

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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.—the Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), State and Local Programs—Emergency Operations Center, Union County, NJ. The entity to receive funding for this project is: County of Union, One Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

The funding would be used to expand the capabilities of the Union County Emergency Operations Center to connect with each municipal police, fire and emergency management office, and also to serve as a redundant center to Union County Fire Mutual Aid and all 2 municipal departments during an emergency.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL—25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Name of Requesting Entity: Jackson Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 1611 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Jackson Health System Hurricane Mitigation Structural Reinforcement Initiative. This funding will be used for Jackson Health System (JHS), operated by Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and is the county's sole public health system; the primary provider for the county's indigent and uninsured and its sole trauma center. At its center is Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH), one of the nation's busiest (based on # of admissions) and largest (1,567 beds) with average annual occupancy levels consistently over 90%. When a hurricane warning is issued, JHS serves as an emergency evacuation shelter for medically at risk individuals (with limited family members).

The number of psychiatric emergency issues countywide increases and presents at JHS. Employees are required to remain in place until they are relieved, which is often after storm conditions pass. These factors contribute to hurricane related occupancy levels that are considerably higher than normal

levels of operation. Miami-Dade County's geographic location places the area at risk for many natural and societal hazards. Situated in the south eastern most part of Florida the area is marked by flat topography, low land elevations and high groundwater tables in the Biscayne aquifer. Over the last one hundred years, 33 hurricanes and tropical storms have approached within 75 miles of Miami-Dade County. Of these, 9 have been a category 3 or higher intensity storm. Given that the physical demographics of the almost 2.3 million residents of Miami-Dade County inhabit the eastern most 20 miles of coastline, it is the most populated areas that suffer the maximum impact of storms. In 2004, Florida had a record breaking hurricane season with four major disaster declarations, Hurricane Charley, Hurricane Frances, Hurricane Ivan, and Hurricane Jeanne. In 2005, Florida again suffered from an extreme season with four major disaster declarations: Hurricane Dennis, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and Hurricane Wilma. Florida consistently has the greatest risk for a direct hit by a hurricane of any other location in the United States. Additionally, it is subject to several other threats such as extreme tropical thunderstorms, sudden tornados and high trade winds and has the highest occurrences of severe lightning activity. Given the anticipated demands placed on the Ryder Trauma Center in the event of a direct hit of a high category storm, it is imperative that the building be structurally safe, adequately secured, and operationally functional. This funding will be used to structurally reinforce and fortify the trauma center through an exterior skin upgrade. The current construction is unsuitable for a threat of a higher category storm. This is a tremendous vulnerability for the County's only trauma center. As the most critical facility in all of Miami-Dade County, it is imperative that JHS fortify the building to ensure uninterrupted operations. This project is wholly consistent with Federal and agency missions to provide pre-disaster mitigation assistance to critical public entities who serve as vital providers of emergency services. The frequency and foreseeable nature of natural disasters striking densely populated Miami-Dade County make the project a natural priority for federal participation in protecting a safety-net institution such as the Ryder Trauma Center.

THANKING AND CONGRATULATING  
GEORGE A. DALLEY, CHIEF OF  
STAFF TO MY OFFICE, ON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE HILL

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend a dear friend and colleague, George Albert Dalley, on an illustrious public service career spanning 30 years in federal government, private practice, international af-

fairs, and presidential politics. With a razor-sharp intellect, unmatched mettle and grit, and an undeniable warmth and grace that has made him a beloved figure on the Hill, George returned as my Chief of Staff and Counsel in 2001—his third stint in that capacity—and will this month retire after a successful tenure.

But George is more than just a co-worker to me. We have maintained a personal and working relationship for the larger part of my political life that has proved abundantly edifying and rewarding. The many who have met and been touched by George and his life's work can attest that he is equal parts strong mind and ample heart, a kind soul who cares deeply about the issues of the day and their impact on everyday people—in America and across the globe.

Born in Havana, Cuba, to Jamaican parents in 1941, George immigrated to New York City and became a naturalized citizen, attending the prestigious Columbia University where he earned three degrees: an undergraduate degree, a master's in business administration, and a juris doctorate. He is a member of the Bars of the District of Columbia, New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court, serves as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is on the Board of Directors for the Apollo Theatre Foundation and for Africare as Chair.

Between 1989 and up until he rejoined my staff in 2001, he practiced in the areas of legislative, administrative, and international law. As a former partner at Holland and Knight, he represented the interests of foreign governments—from Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua to Senegal, the Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, and Botswana—before the federal government, Congress, and multilateral financial institutions.

He sought to bring economic development to Africa and the Caribbean, working tirelessly to spur private investment in the two regions and working closely with me in securing passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the enhancement of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. As a founding member of the Corporate Council on Africa and as a former U.S. counsel to the African Business Round Table, he promoted greater understanding of the opportunities for successful investment in the private sectors of African nations.

George played an integral, central role in getting Congress to deny tax preferences to companies doing business in apartheid South Africa—a move that hugely undermined that government and was reportedly one of the most influential sanctions in bringing that system down.

Aside from his loyal and dedicated service with me in the early 1970s, mid-1980s, and 2000s, George has served in senior-level posts in our government: as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations Affairs, responsible for U.S. policy on human rights and social issues in the United Nations; as an appointed member of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, advancing the deregulation of the airline industry in the administration of President Jimmy Carter; as Deputy

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Director of the Mondale for President campaign.

He is an unabashed lover of people; of politics, policy and law; and of course, of his beloved New York Yankees. He and his late wife, Pearl Elizabeth Love, were a remarkable and loving couple, having raised two great sons, Jason and Benjamin, who have in turn given George two young and vivacious grandchildren, Lilah Pearl and Reid. George has served this country superbly well over the course of his career, and America is the better for it. His insight and guidance will be missed in my office and in offices throughout the Hill, but his dynamic spirit and sense of purpose we take with us as our motivation and driving force.

We thank him for his incredible service, his devoted friendship, and wish him many blessings going forward.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the H.R. 2918, and I commend Chairwoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for crafting a bill that acknowledges the importance of a well-funded legislative branch while at the same time considers the challenging economic environment.

The bill provides a modest increase for the Government Accountability Office, which I would like to see increased, possibly in conference with the Senate. A robust and healthy GAO is vital if Congress is going to be able to execute our mandate of rigorous oversight.

I am also glad that the bill addresses the issue of staff-led tours. I, with my staff, take great pride in hosting constituents when they visit Washington, D.C. In years past constituents have told me and my staff that their staff-led tour of the Capitol was the highlight of their trip to the city. I make sure that staff-led tours are relevant to my constituents, something that Capitol Tour Guides, while very knowledgeable, simply cannot do when conducting tours with people from all over the country.

I am disappointed, however, in the success of the motion to recommit, which would eliminate funding for the Wheels 4 Wellness program. Wheels 4 Wellness was created to give House staff an alternate mode of transportation around the Hill campus during the business day. As we also prepare to debate climate change legislation, programs that lessen our carbon footprint should be encouraged and supported, not eliminated. I agree with the Committee Report and with the Chairwoman's comments, and I hope to see the shortcomings of the program addressed so that staff will have access to a stronger and more viable Wheels 4 Wellness program.

RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS IN THE 8TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following in recognition for their service as past municipal mayors and presidents in the 8th District of Illinois:

Bill Gentes, Round Lake  
Scott Gifford, Deer Park  
Keith Hunt, Hawthorn Woods  
Dick Hyde, Waukegan  
Tom Hyde, Island Lake  
Cindy Irwin, Fox Lake  
Dorothy Larson, Antioch  
Catherine Mechert, Bartlett  
Ted Mueller, Hainsville  
Rita Mullins, Paltine  
Timothy Perry, Grayslake  
Virginia Povidas, Lakemoor  
Salvatore Saccomanno, Wauconda  
John Tolomei, Lake Zurich.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892  
Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Emergency Operations Center  
Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management  
Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 will be used to assist with planning and construction of a building addition to the existing Kentucky Emergency Operations Center (7,126 sq ft.) which was built in 1975. Staff are currently scattered across Frankfort in three different locations as far as 8 miles apart. During disasters, FEMA and other local, state, and federal partner agencies have no space available in the existing structure. The EOC serves as the primary in-state operations response center for coordination during an emergency.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892  
Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program  
Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management  
Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: The Martin County Fiscal Court, through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, proposes a stream improvement project to mitigate the repetitive damage at Blacklog Fork and Old Route 40 in

Inez. The County proposes to widen the channel in key locations and armor eroding banks for the first two stream miles of Blacklog Fork (above its confluence with Coldwater Fork). Roadways and bridges have already been elevated and correction of the drainage problem will alleviate flooding in this area. The bill includes \$500,000 in planning and construction funds toward this \$700,000 project.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892  
Account: S&T Research, Development, Acquisition, & Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Institute for Hometown Security, Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 610 Valley Oak Drive, Suite 1, Somerset, Kentucky 42503

