enterprises operate. The

total cost of project is \$1,061,181 (local match of \$748,981).

HONORING SAMUEL KAMPA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Samuel Kampa, who was recently selected as one of the top 10 finalists in the 2009 Holocaust Remembrance Project national essay contest. Mr. Kampa, a recent graduate of Dassel-Cokato High School, was chosen out of 7,000 entries for his essay on preserving the memory of millions of victims of the Holocaust.

In his essay, Mr. Kampa wrote, "I discovered that the Holocaust was not a distant, abstract occurrence that merely comprised yet another chapter in world history. Rather, the Holocaust forever transformed the actual lives of men, women, and children—human beings who were subjected to inhuman sadism."

He continued, "When the last survivor passes on, who will be there to share the stories and thus make Holocaust history tangible, accessible, alive, and meaningful? The answer is clear: we must take the next step, for it is absolutely imperative that we educate future generations and perpetuate Holocaust remembrance by reiterating their stories. . . . Forgotten history profits nothing, and the mistakes of the past will become the mistakes of the present if we neglect to remember. When we forget the stories, it is easy to lapse into old sins."

The recent anti-Semitic tragedy at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. reaffirms Mr. Kampa's timely essay. He reminds us of the need to continuously remember the tragedy and the events that led up to the disaster that ended the lives of millions of individuals and impacted so many more.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Sixth District of Minnesota, I want to commend Mr. Kampa not only for his impressive accomplishment, but for his insightful thoughts into how our world can avoid another monumental catastrophe, such as the Holocaust.

HONORING SISTER DORITA
WOTISKA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Dorita Wotiska, O.P. as she retires from her position as Superintendent of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Lansing. A dinner will be held in her honor on June 22 in Lansing, Michigan.

Sister Dorita entered the Adrian Dominican Sisters in 1954 and embarked upon her career as an educator. After working at the elementary level first as a teacher then assistant principal and principal, Sister Dorita became the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Gaylord. She moved to the position of Associate Superintendent with the Diocese of Lansing before assuming the duties of Superintendent for the Diocese in 1986. In 1994 she accepted the additional responsibilities of Chairperson of the Department of Education

and Catachesis and became a member of the Bishop's Cabinet. In this capacity she supervised 47 Catholic schools with a combined enrollment of 15,000 students.

In addition to her Diocesan duties, Sister Dorita is the President of the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and she is a member of the Education Committee of the Michigan Catholic Conference. The list of organizations Sister Dorita has served with over the years is extensive and includes: the United States Department of Education National Review Board for the Blue Ribbon Schools Program, Task Force on Restructuring the Diocese of Lansing Offices, Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, National Conference of Catholic Schools for the 21st Century, School Financial Management Services Inc., United States Department of Education Exemplary Schools Program, Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association, Board of Trustees for Adrian Dominican Independent Schools, Michigan State Board of Education Accrediting Association, Greater Lansing Food Bank, Excellence in Education Committee of the Greater Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Office of Technical Assistance and Evaluation Advisory Council and the Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning with the Michigan State Board of Education, Mayor's Inter-Agency Committee on Youth, Association for Supervision, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Michigan Association for the Individually Guided Education, Michigan State University Alumni Association and Chief Administrators of Catholic Education with the National Catholic Education Association.

Sister Dorita has worked with Gull Lake School District, Lansing Public Schools and Lansing Community College. She currently is Adjunct Professor at Michigan State University's College of Education. Sister Dorita received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Michigan State University in 1980. In 1990 she was selected as the Distinguished Diocesan Leader by Today's Catholic Teacher and School Financial Management Systems. In 1993 she was elected as Educator of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa. She has published several articles on education.

Madam Speaker, Sister Dorita Wotiska has spent her life focused on enhancing the Catholic education system and experience. She has used the talents given to her by God to advance educational and spiritual ideals and through her ministry she has imprinted the message of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into the hearts of countless students. I have valued her input, her dedication and her vision of a vibrant educational system, and I pray this new phase of her life contains only the best.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE
PIONEER SCOUT RESERVATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to a facility in the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Pioneer Scout Reservation in Pioneer, Ohio.

The Pioneer Scout Reservation serves as a year-round camping site for the Boy Scouts of

America. From the time I spent at the Pioneer Scout Reservation as a boy, I can tell you that this camp is a very special place. Within the boundaries of the camp, scouts learn the basics of nature and gain a respect for, and appreciation of, the outdoors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Pioneer Scout Reservation. The staff, who allow this camp to be such fertile ground where Boy Scouts can grow into young men, provide our communities in Northwest Ohio with an invaluable service. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to honor this establishment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 343 I was not able to reach the floor before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE CULTURE AND GLO-
RIFICATION OF VIOLENCE IN
AMERICA ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Presidential Commission to Study the Culture and Glorification of Violence in America Act. This bill will establish a commission tasked with not only studying the culture of violence in our country, but also the factors that contribute to this culture and the actions that can be taken to mitigate its effects.

Members of this Commission will determine what connections exist between violence and access to firearms, psychological stress, and economic despair. They will further examine what role schools can play in preventing violence and propose possible solutions to address the glorification of violence in the United States.

