

INTRODUCING A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POST OFFICE" IN PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located as 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Northeast Portland, Oregon as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office." This post office shall serve to remind us of the civil rights leader who inspired a nation and served as a catalyst for change. Our nation has come a long way since the days of the civil rights movement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of equality and brotherhood between all people continues to inspire.

In fact, this bill is a result of a community effort led by local letter carriers Jamie Partridge and Isham Harris. In 2007, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Harris collected employee signatures supporting this naming, as well as letters of support from the Piedmont and Concordia Neighborhood Associations, and the Sabin Community Association.

I am pleased to carry their effort forward and am proud that Representatives WU, DEFAZIO, WALDEN, and SCHRADER, the full Oregon Congressional delegation, have joined as original cosponsors in the House. Senators WYDEN and MERKLEY will soon introduce companion legislation in the Senate.

Naming one of our community's postal facilities after one of the century's most inspiring leaders is a personal reminder of Dr. King's achievements and the work that remains to be done. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the swift passage and enactment of this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE ANDERSON LADY ORANGE

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Anderson Lady Orange on winning Ohio's 2009 Division III Women's Lacrosse State Championship, for the second year in a row. In the past three seasons, the Lady Orange have a record of 44 and 11, including 15 wins this season.

Led by Head Coach Paul Eldridge, Anderson defended their state title by defeating Bexley 9-8. Scoring in the championship game for the Lady Orange was Kate Shingleton—five goals, Shelby Smith—two goals, Caroline Eldridge, and Chelsea Ritter. Goalie Ashlee Heckard finished the game with five saves. Senior Kate Shingleton was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Offensive Player.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating these talented young women for their historic lacrosse season and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors. Go Lady Orange!

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PERKINS BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Perkins School for the Blind on being recognized by the Library of Congress as the 2008 Talking Book Library of the Year.

The Perkins School for the Blind, the first school for the blind in the United States, began with its founding over 175 years ago. Within a few short years, Perkins became known for its effective instructional techniques, including teaching Laura Bridgman, the first known deaf blind person to be educated. Perkins School is also responsible for nurturing the talents of Helen Keller, who came to Perkins on her way to breaking down barriers and perceptions about what people who are blind or deaf blind can accomplish.

Since first joining Congress, I've held the deep belief that there is no reason why anyone living in our country should not have equal opportunity to the literary genius of our nation and world. This belief, has led me to support efforts like that of the Perkins School, which always innovate with accessibility in mind.

The Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library, for over 174 years, has distinguished itself as a leader in providing innovative literary accessibility to those amongst us with visual and other disabilities.

In 2008, the Perkins School Braille and Talking Book Library circulated over 442,935 book and magazines, served 22,814 borrowers, and loaned over 5,000 play machines and accessories. The great staff of the Perkins School researched 13,164 title inquiries and found over 89 percent of those titles in an accessible format.

The Perkins School for the Blind should be commended for their tremendous effort to educate not only those with visual and other disabilities, but all of us. Because of the work of institutions like the Perkins School for the Blind, millions of individuals actively learned that with training and opportunity, those with visual and/or other disabilities can attain self-sufficiency and independently thrive throughout their lives.

Madam Speaker, I'm proud to congratulate the Perkins School for the Blind.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information regarding project funding I had requested and which was included within the legislation H.R. 2647, as reported. To the best of my knowledge, none of these six requests: (1) are directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not in-

tended 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; and (3) meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that neither my spouse, nor I, have any personal financial interests in these requests.

Project Title: Optimizing Natural Language Processing of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)

Amount: \$1.5 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Army Address of Requesting Entity: Attensity, Inc., 90 South 400 West, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable

Description and Justification of Funding: Project, in conjunction with the University of New York at Buffalo, would fund research and development of an "all-source" fusion tool for collecting open-source data from the web, blogs, social networking sites, and RSS feeds, to provide more effective defense intelligence analysis and improving military decision making in asymmetric warfare situations

Project Title: PCC Apron NW End Taxiway

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Amount: \$5.1 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction, Air Force Address of Requesting Entity: Hill AFB, Utah. 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah 84056

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable

Description and Justification of Funding: Project would correct runway deficiencies and allow for more aircraft to be prepared for flight at the same time that airstrip landing and take-off operations are being conducted, increasing military readiness, safety, and reducing jet fuel costs

Project Title: Propellant Conversion to Fertilizer Program for Tooele Army Depot

Amount: \$3.4 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Army Address of Requesting Entity: Archtech, Inc., 14100 Park Meadow Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable

Description and Justification of Funding: Project would fund new conventional ammunition demilitarization method at Tooele Army Depot, Utah, as an environmentally-responsible alternative to the Army's current "open-pit, open-burn" method of disposal

Project Title: Repair Technology Insertion Program (RepTIP)

Amount: \$5.2 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Air Force

Address of Requesting Entity: General Atomics Inc., 16969 Mesamint Street, San Diego, CA 92127

Matching Funds: None

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable

Description and Justification of Funding: Project would fund the development of repair