Description of Request: The funding will be used to continue to provide leadership in discovering and developing community-based critical infrastructure protection solutions; facilitate commercialization; and encourage deployment. The \$10 million FY10 program will help continue robust research for homeland security solutions and build on this successful partnership.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892  
Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: Eastern Kentucky University, 50 Stratton Bldg., 521 Lancaster Blvd., Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Description of Request: This \$3 million allocation of FEMA funds will continue robust and tailor-made homeland security and disaster response training to the rural first responder community. The non-federal grant managing entity is Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). EKU manages these grant funds on behalf of itself and its partner institutions; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; Iowa Central Community College, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas; University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio and North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina. The funding will be used to continue to provide and deliver training to rural first responders consistent with the National Preparedness Goal.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R.  
Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Homestead

Address of Requesting Entity: 790 N. Homestead, FL, 33030

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the City of Homestead Water Utility Upgrades. This funding will be used for

the installation of telemetry systems that will: (1) allow the City to substantially decrease the carbon footprint associated with driving to check each pump station on a daily basis, (2) free personnel to respond to emergencies and result in the reduction of response time to emergencies at remote sites, as a result of a disaster, and (3) result in improved efficiencies in man-power, and usage of natural resources, significantly increasing reliability and diminishing sewage back up occurrences. This project is identified in the master plan which was created on the City's behalf in 2003 and updated in 2006, and will produce approximately 10 new jobs in the local economy. The City of Homestead owns and operates a wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system, which encompasses over 89 miles of sewer lines of various sizes with a total of 50 pump stations. The plant is responsible for treatment of more than 1.63 billion gallons annually and currently serves over 9,200 customers, some of which are located outside the City limits. Now over 50 years old, Homestead's current infrastructure lacks the capacity and the ability to treat the increased wastewater demand as a result of the unprecedented population growth experienced in the last several years. Accordingly, the City has undertaken a multi-phase expansion of its Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure. As part of this expansion and renovation, Homestead is requesting federal funding for the procurement and installation of water and wastewater telemetry equipment, which will provide real-time information on performance, demands on the system and water withdrawals. These upgrades are crucial to allowing the staff to coordinate efforts and manage water usage, more efficiently using water from the aquifer and minimizing water losses, thereby conserving the natural resources of the Biscayne Aquifer. The projected cost for this system is \$1,538,461 and will provide constant monitoring and control of 64 wastewater pump stations, 3 elevated water tanks, and 6 raw water well pumps. To date, the City has procured several studies and master plans addressing the needs of the wastewater system and has spent over \$200,000 to pre-design and identify crucial projects necessary to maintain the level of service to the growing community.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County Storm Water Management Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie St., Painesville, OH 44077, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$725,000 for the Lamplight Lane Retention

Basin Project in Willoughby Hills. This flood control project along a tributary to the Euclid Creek would be funded as a flood mitigation project under FEMA. Funding will be used for excavation and embankment, clearing and grubbing, rock channel protection, 54" diameter conduit, 16'x14' box culvert, pavement replacement, restoration, channel erosion matting, engineering, surveying, inspection, construction, and administration. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help alleviate substantial flooding of multiple properties. Funding this project will reduce overall risks to people, structures and property, while also reducing the need for funding from an actual disaster declaration.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kannapolis, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 614 8th Street, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Description of Request: Bill provides \$425,000 for the 8th Street culvert replacement project in Kannapolis, NC. The existing 8th Street culvert is a 65-foot-long, four-inch by eight-inch box that was constructed using granite blocks mortared into place. As a result of Tropical Storm Fay, large cracks in the wall and floor of the culvert have allowed water to enter the area behind it and erode the fill material around it. This situation has caused a slope failure on the downstream side of 8th Street. In addition, a number of blocks used to form the top of the culvert have broken into two pieces, limiting structural support for the roadway above. The 8th Street culvert connector road from Main Street to West A Street is utilized by a number of citizens and the nearby Woodrow Wilson Elementary School as a primary transportation route. The roadway has been closed since early December 2008 due to the culvert's deteriorating condition.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2996—the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fayetteville

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 West Mountain, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704

Description of Request: The existing sewer line that provides service to eastern Fayetteville and the city of Elkins was constructed of clay tile pipe in the mid-1970s. This pipe is no longer water tight due to external and internal corrosion, and age. As a result, there is groundwater intrusion, likely small amounts of sewage leakage into groundwater and thence into the White River, and piping failures resulting in sewage overflows. The multi-jurisdictional issues coupled with the absence of adequate local financial resources render this an ongoing environmental challenge. The piping system is in such poor condition that sewage flows are increased by a factor of three due to extraneous rain and ground water that enters the system through the pipe defects. This extra flow overtaxes the entire wastewater system, causing sanitary sewer overflows during heavy rains and requiring greatly oversized wastewater treatment facilities.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2996, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project name: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Binns property

Amount: \$200,000

Account: National Park Service Land Acquisition

Requested by: The Conservation Fund, 1655 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209

Intended recipient of funds: Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park

Project description and explanation of the request: This project will provide \$200,000 for land acquisition by the U.S. National Park Service, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park to acquire a portion of the 1,100-acre Binns property. The Binns property was the site of significant fighting during the Chancellorsville's campaign in 1863 and is today one of the largest unprotected pieces of the core battlefield area. This project provides \$200,000 for land acquisition as part of a \$4,228,000 project to acquire the 1,100-acre Binns property. Public funds are justified to be used by a federal agency to acquire and preserve threatened Civil War battlefields.

Project name: Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge, Bowers property

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service Land Acquisition

Requested by: The Conservation Fund, 1655 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209

Intended recipient of funds: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge (RRNWR)

Project description and explanation of the request: The acquisition of the 265-acre Bowers tract at Fones Cliff will provide RRNWR the opportunity to create hiking trails, provide historic interpretation relating to the Captain John Smith National Water Trail, and ensure public access to the Fones Cliff area. This project provides \$500,000 for land acquisition as part of a \$3,023,000 project to acquire the 265-acre Bowers tract property. Public funds are justified to be used by a federal agency to conserve, protect, and enhance the nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats for continuing benefit of people.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. 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. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I requested one project in H.R. 2996.

\$500,000 for The Conservation Fund located at 2507 Calloway Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303. This funding will go towards the purchase of environmentally sensitive land surrounding Three sisters Springs in Citrus County. This property abuts manatee protection areas and would place a large undeveloped tract of land in public ownership, allowing for the further protection of the spring as well as the endangered manatee species.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding member requests I received as part of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDTE, Army, Line 13, PE 0602601A

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Sturman Industries

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: One Innovation Way, Woodland Park, CO 80863

Description of the Request: Requesting \$3.5 million funding for Digital Engine/Hydraulic Valve Actuation technology development and testing for combat vehicle and automotive technology allowing the use of alternative and renewable fuels while reducing military vehicle fuel consumption through improved engine efficiency.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDTE Navy, Line 27, PE 0603216N

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Global Near Space Services

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 8610 Explorer Dr, Ste 140, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Description of the Request: Requesting \$6 million funding for the Lighter-Than-Air Stratospheric UAV for Persistent Communications Relay and Surveillance. This project will develop a lighter-than-air, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that will fly at 85,000 feet for three to four months, providing low cost, persistent surveillance, high bandwidth and over the horizon communications needed to effectively fight terrorism, achieve maritime domain awareness, protect critical infrastructures and secure national borders.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDTE Air Force, Line 8, PE 0602201F

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Colorado Engineering, Inc

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 1310 United Heights, Suite 105, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Description of the Request: Requesting \$3 million funding for the Unmanned Sense, Track, and Avoid Radar (USTAR) for low rate initial production of an advanced radar system for the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle platform to detect and track large and small targets. USTAR will allow the UAV to identify potential collision risks and increase maneuvering capability in controlled airspace and improve operability in adverse weather conditions.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDTE Air Force, Line 80, PE 0604706F

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Goodrich Corporation

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 1275 N. Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Description of the Request: Requesting \$7 million funding for continued development and testing of the ACES 5 ejection seat for U.S. military aircraft.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDTE Defense-wide, Line 89, PE 0603898C

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Not Applicable

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: Not Applicable

Description of the Request: Requesting \$500,000 funding for an Independent Advisory Group to review Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Education and Training Needs and recommend a BMD education and training solution to include a recommendation of roles and responsibilities, organizational structure, and/or resources and facilities for integrated missile defense training.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: MCAF

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Peterson Air Force Base

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO 80914

Description of the Request: Requesting \$7.2 million funding for the East Gate realignment at Peterson Air Force Base. This project demolishes the existing gate house and road system at the East Gate of Peterson AFB and constructs a new, realigned entry road, gate house, check stations, vehicle inspection buildings and anti-terrorism/force protection measures.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for 2010:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hartselle, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Sparkman St NW, Hartselle, AL 35640

Description of Request: "City of Hartselle, AL, \$245,000"

The funding would be used for construction and initializaing nine new emergency warning sirens. Taxpayer Justification: The citizens of Hartselle and nearby Morgan County residents will benefit from strategic placement of the emergency warning sirens. An estimated 18,000 residents will be served to ensure early warnings against potential devastating disasters. These funds will approximately be used for the following: Equipment (\$190,120), Labor (\$53,655), and Engineering (\$1225).