Madam Speaker, we have become a society that places violence and aggression above hard work and acts of kindness. Sadly, children today admire gangsters instead of teachers. They would rather be thugs and drug lords than doctors and philanthropists. They measure the strength of their character by the size of their gun and not by their generosity toward others.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has found that prolonged exposure to violence in the media can increase acceptance of violence as an appropriate means of solving problems. It can glamorize weapons as sources of personal power and can contribute to aggressive behavior. It is, therefore no surprise that in 2007 alone, there were over 1.4 million serious violent crimes in America. In 2006, the Federal Government spent \$36.2 billion on criminal justice and local governments spent over three times that amount.

Worst of all however, teens and young adults experience the highest rates of violent crime.

It is clear that we must make an effort to raise our children to recognize that violence is nothing more than the physical manifestation of fear and desperation. However, our society's glorification of violence has become so ingrained in our culture that it has become seemingly impossible to reverse.

Madam Speaker, it is our collective responsibility to create a society that values respect toward our fellow citizens. This legislation is simply a small step toward addressing what has become a destructive parasite upon the future of our country. By learning how the media and society promote violence and examining ways in which we can address this most pressing dilemma, it is my hope that we can stem the tide of violence and crime in America so that subsequent generations can live in a more peaceful nation.

I ask for my colleagues' support and urge the swift consideration of this bill.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the men and women in our armed forces and H.R. 2346, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009.

I support this bill because it is the first step toward ending the war in Iraq and bringing home the troops, as President Obama has pledged to do by August 2010. This bill is consistent with the President's plan and provides the troops with increased pay and better protection over the next few months as we begin to withdraw.

H.R. 2346 will provide \$1.9 billion more than requested for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, MRAP, vehicles. Since most of our casualties in Iraq result from roadside bombs, it is critical that we fully fund vehicles capable of keeping our troops safe. In addition, this bill recognizes the hardships of "stop-loss"—remaining on active duty beyond one's contract—on military servicemembers and their families by providing a retroactive pay increase for those serving under stop-loss orders.

This bill does what Bush-era war funding bills did not. By mandating performance reports, it illustrates the understanding that Congress needs to be fully informed about the progress of the military actions undertaken by the United States. By refocusing our efforts on success in Afghanistan, it demonstrates a shift from an open-ended two front war to a focused mission in Afghanistan centered on establishing a strong Afghan military and political infrastructure. Lastly, by extending a line of credit to the International Monetary Fund, which will be significantly leveraged, this bill reflects the Administration's strong belief that diplomacy and economic empowerment are critical to winning the war on terror.

Finally, I also support the funding for preparedness against pandemic flu. New York City has been hit the hardest by the recent

outbreak of the H1N1 strand of influenza with 567 hospitalizations to date. Pandemic flu preparedness funding will prepare New York and the nation for the worst case scenario by increasing the national stockpile of antiviral drugs and medical supplies and improving our capacity to develop and produce vaccines to prevent infection.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT OF 2009

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Advance Care Planning and Compassionate Care Act of 2009. This important legislation will provide the tools and resources necessary to dramatically improve care at the end of life.

As we approach health care reform, there is no other area more vital for honest discussion and careful analysis than what happens at the end of a patient's life. For most of us, the majority of our lifetime health care will be administered in that last year. Indeed for some, the last few months is when we will use the most doctor care, the most medical procedures, and spend the most days in a hospital.

Advances in health care have led to an aging population facing increasingly complex end of life health care decisions. These strains make complicated decision-making regarding medical care incredibly difficult. Too often, decisions are avoided until a crisis occurs, resulting in inadequate planning, unknown patient preferences, and families left struggling with the burden of determining their loved ones' wishes. For both families and patients, this is a time of incredible stress, confusion, and pain.

This legislation will provide valuable resources to patients, their families, and health care providers to ensure that care at the end of life is aligned with patient wishes and values.

The Advance Planning and Compassionate Care Act of 2009 would:

Improve consumer information about advance care planning and end-of-life care. This legislation would provide critically needed information and assistance to consumers and their families in order to guarantee that an individual's final wishes for care are carried out.

Improve provider education and training about advance care planning and end-of-life care. This legislation would establish a National Geriatric and Palliative Care Service Corps modeled after the National Health Service Corps.

Require portability of advance directives. The legislation would improve the portability of advance directives from one state to another, and require any existing advance directives to be prominently placed in a patient's medical record so they are easily visible.

Authorize funding for new and innovative approaches to advance care planning. Grants would be made available to states for development of electronic advance directive registries. Grants would also be made available to develop systems to identify that a person has an advance directive using driver's licenses, similar to how organ donor status is indicated.

Provide Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP coverage for advance care planning consultations. This legislation provides Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP coverage for advance care planning so that patients can routinely talk to their physicians about their wishes for end-of-life care.

Improve consumer access to hospice and palliative care. This legislation provides greater consumer information about hospice and palliative care, so the public is well informed of the care options available at the end of life.

Provide concurrent care for children. This legislation requires that concurrent care—the provision of both curative and hospice care at the same time—is available to children who qualify for hospice. This will make it possible for children to receive the palliative services they need from hospice while still pursuing potentially curative treatments.

Require the development of quality measures to assess end-of-life care. The Secretary of HHS, acting through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, shall require specific end-of-life care quality measures for each relevant provider setting. The legislation would also develop and implement accreditation standards and processes for hospital-based palliative care teams.