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: "Emergency Operations Center, Winston County Commission, AL, \$20,000"

The funding would be used to purchase and install necessary equipment, including radios and computers, in the Emergency Operations Center to allow a central meeting place for county and city agencies to operate during emergency situations. Taxpayer Justification: To purchase emergency equipment for a central location to be used by all agencies during times of natural or man-made emergencies. It will provide resources for information and help for the general public during disasters. These funds will approximately be used for the following: \$20,000 to purchase and install necessary computers, radios and other equipment.

HONORING THE CREW OF THE  
"GENERAL ARNOLD"

**HON. BILL DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing the heroic crew of the *General Arnold*, a contingent of men who risked and ultimately gave their lives for our country's independence some 230 years ago.

During the course of the Revolutionary War, the American colonies relied on a small, organized navy as well as a vast number of privateers to defend themselves against the British. The privateers chartered vessels both large and small, were commissioned with letters of marque, and dispatched on the high seas. Indeed, it is unlikely that our nation could have achieved its independence without the noble efforts of these privateers, many of whom disrupted British shipping and wrought considerable damage upon the enemy's vessels during the war.

On Christmas Day, 1778, one of these privateer ships—the *General Arnold*, a brigantine with 20 cannons under the command of Captain James Magee—set sail with its own crew and a battalion of marines led by Captain John Russell. Battered by a frightening and terrible nor'easter, the ship was driven back toward Plymouth Harbor, where it ran aground on the White Flat, a sandbar approximately one half-mile from shore.

For three days, the crew remained trapped aboard the ill-fated vessel's quarter-deck, drenched by angry sea and freezing snow and lashed by savage winds. By the time help arrived on December 28, 72 of the 105 men had perished. Many of their bodies were frozen together, locked in an "embrace of death." Some of the survivors were permanently crippled, some forced to undergo amputation, and some died prematurely not long thereafter, making this incident one of the most tragic and gruesome losses of life experienced by either side during our nation's struggle for independence.

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of our nation next week, it is important that we take a moment to acknowledge the brave men aboard the *General Arnold* who suffered and died for our freedom. Many of them, sadly, remain nameless. Yet we owe them a debt of gratitude for their valiant efforts to champion the cause of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To the crew and to all those who served on the *General Arnold*, today we honor and give you thanks for your admirable sacrifice.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2647  
Account: RDT&E, Defensewide  
Recipient: EWA, Inc. 2413 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 to develop a tactical biometric identification system for the U.S. Special Operations Command. The system will allow intelligence officials to identify and track individuals of high suspicion remotely, without risking injury or loss of life. This project will allow for the development of a field-usable prototype, downsized for tactical mobility. It is a wise investment of taxpayer dollars to ensure, at a time when our nation's enemies attack through suicidal mass-casualty events, that the Special Operations Command be able to track and identify persons of high interest with high accuracy and from a safe distance.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH**

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2892  
Account: Infrastructure Protection and Information Security

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clarkson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 8 Clarkson Avenue, Potsdam, NY 13699

Description: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 to Clarkson University to establish and maintain a collaborative cyber security training center designed to strengthen the nation's ability to educate large numbers of highly qualified individuals in the fields of information assurance and cyber security. This initiative will also update cyber security training modules to anticipate and respond to new threats, improve warning capabilities, accelerate comprehensive responses to real time attacks, and develop next generation cyber security experts.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH ANDERSON

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Joseph Anderson for his service to Fort Knox and our nation. Brig. Gen. Anderson has effectively served as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) since May 27, 2008. Brig. Gen. Anderson will be leaving this post in July 2009.

Brig. Gen. Anderson provided outstanding leadership for USAREC that ensured it would

become a successful command for recruiting. He is a talented leader, skilled motivator, and inspiring mentor.

Brig. Gen. Anderson displayed exceptional training skills, innovative ideas, and outstanding performance. His commitment to ensuring the safety of USAREC soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, and family members was extraordinary.

Brig. Gen. Anderson's dedicated effort is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Brig. Gen. Anderson for his commitment to the people of Fort Knox, the men and women in the Army, and our nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 in Title XXVI, Section 2601 (a) in the Guard and Reserve Forces Facilities Section.

Request information: Representative JACK KINGSTON, H.R. 2647, Department of Defense, Army National Guard Account

Recipient information: Georgia Army National Guard, Hunter Army Aviation Facility, Savannah GA

Description: The Georgia Army National Guard received an earmark in the amount of \$8,967,000.

The current facility has exceeded its useful life with several irreparable leaks. The unit is devoting considerable time in overcoming these obstacles to meet its current requirements for training, planning and storage of weapons and information technology.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I have received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Paladin Integrated Management (PIM): This project would fund the completion of testing and evaluation of the PIM self-propelled howitzer and companion ammunition resupply vehicle. These vehicles are manufactured in part by the BAE Systems facility located in York, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the changes to this vehicle will reduce the logistics footprint thereby reducing operational and support costs. (\$9 million above the President's Budget in the Research and Development Account)

BAE Systems, 3811 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22203.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010  
Account: FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Drawer 2160, Clanton, AL 35046

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 for the construction of a Safe Room/Tornado and Severe Wind Shelter for the City of Graysville at the Graysville East Pavilion Park on 3rd Avenue N.E. The Shelter will accommodate approximately fifty people. This project directly supports efforts by the City of Graysville to reduce damages and the loss of life and property from natural disasters such as tornados and severe storms. This project's total budget is \$250,000. Specifically within the budget, \$50,000 will go toward engineering cost, \$75,000 toward site preparations, and \$125,000 toward construction cost. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation account. The City of Graysville will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Interior and Environment Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Traditional Arts in Upstate New York

Address of Requesting Entity: 53 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617

Description: Provide an earmark of \$150,000 to the Traditional Arts in Upstate New York for the renovation of a building that houses the North Country Folk Life Center in Canton, NY. This National Register-listed building has the potential to become a destination point and serve as a vital economic driver in the region.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for FY2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06301

Description of Request: \$20,400,000 will be used to convert "A" model Black Hawk helicopters to the "L" configuration. This additional funding for UH-60L conversions will enable a more rapid standardization of the Black Hawk fleet and assure National Guard units are ready, deployable and available to protect our national interests abroad, and respond to emergencies here at home.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEAN HELLER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 418, Article IV of impeaching Samuel B. Kent, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. DREIER. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

Legal Name and Address of Entity Receiving Earmark: Chang Industry, located at 968 Palomares Avenue, La Verne, CA 91750

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to develop Fire Shield, an Active Protection System (APS) with the guidance of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Michigan. Fire Shield would be used to protect armored vehicles from the blast effects and the plasma jet of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) by detecting and destroying incoming projectiles. Approximately

\$800,000 is for directional warhead blast and fragment effects characterization and optimization. \$600,000 will be used for static threat defeat characterization, test and evaluation with directional warhead. The remaining \$600,000 will be used for threat defeat test and evaluation on a controlled moving platform with directional warhead. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
Account: Air Force, Air National Guard, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name and Address of Entity Receiving Earmark: Gentex Corporation, located at 11525 6th Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,000,000 to complete the Air National Guard's fleet-wide implementation and standardization to the MBU-20A/P Oxygen Mask and Mask Light. Approximately, 34 percent (\$2,040,000) of the funding is for manufacturing; 4 percent (\$240,000) is for sustainment and systems engineering support; 6 percent (\$360,000) is for inspections and tests; 20 percent (\$1,200,000) is for general and administrative; 35 percent (\$2,100,000) is for material; 1 percent (\$60,000) is for packaging handling shipping and transportation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air National Guard.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I rise today to provide a description for how funds authorized in response to my requests submitted to the House Armed Services Committee will be allocated. In making those requests, I submitted a financial certification letter to Chairman SKELTON which accompanied my requests, and included the following information:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge these requests (1) are not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended to be used by any 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 should any of the requests I have submitted be included in the bill, I will place a statement describing how the funds in each of the included requests will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

In order to fully comply with these standards, Madam Speaker, I hereby submit a description of how the funds authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 will be used for the projects to follow.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDT&E, Air Force  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: THY Enterprises, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 440 Hillabee St., Alexander City, AL 35010

Description of Request: Provide \$2,700,000 in funding for Special Mission Clothing for AFSOC. The funding will be used to continue research and development of Special Mission Clothing for AFSOC. Approximately, \$1,500,000 is for research and development of a lighter, quieter, water/wind proof, tear resistant and fire retardant material; \$375,000 for engineering; \$100,000 for laboratory analysis; \$25,000 for field assessment; and \$700,000 for risk and plan management. This Special Mission Clothing project will focus on producing products suitable for multiple Special Mission Unit requirements, and which meet or exceed military operational specifications.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Other Procurement, Air Force  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Telos Corporation

Address of Receiving Entity: 7956 Vaughn Road, Suite 134, Montgomery, AL 36116

Description of Request: Provide \$5,000,000 in funding for Application Software Assurance Center of Excellence. This funding will provide the Air Force additional tools, training and subject matter experts to robust the analysis capability at the newly established Application Software Assurance Center of Excellence (ASACoE). To counter the growing threats in information operations, the Air Force established the Application Software Assurance Center of Excellence (ASACoE) to assess and strengthen its defenses against cyber attacks. The center's mission is to develop application security best practices that can be put in place Air Force-wide. Over the last year, the center has successfully assessed and identified vulnerabilities in numerous applications across multiple functional communities. The requested additional funding will ensure the security of the people, systems, and equipment software applications that support the Warfighter. The Center currently has 12 contracted personnel that are charged with reviewing over 3,000 software applications. At the current funding levels, the Center will complete approximately 300 within a year. The requested funding would enable the Center to accelerate the completion of the most critical tasks. The fund would increase local labor by up to 12 advanced security engineers/computer programmers in Alabama. The remaining funds would support the application tools, software and Air Force-wide training. The lead agency executing this mission for the United States Air Force is the 554th Electronic Systems Wing located at Maxwell AFB—Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Alabama. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of this unit. The funding would be provided on an existing Air Force program line. The funding will provide for software tools that includes approximately \$1,000,000 for source code analysis, \$750,000 for web pen test tools, and \$750,000 for database scanning tools in addition to \$400,000 for training and \$2,100,000 for subject matter experts and travel. The funding for Long term funds is being pursued in the Department's Future Years Defense Plan.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDT&E, Army  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: BAE Systems

Address of Receiving Entity: 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 2000, Arlington, VA 22209

Description of Request: Provide \$9,000,000 for the Paladin Integrated Management for work to be completed in Anniston, AL. The FY 10 President's Budget contains funding for research and development Army funds to assist in making the M109A6 Paladin and its companion vehicle the Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicle (FAASV) sustainable through the year 2050. The changes to this vehicle will incorporate the Bradley's drive train and suspension components that will reduce the logistics footprint thereby reducing operational and support costs. This \$9,000,000 in funding is needed in order to insure that this program be reinstated to its original schedule (the program was Congressionally reduced by that same amount during the FY09 budget process). Procurement funds to initiate low rate initial production are in the FY10 procurement budget. The Army intends to fund this program through completion. This is a national defense program which provides firepower to our troops engaged in combat.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDT&E, Army  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Electric Fuel Battery Corporation (Arotech Subsidiary)

Address of Receiving Entity: 354 Industry Drive, Auburn, Alabama 36832

Description of Request: Provide \$4,000,000 for the Novel Zinc Air Power Sources for Military. This funding will develop Zinc-Air battery technology that will provide the soldier with a high energy density power source that significantly reduces battery carry weight. Previous advances in the technology have helped to cut warfighter battery carry weight in half. Continued development of body-worn energy distribution systems, coupled with further development of Zinc-Air battery technology, promises to cut warfighter battery carry weight further, while reducing battery quantities carried on long missions. Reducing battery type and count lowers operational risk by reducing the need for re-supply. In addition, Zinc-Air battery's intrinsic safety (cannot combust or explode even when penetrated by hot projectiles) enhances warfighter safety. Lithium-Air battery technology is in its infancy but has the highest possible energy density of any battery system promising a quantum leap in the warfighter mission length.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDT&E, Army  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: SCRA, Institute for Solutions Generation (funding will benefit the Anniston Army Depot)

Address of Receiving Entity: 5300 International Boulevard, N. Charleston, SC 29418

Description of Request: Provide \$8,200,000 in funding for the Highly Integrated Production for Expediting RESET. This funding was requested by the Calhoun County Chamber of

Commerce to benefit the Anniston Army Depot, located at 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201. A critical readiness issue facing the military today is repairing and restoring military equipment that has been damaged or worn out in battle. Resetting small arms and crew served weapons is particularly challenging, given their sheer numbers and the fact that, there is a growing incidence of non-conforming parts used to support reset operations there. In addition, under the current system, a lot of time and cost are required to design and apply product improvements during reset. HIPER ensure a quick and efficient RESET turn-around for weapons to the theater. The requested funding will drive downstream efficiencies in manufacturing and quality inspection by enabling the utilization of laser scanning technology to significantly shorten the time and lower the cost for resetting and modernizing the military's small arms and crew-served weapons. This funding will provide \$4,800,000 for integration, collaboration, scanning and reverse engineering technology, and supply chain improvements to enhance and expedite RESET efforts: \$7,596,000 for labor, \$544,000 for materials and \$60,000 for travel.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Military Construction, Army  
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Receiving Entity: Anniston Army Depot, 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201

Description of Request: Provide \$3,300,000 in funding for the Industrial Area Electrical System Upgrade. This funding will be used to construct electrical system upgrades to the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. Construction will include new power poles, cross arms, insulators, cutouts, re closers, anchor systems, wire, transformers, underground duct and circuit breakers for a couplet 12470 volt electrical service system in the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. This construction will provide upgraded overhead lines and underground service from the power poles to pad mounted transformers that supply each building. Construct the secondary for a 10.5 MVA 44.000/12/470 volt substation. The substation secondary will consist of vacuum breakers, voltage regulator, bypass switches and the structural steel. Anti-terrorism/force protection measures will include observance of vehicle access sitting distances, landscaping berms, exterior lighting, laminated glass, and walkway bollards.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVE BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater project  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinton County Government, Frankfort, IN  
Address of Requesting Entity: 125 Court-house Square, Frankfort, IN 46041

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 in STAG monies to continue support of the construction and installation of a multi-pond regional storm water detention facility needed to help alleviate flooding that occurs to low to moderate income households, businesses and restaurants. This area experienced water damage 3 times in 2008.

HAITI'S RECENT DIPLOMATIC ATTENTION—OPPORTUNITY FOR CARICOM

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today in recognition of CARICOM's participation in the recent Haiti Donor's Conference in April and urge them to take this opportunity to fully embrace Haiti as they transition into a country looking to reach its fullest potential.

I introduce into the RECORD an article from the NY Carib News on June 16, 2009, where Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Albert Ramdin, urges CARICOM to provide greater support for Haiti.

Most people would agree that Haiti is at a critical point in its history, receiving unprecedented diplomatic attention with visits from the U.N. Secretary General, U.S. Security Council, and the appointment of President Clinton as special U.N. envoy to Haiti. Now it is especially important that CARICOM live up to its moral obligation and provide Haiti with overwhelming support and commitment.

The mentorship that CARICOM can provide to Haiti at this time is vital to Haiti's development into a country that is self-sustainable. The regional access and cultural commonality that CARICOM presents to the Haitians is one that should not be underscored.

I must acknowledge that the contributions that CARICOM have already made to Haiti are well appreciated, but I am convinced that in this global economic climate, it is especially necessary for CARICOM to reach within itself to offer a renewed commitment to the good people of Haiti.

At this time, I would like to urge CARICOM to look for additional ways to offer support to Haiti and provide them with the mentorship that is key to the country's success.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 due to travel delays. If I was present I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 419, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 407—Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009;

"Aye" on rollcall 420, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1016—Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009;

"Yea" on rollcall 421, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1211—Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 422, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1172—To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

### COMMENDING DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington County, Virginia's leading provider and advocate for victims of homelessness, violence and abuse, for its deserved honor and recognition by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement as the 2009 winner of the Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. For its distinguished leadership, Doorways will receive a \$10,000 cash grant and a scholarship for one person to attend the Georgetown University Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership's Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate Program. That is, the organization's hard work and innovation will be rewarded by enhancing its ability to help more families at this time of great need, but also by assisting the organization to be more effective in managing its resources.

As our country faces one its most serious economic challenges in a century, nonprofits will play a critical role. Consequently, coordination between nonprofits and the quality of nonprofit management will play key roles in making a difference in many, many lives. Therefore, this award is an important and richly deserved honor and acknowledgement of Doorways as a stellar example that other organizations could and should follow.