Establish the National Center on Palliative and End-of-Life Care at the NIH. Biomedical and health services research is vital across all phases of life. A new National Center on Palliative and End-of-Life Care at the NIH will lead biomedical research on palliative and end-of-life care.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) CORTLAND MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I stand today in recognition of the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland Men's Lacrosse Team, which won the NCAA Division III championship with a 9–6 victory over Gettysburg College on May 24, 2009. The SUNY Cortland Red Dragons finished 2009 at 19–2, setting a school record for wins in a season. The game also marks the 200th career victory for three-year head coach Steve Beville and Cortland's second national championship in four years.

The Gettysburg Bullets held the lead at 4–2 after the first quarter, only to be shut out by the Cortland defense in the second and third quarters—a scoreless run that spanned about 38 minutes. The Red Dragons tied the game at the half before pulling ahead in the third quarter and closing the game with the title.

Junior Brandon Misiaszek (New Hartford, NY) was named the Most Outstanding Player with a career-high five goals. Mike Tota (Webster, NY) had a goal and an assist, finishing the season just one goal away from becoming the seventh player in school history to score 50 in a season. Senior goalie Matt Hipenbecker (Mountain Lakes, NJ) recorded 10 saves—seven alone during the fourth quarter—finishing an impressive performance in the NCAA playoffs during which he registered 40 saves.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such talented and dedicated athletes in my

district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse Team and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, June 15, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 336 (Motion to Suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 430), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 337 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 2325), "nay" on rollcall vote No. 338 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to HR. 729).

IN REMEMBRANCE OF REV. DR. C.
B. T. SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rev. Dr. C. B. T. Smith who passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Rev. Smith served the congregation of Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, for over 45 years and was regarded nationally as a leading theologian and skilled minister.

Rev. Smith was born as one of 14 children to a sharecropper and a maid, and at the age of 20, he felt a profound call of service to God. In 1952, he became a pastor at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church and began what would become a career spanning almost five decades. Rev. Smith married Rosie Lee Hartfield, on January 2, 1943, and they remained together for over fifty years until her passing on April 15, 2008. He is survived by several god children and three sisters-in-law.

As a pastor, Rev. Smith was a powerhouse in the Dallas area. One of the central points of his ministry was to ensure that the church adapted to the changing social needs of the community. When Rev. Smith saw that many African American men were suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, he developed a program to focus on counseling and rehabilitation. Through his career, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church saw the creation of many ministries and fellowship programs including a Children's Ministry, a Marriage and Counseling Program, and a Senior's Fellowship Program, among others.

Today, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church is one of the most vibrant congregations in Dallas with thanks in large part to the lifelong work of Rev. Dr. C. B. T. Smith. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring the work and life of this great man who made a difference in the lives

of so many individuals. He will be deeply missed.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BARBARA RINGER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Barbara Alice Ringer, who served as Register of Copyrights from November 19, 1973 through May 30, 1980, and was the first woman to hold this position. Ms. Ringer was known for her enduring modesty, her dedication to authors and artists, and her unsurpassed expertise in the field of copyright law.

Ms. Ringer was born in Lafayette, Indiana on May 29, 1925. Ms. Ringer earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from George Washington University, and then went on to become one of a handful of women to receive a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School in 1949.

Following her graduation from law school, Ms. Ringer joined the Copyright Office as an examiner, and worked her way up through the ranks of the Copyright Office, serving as Head of the Renewal and Assignment Section, Chief of the Examining Division, Assistant Register of Copyrights for Examining, and Assistant Register of Copyrights.

In 1971, after 22 years of service to the Copyright Office, five of which were as the second in command of the Office, Ms. Ringer was passed over for promotion to Register of Copyrights. Ms. Ringer challenged this decision and filed a discrimination suit. While the suit was pending, Ms. Ringer served as Director of the Copyright Division of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris.

A federal hearing revealed that there was a consistent pattern of discrimination within the Library of Congress, and that Ms. Ringer had been passed over because of her gender and because she had always vocally supported the promotion of African Americans in the Copyright Office. This ultimately led a federal judge to order that she be named Register of Copyrights. She went on to serve as Register from November 19, 1973, until her retirement in 1980; she was later called back to serve as Acting Register again, from 1993–1994.

Ms. Ringer's most notable accomplishment was the Copyright Act of 1976. Ms. Ringer was one of its chief architects and was the principal author of the Act, which brought sweeping changes and needed updates to United States copyright law. Her efforts, which culminated in passage of the Act, spanned 20 years and involved countless hours forging compromises between parties with conflicting interests and educating Members of Congress on the complexities of copyright law. In 1977, Ms. Ringer received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service for her work related to the Act.

Barbara Ringer passed away at the age of 83 on April 9, 2009, in Lexington, Virginia. In keeping true to her passion for service, she donated upon her death her personal collec-

tion of 20,000 movies and 1,500 books on film to the Library of Congress. On behalf of the American people, thank you Ms. Ringer; you are missed.

REMEMBERING BARBARA RINGER

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a remarkable and pioneering lady, Ms. Barbara A. Ringer, the ninth Register of Copyrights, passed away earlier this year.

The first woman to serve as the head of the United States Copyright Office, which is part of the Library of Congress, Ms. Ringer served as an example of the profound, positive impact that a single individual can have in improving the lives and circumstances of others.