With new legislation we have enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a new White House Office on Social Innovation, those nonprofits like Doorways that have dedicated themselves to achieve excellence in management practices will, I believe, be in the position to not only provide some of the best and most efficient services, but also to leverage new and innovative ways to serve. Our country and our citizens are best served by those who constantly rededicate themselves to finding ways and means to transform their services in ways that can make lasting differences and maximum efficiency with resources.

For three decades, Doorways for Women and Families has empowered women and families who are abused, homeless, or at-risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. The organization has provided shelter and

services and educated the larger community about violence and homelessness. Through its three core programs, including an 11-bed Safehouse for women and families in imminent danger; the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which houses 21 homeless adults and children in a state-of-the-art residential facility; and the HomeStart Supportive Housing Program, which offers prevention, rapid re-housing and long-term supportive housing for families in crisis; Doorways has become a unique and treasured asset to our community. We are honored to have such special resources in our region.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Homeland Security, FEMA, State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, VA, 23860, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$250,000 to construct an Emergency Operations Center for the City of Hopewell. Hopewell has a large industrial presence, heavy in hazardous materials near the downtown area. This project will move these primary public safety facilities away from the primary hazard zone.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2996, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS. M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The \$500,000 will be used for wastewater treatment facility improvement in the City of Clearwater, Florida. The funds will help the city maintain the community's public water infrastructure, a vital public service, as well as save public sector jobs. The project meets all cost-sharing requirements for projects funded by STAG infrastructure grants.

RECOGNIZING THE ALLIANCE OF  
ILLINOIS JUDGES

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the formation of a new judicial association—the Alliance of Illinois Judges, AIJ, which has been established to address lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in the judiciary and the legal system as a whole.

Founded by the Lesbian and Gay Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Alliance of Illinois Judges will serve to assist judges, lawyers and law students; to make sure that LGBT individuals interacting with the legal system are treated with respect and without regard to their sexual orientation or gender identity; and to help people in the LGBT community better understand how the courts and the legal system work.

The Alliance of Illinois Judges has also been set up to advocate for their members. The formation of All reminds us that lesbian and gay judges in Illinois—like lesbian and gay employees all over the country—are treated differently than their heterosexual counterparts. All intends to address these inequities.

In the last 15 years, the judiciary in Illinois and in Cook County has been transformed by the addition of many highly talented and dedicated gay and lesbian judges. Their presence in Cook County has brought about a sea change in attitudes in one of the largest consolidated court systems in the world.

In 1993, Cook County and Illinois took a giant step forward when Judge Tom Chiola, one of the founding members of AIJ, was elected not only as the first openly gay judge but also as the first openly gay elected official in Illinois. Then, in 1996, Judge Sebastian Patti was elected in a countywide election in Cook County, the second largest county in the nation. And in 1999, Nancy Katz, the first lesbian judge, was elected an Associate Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. This month the Alliance of Illinois Judges is being launched with 16 founding members.

Madam Speaker, I want to offer my very best wishes to the Alliance of Illinois Judges and to all its members. The professional achievements of these individuals, their enormous contributions to the civic life of Chicago, Cook County and Illinois and their dedication to the legal profession remind us once again, especially during Gay Pride Month, of what we as a nation owe to lesbian and gay Americans and to the entire LGBT community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. 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 FY 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act:

Heartland Preparedness Center, Wichita, Kansas. This bill includes \$500,000 in FEMA

State and Local Programs funding to the City of Wichita, Kansas, for the Heartland Preparedness Center. This emergency operations center will be the primary coordination center in the event of a disaster for local, county, state and federal emergency response personnel and officials. Facility enhancements and equipment are needed to increase the communication, cooperation, training and response capabilities of the Wichita Police Dept, Sedgwick Co Sheriff, Kansas Army Nat'l Guard and USMC. Jointly locating the partnering entities will enhance the overall level of cooperation, coordination and preparation for various emergencies, and provide for more efficient use of resources, including training time and costs.

HONORING THE 37TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 37th anniversary of Title IX. This landmark legislation prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding, and has expanded educational and career opportunities for countless young women and girls across the United States.

This legislation is most famous for creating opportunities for women in athletics, but this legislation has done so much more. It is hard to imagine a time when women couldn't enroll in any college or university they wanted, had no chance of getting an athletic scholarship, and were steered away from classes in math and science in favor of home economics. But that was the United States before Title IX. This legislation works to address inequality and injustice in all areas of women's lives, from access to higher education, career training and advancement, and gender stereotyping and sexual harassment in schools, just to name a few.

In large part due to Title IX, more women are receiving higher degrees than at any time in the past, more each year are entering traditionally male dominated fields, and hundreds of thousands of girls are living happier and healthier lives because they have the opportunity to be part of a sports team and have strong women role models to look up to.

Yet despite the demonstrated positive impact of Title IX, opponents have tried to weaken this critical legislation. In 2005, the Department of Education issued a Title IX policy clarification that allows schools to use a less rigorous, e-mail based survey method to prove compliance. If enough young women simply deleted the mass e-mail, that was taken to mean that they were not interested in sports, and sports programs for girls could be cut. Men did not face the same burden, revealing a huge double standard while men's interest in sports was taken for granted, women's had to be proven.

What these actions seem to imply is that Title IX's work is done. I have worked to protect and promote women's rights since my very first day in Congress, and I look forward to the time when there is complete gender equality in the United States. But that day is not today.

While Title IX has undoubtedly opened doors for women faculty in higher education, women still make up just 36% of associate professors and 21% of full professors. Only 2.4% of full professors are women of color. Women only receive 20% of computer science and engineering-related Bachelor's degrees, and a joint study by the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine found that women who are interested in science and engineering careers are lost at every educational transition, and those who do enter these fields very likely to face severe discrimination throughout their careers.

The Obama Administration has already made an admirable start in tackling barriers to women's success by promoting work-family balance, establishing the White House Council on Women and Girls, and signing into law the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Strengthening Title IX enforcement at the Department of Education would bolster the progress that has already been made in advancing women's rights, while helping to address the inequalities that remain in so many areas.

Those of us with daughters will probably remember promising them that they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up. Title IX works to make this a reality. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 37th anniversary of Title IX and acknowledging the essential role it has played in expanding opportunities for women and girls in the United States.

INTRODUCING THE FAMILIES FOR  
ORPHANS ACT OF 2009

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Rep. DIANE WATSON and I are introducing the Families for Orphans Act of 2009. This bicameral, bi-partisan bill seeks to provide children in the United States and around the world the best opportunity for the full development of his or her potential by growing up in a permanent family.

Despite good efforts of countless governments and nongovernmental organizations, the number of children growing up without parents is at epidemic levels. Thus, these children are forced to live on the streets, in child-headed households or in institutions, hardly the nurturing environments needed for these children to reach their full potential as productive citizens of the world. Permanency is one of the most important things we can offer children and is something that every child craves.

The United States has long been interested in developing a global strategy for providing permanent parental care for orphans; however, we still lack a clear diplomatic authority to represent these interests. This bill aims to establish the Office of Orphan Policy, Development and Diplomacy, a specialized office in the Department of State. A specially appointed Coordinator would head this office, which would be responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive, evidence-based strategy to support the preservation of families and the provision of permanent families and for orphans. As our diplomats work with countries to prevent terrorism and child trafficking,

this office is one more service we can offer. Our government will now be set up to identify and develop government infrastructures, services and programs that help forge permanent family care in different cultures. The ultimate goal is to find children permanent families with the focus on legally-recognized relationships between responsible adults and children without parents. It also provides resources for preserving families, seeking social, therapeutic and financial programs and services designed to enable birth families to provide safe, permanent, and nurturing care to their children and strengthen and support families at risk of dissolution, separation or domestic violence.

The bill establishes a minimum set of standards for the preservation of families and provision of permanent care by foreign governments. These standards are designed to ensure that partner countries are making the necessary steps to reduce the number of abandoned children, to reunify children with family when possible, and to promote adoption and guardianship when appropriate.

The millions of children growing up without parents have a devastating impact on society across the globe. Without a permanent family, the risk of suicide, homelessness, an incomplete education, and teen pregnancy is all far greater. Every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. This bill is a giant step to ensuring just that for all the children of the world.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 18, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 364, No. 384, No. 406.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 364—"no"—Price of Georgia Amendment No. 96; rollcall No. 384—"yes"—Mollohan of West Virginia Amendment No. 11; and rollcall No. 406—"yes"—Obey of Wisconsin Amendment.

Madam Speaker, on June 19, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 410, 418.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 410—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch FY 2010 and rollcall No. 418—"yes"—Impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: \$500,000 is provided in H.R.

2996 from the EPA STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project to separate the combined sewers and replace the aging water main in the Eastside portion of the City of Grand Rapids. The funding was requested by the City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Ave. NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Additional funding for this project will be covered by the City's Sewer System and Water System revenue bonds. This project is of national significance and a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to the cleanup of the Great Lakes, a nationally important water source which suffers from water quality and quantity degradation. This aggressive program and dedication of limited resources will result in the complete elimination of the city's combined sewer overflows to the Grand River and Lake Michigan in 10 years.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Commonwealth of Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,700,000 for a Tidewater Full-Scale Exercise, to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multi-agency, maritime Full-Scale Exercise, utilizing the experience and unique capabilities of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee  
Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 in the Defense Access Road (DAR) Program which provides a means for the military to pay a share of the cost of public highway improvements necessary to mitigate an unusual impact of a defense activity. This project would fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at the entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, following the installation's growth resulting from the 2005 BRAC Round.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Brooksville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 216, 201 Government Street, Brooksville, KY 41004

Description of Request: Appropriate \$18,500 to purchase an emergency generator for the City Fire Department/Community Center and City office building. This facility is the only emergency shelter area within the City of Brooksville. The generator will allow for this critical facility to serve as a shelter and emergency operations center during times of hardship and disaster, such as the ice storm in Kentucky in early 2009. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because completion of the project will ensure appropriate emergency management and protection the local community during significant weather events and emergencies.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK M. FARMER

### HON. HEATH SCHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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 he 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, 1937, 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, a 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.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MCKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests received as part of H.R. 2996 the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: U.S. Forest Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Angeles National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: 701 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 for land acquisition in the Angeles National Forest. The acquisition of in holdings in Southern California's national forests has been identified as a priority in the state's wildlife action plan because the proximity of the forests to huge population centers puts them at high risk of development and presents significant dangers to the ecology of the region. Acquisition by the Angeles National Forest would protect the scenic values and ecological integrity of this significant in holding.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Assistance Grant Program (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Palmdale, CA Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 to replace 35,000 to 40,000 feet of rapidly deteriorating water pipelines and connections throughout the Palmdale area. This project would help conserve water otherwise lost to leakage, improve water quality, decrease maintenance costs for the District and its ratepayers, and create jobs. Additionally, these efforts would ease some of the local pressure to keep pace with reductions in water supply from the Colorado River and the State Water Project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks in H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010. H.R. 2647 contains \$8,700,000 for TFI—Upgrade DCGS Facilities (PRQE089032) in the Air Force, Military Construction account. This project is for Air National Guard at McConnell Air Force Base located at 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will build an adequately sized and properly configured facility for personnel, equipment, and materials, for near-real time intelligence mission conducting the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of U-2, MQ-1 Predator, and RQ-4 Global Hawk sensor data around the world in support of warfighters by the growing 161st Intelligence Squadron of the new 184th Intelligence Group. Security features, high-capacity environmental control equipment, high-capacity secure fiber optics, and redundant power supplies are all prerequisites to accommodate the sophisticated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operation Center. No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

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Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee

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HONORING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROSALYN AND MURRAY KALISH

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th wedding anniversary of Rosalyn and Murray Kalish, a remarkable couple in my congressional district, whom I am proud to call my friends and who have been leaders and activists in our community for nearly three decades.

Roz and Murray, who met while attending Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York, both had the same last name and the same birth date of February 18th. They instantly became friends, went to their high school prom together, and continued dating until their wedding on June 24, 1939. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to East Meadow before relocating to Delray Beach, Florida in 1980, and they are blessed with two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After moving to South Florida, Murray founded the largest Democratic Club of Florida, the United South County Democratic Club, which currently has more than 2,000 members. Together, Roz and Murray have worked on behalf of so many in our community to deal with a range of issues, and it is through their advocacy that I established my friendship with them. As this friendship has grown over the years, their guidance on the needs and concerns of my constituents has grown ever more invaluable.

Madam Speaker, Roz and Murray are the true essence of community leaders. I know I speak not only for myself, but for my family and so many throughout South Florida in congratulating them on reaching this milestone. I wish Roz and Murray many more happy and healthy years together and thank them for having such an impact on my life and that of so many they have come to know.

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HONORING THE HARPER J. RANSBERG YMCA FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harper J. Ransburg YMCA for 50 years of service to the Indianapolis community.

The Ransburg YMCA facility, which seeks to strengthen the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of its members, is a cornerstone on the Indianapolis Eastside that has responded to the critical social needs of its residents for decades. The legacy of this community center is as diverse as its 9,500 members, touching the lives of individuals of every age and background.

In addition to promoting better health and wellness, the Ransburg YMCA has provided an environment for families and for individuals to build strong bonds to become dynamic and engaged citizens. Through its child outreach programs, this YMCA has sought to reinforce positive values and foster the commitment for community service amongst children.

It is important to mention that the Ransburg YMCA would not have reached this milestone without its dedicated staff, volunteers and community members. I would like to salute them for the hard work and support that made this milestone possible.

I ask my colleagues to join me congratulating the Harper J. Ransburg YMCA as it celebrates its 50th anniversary and hope that the next 50 years bring this center, and the Indianapolis Eastside community, continued success.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996—FY10 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Capital Improvement and Maintenance (construction)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Davy Crockett National Forest

Address of Receiving Entity: 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, TX 75847-7207

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 in funding in H.R. 2996 in the Capital Improvement and Maintenance account for the Davy Crockett National Forest.

The funding would be used for developing a detailed site plan, redesigning and upgrading the camping loops, utilities, control systems, facilities, road and parking improvements as well as repairing the historic Dam and spillway.

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HONORING THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD AT THE DISABLED VETERANS REST CAMP, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX, MINNESOTA

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, those who return home after serving our Nation, often changed and scarred by their experi-

ences, deserve special recognition and honor. The Disabled Veterans Rest Camp at Marine on St. Croix provides a sanctuary and gathering place for veterans and their families to connect and heal with one another. I rise today, Madame Speaker, to honor the members of the Minnesota National Guard who have spent the past weeks helping to restore the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp so military families from across the Nation can continue to enjoy its tranquility.

For the last several weeks, the Guard has volunteered their time and engineering expertise as part of their training to restore buildings, update facilities and address the needs that come with a nearly century-old campsite. I applaud these Guardsmen and women for giving back to their fellow uniformed service members. I also want to thank our Croatian allies that are sharing in this joint deployment with the Minnesota Guard. We are very grateful that they are able and willing to help our American veterans.

The site started as a camp for World War I disabled veterans in 1926 and has seen expansion and contraction over the years. I first became familiar with it as a State Senator when it faced potential demise in 2005—a fate I was proud to have had at least a small hand in defeating. Maintaining this camp—which has a treasured place in my heart, as do the veterans it serves—as a place for disabled veterans to call their own is one of my proudest moments in my public service career.

A board of representatives from veterans' organizations runs the site and is actively involved in preserving the purpose of the camp. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Minnesota Guard for paying it forward to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. The tireless hours they have given at the Veterans Rest Camp are just one representation of our duty to our veterans—to serve them with gratitude and respect. We should all take these citizen-soldiers' example to heart each day, as we live in a free and prosperous land and owe it all to our veterans.

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#### CELEBRATING THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS 2009 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution "Celebrating the Los Angeles Lakers 2009 NBA Championship". This legislation will commemorate the Los Angeles Lakers 15th National Basketball Association Championship. Prior to the 2008–2009 season, the Lakers won 14 National Basketball Association (NBA) championships, with a cast of Hall of Fame players and coaches, which included NBA greats such as Jerry West, Wilt Chamberlain, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Shaquille O'Neal, Pat Riley, and current head coach Phil Jackson.

This season Kobe Bryant, Lamar Odom, Derek Fisher, and Pau Gasol led the 2008–2009 Lakers to a 65–17 regular season record and the #1 spot in the Western Conference Playoffs. The Lakers entered the NBA playoffs with home court advantage as a result of the team's regular season performance. In the first

round the Lakers defeated the Utah Jazz in 5 games to advance to the Western Conference semifinals. The Lakers then faced the Houston Rockets in the Western Conference semifinals, winning in 7 games; advancing to the Western Conference Finals where they faced the Denver Nuggets.

The Lakers clinched the Western Conference finals in 6 games, thanks to the outstanding play by Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant, which closed out the series. In the NBA Finals, the Lakers matched up with the Orlando Magic, led by Dwight Howard. The Lakers won the first 2 games of the finals in Los Angeles, including a hard-fought Game 2 during which Kobe Bryant scored 31 points and played all but 8 minutes of the game. The Lakers followed their loss in Game 3, by winning the next two games in Orlando to win the 2009 NBA Championship.

For his outstanding play during the NBA Finals, Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant was presented with the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award; and his fourth NBA Championship. Lakers head coach Phil Jackson, won his 10th NBA Championship as a head coach and his 12th NBA Championship overall. Congratulations to the Lakers players, coaches, and staff on winning the 2008–2009 NBA Championship.