While her professional duties meant that she spent the overwhelming majority of her time and personal energy focused on promoting and protecting the rights of authors, composers, songwriters and performers, her passion for justice was not limited to these concerns.

My distinguished colleague, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, described some of Ms. Ringer's broader efforts in this regard in his remarks that were offered a few moments ago.

When the Washington Post reported on Ms. Ringer's passing, the headline read "Force Behind New Copyright Law". That headline is telling in at least two respects.

First, Ms. Ringer was truly the indomitable catalyst and indispensable person who motivated Congress to enact The Copyright Act of 1976, the first and only major revision of the code since the enactment of the 1909 Copyright Act nearly seven decades before. Ms. Ringer was a visionary who foresaw the impact of technological progress on the rights of individual creators. As the principal author of the 1976 Act, she succeeded to a remarkable degree in promoting principles that both strengthened the rights of authors and provided affirmative protections, for the first time, to users for the "fair use" of copyrighted works.

Second, in referring to the 1976 Act, the Post characterized a law that is now more than three decades old as the "New Copyright Law." This characterization indicates how difficult it is to balance all the competing interests and shepherd a bill that affects so many individuals and entities to enactment and yet this remarkable lady did precisely that through the sheer power of her intellect, commitment, perseverance and strategic abilities.

In closing, I ask that I be permitted to place into the RECORD two documents. The first is the Washington Post article, which I referred to earlier. The second is a Special Edition of Copyright Notices dated April 2009, which was authored by Judith Nierman and does an excellent job of chronicling the life and achievements of Ms. Ringer.

For both those who knew her and those who benefit unknowingly from her tremendous and dedicated efforts, Ms. Ringer has left an indelible legacy that is worthy of public recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJ. MICHAEL S. AVEY FOR EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding soldier and my good friend, Maj. Michael S. Avey, whose exemplary and dedicated service as a Congressional Liaison Officer in support of the United States House of Representatives stands as a testament to the honor and excellence of the United States Army.

A native of Redford, Michigan, Maj. Avey joined the United States Army House Liaison Division in January of 2008, following the completion of his one-year post as a Staff Action Officer with the United States Army Joint Staff. Maj. Avey's prior military experience also includes distinguished service in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of Stabilization Force 8 and deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which he commanded the A/2-327th Infantry Regiment with distinction. In recognition of his distinguished service, Maj. Avey has received several military awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, the Ranger Tab, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

For the past year and a half, Maj. Avey has provided exemplary and indispensable service to Members of Congress and staff as a Congressional Liaison Officer for the United States Army. In addition to assisting our offices on all matters relating to United States Army practice and policy, Maj. Avey has played an instrumental role in the design, development, and execution of Congressional Delegations, through which Members of Congress are afforded the invaluable opportunity to conduct firsthand oversight of areas of legislative concern.

Since joining the Army House Liaison Division, Maj. Avey has served as my primary military liaison and escort officer on several Congressional Delegations, including site visits to Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the Gaza Strip. Accordingly, I have had ample opportunity to witness the excellence, professionalism, and pride with which Maj. Avey conducts his work and in particular, the extent of his admirable commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Members and staff. In addition, I have also had the great privilege to come to know Maj. Avey on a personal level and can genuinely say that his character never fails to reflect the loyalty, honor, and distinction that have come to define his service in the United States Army.

Madam Speaker, Maj. Michael S. Avey stands as the personification of the United States Army's motto, "Army Strong." On behalf of the entire United States House of Representatives, I would like to express my deepest and sincerest gratitude to Maj. Avey for his exemplary and dedicated service and wish him, his wife, Margaret, his son, Brendan, and his daughter, Kate, the best of luck on all of their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 16, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 350.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 350—YES—On Motion that the Committee Rise. Making Appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 350 because the leadership had informed me that there would be no additional votes that evening. Had I been informed of this procedural vote, I would have been present and voted "aye" on the Motion that the Committee Rise.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, "Pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I obtained as part of H.R. 2892."

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs/Emergency Operations Center

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brazoria County Emergency Management

Description of Request: An earmark of \$100,000 to fund construction of an Emergency Operating Center in Brazoria County, Texas.

HONORING FR. FRANCIS
THEODORE PFEIFER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fr. Francis Theodore "Ted" Pfeifer, a public servant who has dedicated his life to serving others as a spiritual advisor and as an American missionary in Southern Mexico. Fr. Pfeifer has been a passionate advocate against the drug cartel in Mexico, a dedicated priest and kind friend to the San Antonio community.

Born in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, he moved to San Antonio, where he completed his theological and pastoral studies at the Oblate "De Mazenod Scholasticate," now the Oblate School of Theology. He served bravely for more than 23 years as an Oblate Missionary in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, tending to his pastoral duties as a missionary and assuming the additional duties of doctor, dentist, electrical journeyman, mechanic, construction foreman, expert in livestock, and most notably as a courageous leader against the drug cartel.

Fr. Pfeifer made history when he began preaching against the infiltration of the drug traders on the Southern Mexican villages in the early 1980's. His outspoken words from the pulpit against the drug cartel brought him face to face with death on numerous occasions. Once Fr. Pfeifer miraculously escaped with his life when bullets riddled the cab of his truck; rather than cowering at the death threats, he fearlessly persisted preaching against the cartel. He continued to fight the drug cartel with the Gospel and encouraged 15,000 locals in his vast parish to resist the threats, massacres and the alluring offers to use their farmland to grow the plants used for drugs.

The severity of the escalating drug cartel activity in the area prompted Fr. Pfeifer to reach out to my father, the late Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. The Oblate's outreach to the U.S. government caught the attention of not just my father, but the then U.S. Speaker of the House Jim Wright and Congressman Albert Bustamante, who together played a pivotal role against the infiltration of the drug cartel in Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fr. Pfeifer as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his priestly ordination, a lifetime of bravery and the launch of his book "When the Wolves Came," a detailed chronicle of the rise of the illegal drug trade. He fought hard his entire life for the causes he believed in and never retreated at the sight of danger. Fr. Pfeifer's dedication to justice and the ongoing battle against the drug cartel are remarkable and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 349 and 350, I was inadvertently detained. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 349 and "nay" on rollcall No. 350.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON 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 Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive

the funding is the Lycoming County Commissioners, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, in the amount of \$250,000. This funding through the COPS account will purchase new equipment for use by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 9-1-1 center. This will directly support the acquisition of an Emergency 9-1-1 console purchase and relocation into a new addition at the center.

The entity to receive funding is the Clarion County Commissioners, 421 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214, in the amount of \$500,000. This funding through the COPS account will create a joint communication system that will promote seamless interoperability capabilities among counties, hospitals, schools, regional, state, and federal agencies. Radio communications, along with broadband/internet connectivity, are vital elements necessary to link all telecommunications needs together where the counties provide direct services and mutual aid.

The entity to receive funding is the Centre County Commissioners, Willow Bank Office Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823, in the amount of \$250,000. The funding will be used for purchase of an upgraded emergency communications system that will improve safety for citizens of the County and allow for interoperability among multiple agencies throughout Centre County.

HONORING JOSEPH F. THOMPSON

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph F. Thompson, the 2008 recipient of the Pennsylvania State Police Trooper of the Year Award and a native of Bucks County.

Trooper Thompson has demonstrated incredible bravery and self-sacrifice during his career as a Pennsylvania State trooper, often putting his own personal safety aside for the sake of serving the public.

Following his graduation from Pennsbury High School, Trooper Thompson enlisted in the Marine Corps. He then attended the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and became a trooper in 1993. After 16 years of distinguished service, he retired this past May.

During his career as a trooper, Thompson worked undercover for the Bureau of Drug and Law Enforcement. He later became a member of Troop K, patrolling highways in search of drug dealers. Over the years, Trooper Thompson faced a number of life-or-death situations, even receiving the State Police Medal of Honor for saving the life of his partner during one such instance.

The Trooper of the Year Award is another highlight in a career marked by much well-deserved recognition. In 2008, Trooper Thompson received the department's highest honor, an award recognizing exceptional performance and courage in the line of duty. This honor was based on accomplishments such as the 108 arrests he made in 2007, as well as an incident where Thompson used his own patrol car to slow a large vehicle carrying \$5 million worth of cocaine on the highway.

The Pennsylvania State Police have clearly been privileged to employ such a committed

officer. Over his years of service, Mr. Thompson has undoubtedly helped ensure the safety and well-being of countless citizens. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Joseph F. Thompson for his extraordinary accomplishments, and extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the FY 2009 Supplemental Conference Report. The funding provided in this Report is part of the President and Congress' comprehensive effort to keep our nation safe. The brave men and women in our armed forces are central to our national security. From ensuring our troops have appropriate equipment to fully funding military pay and providing compensation for stop-loss, President Obama and Congress are committed to providing for our troops and their families. The Conference Report also allows the extension of the new GI-Bill benefits to children of members of the armed forces who die while on active duty.

Another central piece of our national security is implementing the comprehensive plans that President Obama has laid out for Iraq and Afghanistan, and this Conference Report is consistent with those plans. It also funds new initiatives in Pakistan as part of our continued effort to improve their ability to confront the threat posed by the Taliban and al Qaeda. Working to improve our health security, the Supplemental Conference Report provides billions for pandemic flu response to expand detection efforts, supplement federal stockpiles, and develop, purchase and administer vaccines.

Congress is working with President Obama every day to keep our nation safe—this legislation is a key piece of that effort. I urge my colleagues to support it.

CALLING ON NORTH KOREA TO END HOSTILE RHETORIC AND ACTIVITY TOWARD SOUTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, yesterday morning, President Barack Obama welcomed to our nation's capital Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea (South Korea). President Lee's friendship and alliance with this country is an integral part of the United States' policy in Northeast Asia, specifically as it relates to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). I join President Obama in welcoming President Lee to the United States. On behalf of the Fifth District of New Jersey, I thank

President Lee for his leadership in the region and wish him and his nation well.

Though separated by an ocean, the interests of our two nations are joined in the face of current events. The nuclearization of North Korea poses a danger to the security of both the United States and South Korea. There can be no mistake: the threats of Pyongyang cannot be ignored, nor can they be tolerated. North Korea must cease its pursuit of nuclear technology and reengage in dialogue with its neighbor on the Korean Peninsula.