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#### HONORING CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the City of Oakland Park in Florida's 20th Congressional District.

This once sleepy little town that was home to mostly farmers is now a bustling city with more than 43,000 residents.

Oakland Park is one of the older municipalities in Broward County. In fact, it was originally chartered as the town of Floranada in 1925.

But in September 1926 a hurricane devastated the area. In 1929, city leaders renamed it Oakland Park after the massive oaks that lined the community.

Residents and visitors can tour a piece of history always on display in this fine city. A portion of its oldest elementary school, Oakland Park Elementary School, is a nationally registered historical site. The school was built in 1927 and is the oldest school in continuous operation in Broward County.

The city is also at the forefront of innovation in Florida. It was the first municipality in the state to organize a public safety department. Oakland Park was also the first City to initiate a recycling program.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mayor Steven Arnst, the Members of the City Commission, and the city's staff for their many accomplishments that have made the City of Oakland Park a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

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INTRODUCING THE FOREIGN  
ADOPTED CHILDREN EQUALITY  
ACT OF 2009

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Rep. DIANE WATSON and I are introducing the Foreign Adopted Children Equality Act of 2009. This bicameral, bi-partisan bill is designed to improve upon the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, which was enacted to provide automatic U.S. citizenship to internationally adopted children of American citizens.

International adoption has been a rewarding experience for many families across the United States. However, it is a process that is stressful, complicated, and costly. The FACE Act is intended to cut through some of the

paper work and to treat internationally adopted children as we treat children born abroad to American citizens.

Under the Child Citizenship Act, an internationally adopted child of a U.S. citizen receives U.S. citizenship once the child enters the U.S. to reside permanently. Once in the U.S., the child then has to go through the naturalization process. The FACE Act is intended to improve this process in many ways.

First, it would amend the CCA so that once an international adoption is completed by an American citizen and the adopted child is determined to be adoptable under U.S. law, citizenship would attach. Therefore, instead of parents having to apply for a costly visa to bring their newly adopted child home to the United States, they would apply for a U.S. passport and Consular Report of Birth, making the process that of what is required from American citizen parents whose child is born while abroad. Passports are much less expensive than visas, and once in the U.S., the passport and Consular Report of birth would serve as proof of U.S. citizenship streamlining the application process for a social security card, filing for the adoption tax credit or even enrolling the child into school thus eliminating additional paperwork burdens for these new parents.

In addition, the FACE Act allows for internationally adopted children who are now over the age of 18 and who were not naturalized by their adoptive parents, to apply for and receive citizenship without going through the naturalization process, if they so desire. Unfortunately there are many cases where adoptive parents failed to naturalize their internationally adoptive children prior to their 18th birthdays and prior to passage of the CCA in 2000. Many of these children grow up believing they are U.S. citizens only to find out they are not when they try to register to vote, enlist in the military, or apply for college. There are even cases of these children being deported to their country of origins, where they do not speak the native language nor know the culture, for committing misdemeanors. This act seeks to rectify this situation and give these children the privilege of two heritages—that of their country of origin and of their new home, the United States.

Finally, this act seeks to amend Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the section of law that provides U.S. citizenship from birth to biological children of American citizens who are born abroad. The FACE act would add internationally adopted children of American citizens to this section providing them citizenship from birth. Thus, internationally adopted children would be given the same opportunities given to American children born abroad, such as the chance to run for President.

Together, these changes would finally treat internationally adopted children of American citizens as children of American citizens instead of as immigrants and would provide them equality with biological children born abroad to American citizens.

## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO EDWIN G. SUAREZ

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I remember the life of my good friend and former Rangel Staff Alumni, Edwin G. Suarez. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years, etched his name in history as a visionary and innovator who enriched and transformed housing projects and programs in my beloved East Harlem and the City of New York.

Edwin, a man whose life, to a remarkable degree, embodied the reverie of the American dream, was a great man of distinction which reflected his grand Puerto Rican heritage. Born on August 13, 1940, Edwin was a long-time community leader who devoted many years to the betterment of East Harlem. He was born and raised in Manhattan, as the only son of Avelino Suárez and Julia González Suarez and dedicated his life to giving back to his beloved city as an urban planner dedicated to doing his part to ensure safe and affordable housing for all.

In his capacity as a housing manager for the City of New York, and with the NAACP as a sponsor, Edwin was able to travel the world in order to confer with his counterparts in great urban centers, including those in Japan, Ecuador, Italy, France, Holland and Scandinavia. He returned from these fact-finding missions with critical information used to improve the various housing projects and programs in New York City's East Harlem community.

Edwin proceeded to touch more lives when he entered the political arena as an elected District Leader of the 68th New York State Assembly District, Part B. He also served as my Special Legislative Assistant and served as my Congressional Liaison to my East Harlem constituents, a position he served with a tremendous sense of professionalism. He went on to serve on numerous community and municipal boards, including President of the Metro North Housing and Development Corporation, and Vice President of the Union Settlement Federal Credit Union.

The death of Edwin Suarez on June 20, 2006, brought immense sorrow and loss to his family and friends, countless community leaders and colleagues in government, and me personally. He is survived by his three children, Darlene Suárez Casey, Edwin Suárez II and Desiree J. Suárez; his only grandchild, Jasmine Suárez Osorio van Wijgerden, and his former wife, Josephine Suárez Reyes. Such a benevolent amalgamation of intellect, steadfastness, and vigor as that demonstrated by Edwin over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others will greatly be missed.

This past weekend, on June 20, 2009, Edwin was memorialized by those that loved and cherished him with the renaming of the Northwest corner of East 101st Street and First Avenue in my district. It is my hope that this act will help preserve the memory of this remarkable man, not only for the benefit of those who knew him but for all who value the promise of America.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Domestic Preparedness

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama 36202

Description of Request: "Center for Domestic Preparedness—\$40,000,000" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used by the Center for Domestic Preparedness in order for it to continue to provide the highest quality all hazards training to first responders from around the nation and world to ensure that they have the necessary skills to keep their communities safe. This is a Federal training facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Shorter, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 2521 Old Federal Road, Shorter, Alabama 36075

Description of Request: "Emergency Operations Center—\$500,000" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to help provide emergency services to the citizens of Shorter, Alabama. Shorter is a small community in Macon County and as it develops economically it needs to be able to provide coordinated emergency services. This project will enhance community safety by allowing improved communications and coordination between first responders.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEAN HELLER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 417, Article III of impeaching Samuel B. Kent, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my re-

quest in H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

Clearwater Wastewater Biosolids Project  
Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants Infrastructure Grants

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, 112 S. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of Clearwater to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant by making biosolids improvements; headworks repairs; renewal and replacement of gravity sewer lines, force mains, and pumping stations; pump station compliance; generator replacement at the wastewater treatment plant; and reclaimed water. Previous federal funding for this project is as follows: FY 2002—\$900,000, FY 2003—\$450,000, FY 2005—\$500,000, and FY 2008—\$500,000.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN FLEMING**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting information regarding the following earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. I hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in these projects.

Congressman JOHN FLEMING  
H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Title I, Acct: APA, Line: 26

Intended Recipient: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Stratford, CT

UH-60A to UH-60L Upgrade for the Army National Guard, \$20.4 M, FY10 funds would provide for critical avionics upgrades to modernize Army National Guard Black Hawk medium-lift utility helicopters.

Congressman JOHN FLEMING  
H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Title XXIII, Acct: MCA, Line: N/A

Intended Recipient: Fort Polk, Leesville, LA  
Multipurpose Machine Gun Range, \$6.4 M, FY10 funds would provide for the construction of a standard design Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range, required to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to detect, identify, engage and defeat targets in a tactical environment. Fort Polk does not currently have a suitable training area that meets the requirements needed for machine gunnery. Without this facility, the soldiers of Fort Polk, Reserve, and National Guard units will not be able to maintain efficiency for live fire training for machine gun engagements.

INTERIOR PROJECT REQUEST  
INSERT**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Naperville Heritage Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 523 S. Webster Street, Naperville, IL 60540

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to improve drainage and management of storm water at Chicagoland's only nationally accredited outdoor history museum. This request will improve the water quality in the DuPage River watershed by mitigating the impact of storm water on Naper Settlement's grounds and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

THE SPECTRUM RELOCATION  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009 along with my colleagues, Mr. UPTON of Michigan and Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia. This bipartisan bill reforms the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act (CSEA) to make the current spectrum relocation process more transparent and reduce relocation risks for federal agencies and those interested in bidding in future auctions of federally encumbered spectrum.

Washington State is a leader in the technology industry. It is home to companies large and small that are producing the most cutting edge Internet service technologies that benefit not only my constituents in the first District, but Washington State and the country as a whole. However despite the innovative efforts going on in Washington, and across the country, the United States ranks 15th in broadband adoption of 30 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries; a ranking that President Obama has called "unacceptable."