On Monday, the House passed H. Res. 309, of which I was pleased to be an original cosponsor. This bipartisan resolution calls on North Korea to cease its hostile rhetoric, discontinue its nuclear program, and engage in mutual dialogue with South Korea. An immediate end to North Korean aggression is the only acceptable resolution to this conflict.

Continued North Korean hostility will only serve to harden inter-Korean relations and result in the further destabilization of the region. The policy of the U.S. must be to reject any nuclear aspirations or antagonistic rhetoric on the part of North Korea and its leadership. We should not relent, nor should we apologize for implementing economic sanctions against the North. Rather, we should make it clear that additional economic and diplomatic consequences are in store if North Korea continues its reckless course.

North Korean hostility not only endangers South Korea, the United States, and our allies; it poses a danger to the North Korean people as well. Kim Jong-il has drawn his people into a conflict they have not sought. While the dictator pursued nuclear arms and other weaponry, millions of North Koreans have starved to death in the last two decades. The posture of their leader is a poor representation of the North Korean people.

I support President Obama in the steps he has taken to censure North Korea's recent hostilities. I now urge the Administration to continue using diplomatic pressure to disarm North Korea and encourage bilateral discussions between the North and the South.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN MEDICARE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, for too long, the federal government has enabled the inefficiencies of our health care system. This is not only wasteful, but inequitable to taxpayers in efficient, low-spending regions such as Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Minnesota who are subsidizing high-spending regions of the country.

Medicare beneficiaries living in Miami, Las Vegas, New York and Houston receive approximately 60% more services than those living in low-spending regions. This higher spending has not produced higher quality of care or superior outcomes. In fact, research shows that health care outcomes and patient satisfaction are often greater in regions that spend less.

We cannot afford to ignore this problem any longer. The June 2008 Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) report stated

that “. . . our health care system is not delivering value for its stakeholders . . . if current spending and utilization trends continue, the Medicare program is fiscally unsustainable.”

Today I am introducing two bills to address this looming problem. The first would change the financial incentives in our health care system to reward low-spending Medicare regions through a 5% bonus payment. Currently, there is no financial incentive for high-spending regions to reign in spending. This would create that incentive and reward regions that have made a concerted effort to efficiently use health resources.

The second would lay the foundation for better, more accurate research for Congress to use in analyzing Medicare policy recommendations. The legislation will change MedPAC's statutory mandate to include an annual report to examine each Medicare region, evaluating access to care, quality of care, increases or decreases in volume of services, and the potential effects of other policy recommendations under consideration. This new report will provide critical data and result in more accurate and targeted policy recommendations that take into effect geographic variations and recognize that distinctly different delivery systems should be treated differently.

These strategic investments in Medicare will lay the groundwork for future improvements and refinements to the program as we promote efficiency and quality in all regions of the country.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Defense Supplemental both as a member of the House and as a Commander (select) in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

My fellow soldiers need the resources this bill will provide, and they need them as soon as possible.

I know there is much consternation on the other side of the aisle regarding funds contained in this bill for the International Monetary Fund. I, too, share those concerns, but, I cannot in good conscience vote against the many provisions in this bill that will assist our soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen deployed around the world. These provisions include: \$500 million for National Guard and Reserve Equipment, \$4.5 billion for MRAPs, over \$331 million for high priority intelligence and surveillance, and over \$1 billion to help defeat the threat caused by Improvised Explosive Devices.

Finally, this legislation will compensate 185,000 service members who have been involuntarily extended since September 11th, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to support our soldiers who are bravely defending this nation. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RAY
BURKHOLDER

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to a man who has dedicated 60 years to making weather observations for Northwest Ohio. Today, Ray Burkholder of Pandora, Ohio will celebrate this great milestone achieved by earlier weather recorders Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service was started in 1807, when the Nation's first scientific agency, the Survey of the Coast, was established. In the 1890s, NOAA established the Cooperative Weather Observation Program. Starting in 1949, when Mr. Burkholder was brought into the NOAA in Northwest Ohio, he became an integral part of the Administration. Up to this day, Mr. Burkholder has taken nearly 21,900 observations. The data collected by Mr. Burkholder benefited federal, state, and local agencies including the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

In addition to the Cooperative Weather Observation Program, Mr. Burkholder has served on the local area school board, and was the president of the Pandora Medical Center and the Mennonite Disaster Relief Service of Western Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Ray Burkholder. Mr. Burkholder's selfless commitment and dedication to the National Weather Service and Northwest Ohio has served our communities well. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize the service of Ray Burkholder.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY BROWN

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeffrey Brown, the President and CEO of Brown's Super Stores, Inc. The first Brown's Family Shoprite opened in Philadelphia in 1988 under the leadership of Jeffrey Brown. The Brown's Family Shoprite franchise is one of the last major family grocery businesses left in the county, and counts 2,500 residents as employees. Brown's Family Shoprite has earned a well-deserved reputation of strong community involvement, working alongside local organizations, businesses, and neighborhood groups for events and outreach in the eleven communities where stores are located.

Mr. Brown leads the franchise he founded by example, and he is a fourth-generation Philadelphia grocer. As CEO, he is actively engaged in working with local groups that fight hunger, prevent violence, and help give youth a better future through career preparation. Mr. Brown is an officer and member of the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Youth Network. He has recently supported the "Goods

for Guns" Program, an exchange that encourages community members to surrender firearms. He has been commended by the NAACP, and actively assists minority businesspeople in achieving their entrepreneurial goals. Mr. Brown has also been recognized by the City of Philadelphia and South Jersey for his work. Mr. Brown and his franchise have been strong supporters of the arts and other community events throughout the years.

Brown's Family Shoprite is a member of the Wakefern Food Corporation, the largest food cooperative in the United States. Mr. Brown's involvement in this cooperative allows him to share his knowledge and experience outside of the district. Mr. Brown is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Food Merchants, New Jersey Food Council, and Philadelphia Urban League. He has aided grocers across the country in understanding marketing and business development in urban areas, as well as the serving of diverse communities.

Jeffrey Brown has been a community leader and business innovator. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Brown for his extraordinary accomplishments, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL
GOLD MEDAL TO THE WOMEN
AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for S. 614, which passed the House yesterday by voice vote. This resolution recognizes Women Air Force Service Pilots or WASP. These remarkable individuals were the first women in history to fly America's military aircraft. Between 1942 and 1944, these courageous women volunteered to fly noncombat missions so that every available male pilot could be deployed in combat.

These women set a fine example of bravery and helped lead the way for the women of today's armed forces. For too long their deeds have gone unnoticed. This legislation grants these extraordinary patriots the recognition they so deserve by awarding them a Congressional Gold Medal.

There are 300 women pioneers still living today and I am proud to serve as the representative for one of these women. Emily Kline, who resides in Blairstown, New Jersey, served our nation valiantly in World War II. It is because of individuals such as Emily Kline that the current generation of Americans is able to live and work in a nation as free as ours.

The companion bill to S. 614 is H.R. 2014 and I was proud to be one of the 335 cosponsors of this bill. The generation of men and women who served in World War II have come to be known as the "greatest generation." Women such as Emily Kline were part of that generation and for her service she deserves our gratitude.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2410) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, to modernize the Foreign Service, and for other purposes:

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chair, H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, authorizes funding for the Department of State, the United States Peace Corps, and various international organizations. I cannot support H.R. 2410. This legislation recklessly overspends American tax dollars, fails to enact any much-needed reforms of international organizations, and actively supports a radical social agenda that conflicts with the majority views of the American people.

By authorizing more than \$40 billion over five years, the House Democrats are again recklessly spending money that the American people do not have. At a time when so many Americans are struggling to make ends meet, exorbitant increases in foreign policy spending are absolutely inappropriate.

H.R. 2410 authorizes additional funding of 13 percent for the State Department, 32.4 percent for the Peace Corps, and 35 percent for State Department salaries. These types of increases clearly demonstrate that Congressional Democrats are failing to be good stewards of the nation's treasury.

H.R. 2410 also provides billions of dollars for the United Nations and other international organizations without demanding any reforms. Without serious reforms the United Nations will continue to fail to meet the challenges facing our world. This legislation does nothing to reformulate the U.S. payments to the United Nations to more accurately reflect current economic conditions. It fails to implement a code of conduct for UN employees, does nothing to reform UN procurement or budgetary procedures, fails to freeze the UN budget, and does not address the UN's continued push for an international tax. Providing billions of American tax dollars without conditions weakens any effort to bring about meaningful reform.

Most concerning, though, is that H.R. 2410 aggressively advocates for a radical social agenda. American foreign policy should advocate for the national interests of the American people, not a divisive, extremist policy to placate liberal activists.

First, this legislation establishes an Office for Global Women's Issues to promote the task of "women's empowerment internationally." Given the rescission of the Mexico City Policy and this administration's strong commitment to abortion, there were serious concerns that this office will be used to promote the legalization of abortion abroad. The Obama administration and Democrat leadership clearly intend to use this office to promote international abortions.

All doubt was removed when Republicans offered a substitute amendment to ensure this office would not advocate for international abortions. It was defeated on a party-line vote.

H.R. 2410 also takes an extraordinary step to require the Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor to track violence or restrictions based on "perceived sexual orientation and gender identity." The bill would also require that the annual human rights report include information about violence or discrimination based on "perceived sexual orientation or gender identity." Finally, the bill would require Foreign Service officers to take instruction on identifying violence or discrimination based on "perceived sexual orientation or gender identity." Our tax dollars are not well spent monitoring the treatment of homosexuals worldwide.

This legislation furthermore mandates that American diplomats make overturning other country's laws regarding homosexuality a foreign policy priority. During committee consideration of the bill, Rep. MIKE PENCE offered an amendment that charged the State Department with continuing in their work to "to protect all people against gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, as described in section 116(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961." This language would have committed the U.S. to the protection of homosexual people—as they would any person—against torture, cruel, inhuman treatment, or "other flagrant denial of the right to life, liberty, and the security of person." Unfortunately, this amendment was voted down by committee Democrats.

U.S. foreign policy should be focused on progressing clear national security interests of the American people. Carving out special considerations regarding homosexuality, irrespective of larger foreign policy goals, could hinder vital diplomatic efforts. U.S. foreign policy should not be used as to promote special interests concerns, but the vital common strategic interests of this nation.

Mr. Chair, for these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 2410.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CAO. 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. 2892—the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2892—the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for the City of New Orleans Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), New Orleans, LA in support of an Emergency Operations Center. This is in the FEMA—State and Local Programs—Emergency Operations Center Account in the amount of \$750,000. This will benefit the City of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 4W07, New Orleans, LA 70112 in the form of upgrades and retrofitting of a new permanent Emergency Operations Center for the city's sole 9-1-1 emergency medical service provider. This funding will help secure and store equipment and medication, and provide a training center and base of operations for the emergency medical services. Currently, Emergency Medical Services are operating

from a pairing of FEMA trailers staged underneath the Crescent City Connection overpass. Moving to the new facility on City Park Avenue and making the proposed changes to the facility will provide for the critical operational needs. Having a secure medication and equipment storage area, training areas, and a protected emergency operations center will help the department serve the citizens of New Orleans and better secure the city.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN GLADDEN
MACK**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing communicator and deaf friend, Joan Gladden Mack, upon her retirement after a 28-year career in television and radio. Ms. Gladden is a remarkable woman who I have known since our days as students together at South Carolina State College.

Joan Gladden was born in a close-knit Gullah community on James Island, South Carolina. She graduated as salutatorian of Gresham-Meggett High School in 1960, and received scholarships to attend South Carolina State. Joan was gifted in the sciences, and majored in biology with the intention of pursuing a career in medicine or physical therapy. But her brothers persuaded her to join them in New York, where she took a job as a program director for the New York City Youth Board.

After four years in the "Big Apple," Joan decided to return home where she continued her work with youth as the program director for the YMCA. She later served as a caseworker for the Charleston County Department of Social Services and a teacher in the County's Manpower Program. It was during her time at the Manpower Program, that Joan's career path changed.

In 1972, many media outlets, including WCSC-TV in Charleston, started recruiting African Americans for on-air positions. While Joan had no formal training in broadcast journalism, many leaders in the black community encouraged Joan to apply. She went to apply during her lunch hour and was asked to stay for an interview. She returned the next day for an on-air audition and, as they say, the rest is history.

Ms. Mack was hired the same day as her audition and became the public service director and co-host of "Kaleidoscope," a morning talk show on WCSC-TV. Despite landing the job, Joan was unsure of the longevity of her new career and decided to continue teaching with Manpower in the evenings just in case things didn't work out.

Her talent and tenacity ensured Joan's success. She became a local celebrity and a role model for both blacks and whites. After spending five years at WCSC-TV, Joan moved to WCBF-TV where she became a news reporter and later anchored the news. Yet she yearned to do more reporting that would allow her to have an impact on the community. She became an investigative reporter and covered three stories of which she is especially proud: one involving teen pregnancy, another prison overcrowding and the third involved abuse in the state mental hospital.

After 14 years in the news business, Joan began looking for a greater challenge. She requested a position in the station's management, which had no African American representation. Her request was denied, and Joan felt it was time to move on.

In 1985, Joan was hired by the College of Charleston as its media resources coordinator. She rose to serve as the university's public relations director and director of administration. Ten years into her work at the College of Charleston, Joan was presented with an opportunity to keep her hands in broadcasting, and jumped at the chance.

In 1995, South Carolina ETV closed some of its broadcast sites around the state. One of those sites was on the USS Yorktown in Mt. Pleasant. The College of Charleston was asked if it would house the broadcast equip-

ment from that studio and in return the college received 30 minutes of air time for a weekly show. "Conversations With Joan Mack" was born, and the show has aired for 14 years on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on public radio stations throughout South Carolina. The show focuses on politics, social issues and the arts, and I am honored to have been a guest on Joan's show on several occasions.

In addition to her life in broadcast journalism, Joan devotes time to her faith, which she credits with keeping her grounded. After attending Catholic masses with friends in college, Joan researched the religion and converted to Catholicism. She has served as president of the local and state levels of the National Council of Catholic Women, and as director of the Atlanta Province, which allowed her to represent the region on the national

board. She also serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Charleston.

Joan is married to Charles Mack, who worked for Amtrak. They raised daughters, Dandria Williams-Clark and Kashauna Simmons, and son, Charles Austin Mack. Today the couple are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Joan Mack on her groundbreaking career and well-deserved retirement. I am sure Joan will continue her community involvements, and being a role model for many in the Charleston community. I wish her Godspeed and all the best in the next phase of her life.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 22

3 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine over-the-counter derivatives, focusing on modernizing oversight to increase transparency and reduce risks.
SD-538

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-232A

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine drug trafficking in West Africa.
SD-419
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine religious liberty, media freedom, and the rule of law in Russia.
SVC-203/202

10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 845, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.
SD-226

11 a.m.
Armed Services
Airland Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222

2 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine high-speed passenger rail.
SR-253

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
S-407, Capitol

3:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-232A

5:30 p.m.
Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222

JUNE 24

9 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine type 1 diabetes research progress.
SD-106

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-232A

Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs quality management activities.
SR-418

10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, and Paul T. Anastas, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
SD-406

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness, aging and special needs.
SD-562

11 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine certain issues concerning Iran.
SD-419

2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the EB-5 Regional Center Program, focusing on job creation and foreign investment in the United States.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Capricia Penavic Marshall, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Department of State.
SD-419

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222

2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 797, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country.
SD-628

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.
SR-222

JULY 14

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 796, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.
SD-366

JULY 15

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine bridging the gap in care of women veterans.
SR-418

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.
SR-418