Investment in broadband infrastructure and services is a necessary economic driver, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated \$7.4 billion dollars to aid the build out of our nation's broadband infrastructure over current spectrum, to unserved and underserved communities. This investment demonstrates the importance of broadband services, not only for America's economic recovery, but its ongoing prosperity.

Meeting the broadband infrastructure objectives desired by the American people and outlined by President Obama will require the allocation of additional spectrum for commercial use. In order for consumers to experience the next generation of voice and broadband wireless services, the government must identify more sources of spectrum. Once the government has auctioned spectrum to carriers, it is in everyone's interest to see that consumers

benefit from new services as quickly as possible.

In 2006, the Federal Communications Commission's Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) spectrum auction demonstrated that spectrum auctions can finance (1) all the Federal costs associated with clearing spectrum for commercial use, (2) enhance critical Federal communications capabilities and (3) raise revenue for the Treasury. The AWS auction raised \$13.7 billion from wireless companies. That figure included roughly \$1 billion to relocate federal communications systems for 12 federal agencies that had been operating in those spectrum bands. Originally, the agencies were slated to clear out of the affected spectrum by March 2010.

While relocation practices and procedures worked well for 10 of the 12 agencies involved, unforeseen problems affecting some agencies took more than a year to resolve and threatened to undermine the spectrum relocation process that the House Energy & Commerce Committee, the Department of Commerce, and the Office of Management and Budget worked for several years to implement. This bill is designed to improve the relocation process for all parties involved and address the problems that surfaced during the AWS relocation process.

Fundamentally, the Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act (1) increases the amount and quality of information available to potential bidders before an auction occurs, and (2) expedites the flow of auction proceeds to the relocating agencies to keep the relocation process on track. I am convinced that more complete information about the affected federal agencies' systems, their relocation cost estimates, and schedules reduces risks for potential bidders and ensures that commercial users' bids in future spectrum auctions more fully reflect the market value of the spectrum at auction.

In my home State of Washington we are already seeing the consumer and economic benefits of the AWS auction. T-Mobile, headquartered in Bellevue, WA, has rolled out 3G broadband service in Seattle, with 560 3G base stations, and by year's end will have built out over 900 3G base stations. This investment is adding to the local economy and job market, while providing services to customers. The company expects to deliver services to an additional 2,721,987 customers by year's end.

But this issue is not only about large companies like T-Mobile, it is about small and regional carriers that provide innovative and affordable services to consumers and often face challenges, relative to the larger carriers, in raising capital in order to bid on FCC licenses.

One successful AWS bidder—Cricket—has been in Washington State for eight years and serves a constituency often not reached by the larger carriers. Cricket provides flat-rate unlimited voice and broadband service to consumers without a long-term contract or early termination fee. Nearly half of Cricket's wireless broadband subscribers had never before subscribed to Internet service—not even dial-up.

This legislation will help ensure that customers, like Cricket's, will get to take advantage of not only the first generation of broadband services, but those still to come; and will provide the necessary structure to make sure that the next spectrum auction is

successful for consumers, industry, and government.

I am pleased to introduce this legislation along with my colleague Mr. UPTON who played a major role in drafting the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act, and with the distinguished Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, Mr. BOUCHER.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for 2010.

Amount: \$12 million

Account: Department of Homeland Security—Science and Technology Directorate Account: Research, Development, and Operations—Laboratory Facilities.

Entity receiving funds: The U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) located at P.O. Box 999, Richland, WA 22352.

Description: Existing PNNL facilities located in the 300 Area of the Hanford federal nuclear site in Washington state are scheduled for demolition and cleanup by 2010. PNNL capabilities housed in the 300 Area—nearly half of the PNNL's total lab space—support critical national security initiatives. PNNL's lab space supports the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the intelligence community and other customers, including critical non-proliferation and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) detection work for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and DHS.

In Fiscal Year 2005, a joint team of DOE Office of Science, NNSA, and DHS officials formed to plan new lab space for PNNL—known as the CRL. These funds would fulfill DHS's commitments under the Memorandum of Understanding it signed and keep the project on schedule for completion.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a request for funding I made of the House Armed Services Committee for inclusion in H.R. 2647 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Specifically, the project will be included in Division B, Title XXI, Military Construction—Army.

H.R. 2647 includes \$10.2 million for Phase 2 of the Ballistic Evaluation Facility in the Fis-

cal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the United States Army, specifically the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) located at Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, New Jersey 07806-5000.

The actual design and construction will be executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding will be used for planning, design and construction of a state-of-the-art Ballistic Experimentation Facility (BEF) for Large Caliber Armaments at Picatinny Arsenal. This process will produce a one-of-kind research and testing facility which will reduce Army's operational overhead and maintenance costs and improve safety for Army employees. The use of U.S. taxpayer funding is justified because this construction will provide near-term and long-range benefits to the joint warfighter—Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Armed Services Committee and the GOP Leadership, I list the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of HR 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project Name: Civil Engineer Maintenance Complex at Mountain Home Air Force Base

Amount Requested: \$690,000

Account: Air Force Military Construction Account

Recipient: 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho 83648

Description: The civil engineer functions are currently dispersed among 10 WWII-era wood-frame and Korean war-era facilities. Wood frame facilities have a RAC 2 due to failing roof structures and cracked and spreading concrete foundations that have contributed to failing floors and trusses, presenting risk to squadron members who work in the facilities. Currently, employees must evacuate during heavy snowfall or high winds. The fire safety deficiencies are endemic to all buildings, the patchwork electric wiring is maxed out, which increases fire risk, and the HVAC systems can't keep buildings heated and cooled. The dispersed locations and failing conditions of existing facilities adversely affect all daily Civil Engineering operations and negatively impacts the Wing's mission.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide an explanation of the project that was included in the report accompanying the FY2010 Defense Authorization bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for it.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2467.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1.7 million for the construction of a properly sited, adequately sized, and configured functional space to support conventional munitions administration, training and maintenance in support of 18 PAA F-16 aircraft to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University (2) Waterfront Technology Center

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Air Force—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C41 systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Absecon Mills, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Vienna and Aloe Avenues, PO Box 672, Cologne, NJ 08213

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.586 million for Force Protection—Non-Traditional Weaving Application for Aramid (Ballistic) Fibers and Fabrics. By reevaluating standard Industry design and manufacturing techniques for force protection technology, we believe Non Traditional weave designs of Aramid (ballistic) fiber coupled with new applications of microwave plasma treatments can enhance the strength of the fiber and result in enhanced individual mobility, ease of medical access, reduced weight, increased ballistic protection, cost effective savings and weight reduction of ballistic materials currently used

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4.0 million for Senior Scout COMINT (Communications Intelligence) Capability Upgrade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing mission, there is an immediate need to add improved COMINT capability to detect and characterize new, modern, low-power radio signals at extended standoff ranges in the presence of interference. The current systems are not able to detect these specific signal sets, which limits intelligence collection capabilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Price Systems, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 17000 Commerce Parkway, Suite A, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5.0 million for Software Lifecycle Affordability Management (SLAM). The Software Lifecycle Affordability Management (SLAM) project provides decision makers a means to understand cost tradeoffs in relation to both performance and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO). Development of the SLAM Service Oriented Architecture Cost Model (SOA-CM) enables the Army to determine which software lifecycle design/strategies realizes the greatest number of capabilities for the lowest possible cost, following the best possible schedule.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. HUNTER. 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. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

I requested \$3,000,000 for Trex Enterprises at 10455 Pacific Center Court, San Diego, CA 92121. Funding for this program will be used to complete development, flight testing and integration of the Brownout MMW Sensor that will reduce aircraft accident risk and allow aircrew visibility through the full range of landing

and take-off operations in otherwise extremely hazardous flight conditions. "Brownout" is a situation Army aviators experience in combat operations daily in Iraq and Afghanistan. Created by helicopter rotor downwash, it continues to cause aircraft accidents and remains a high risk to flight safety.

Specifically, as aircraft approach the ground, a thick plume of brown desert dust, dirt and sand disturbed by high velocity winds from rotor systems engulf the aircraft, causing a complete loss of the pilot's visual reference to the ground. The Brownout Situational Awareness Sensor (BSAS) is a cockpit display system capable of providing the aircrew visibility through the blowing sand and dust. This technology will greatly reduce the loss of aviator lives, loss of aircraft and reduce the amount of maintenance requirements resulting in damages from Brownout situations. Brownout is among the biggest hazards to rotary-wing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, contributing to more than 71 U.S. helicopter accidents. Providing this capability is critical to aircrew safety and combat readiness.

I also requested \$1,000,000 for CHI Systems at 12860 Danielson Court, Suite A, Poway, CA 92064. There is currently insufficient training provided to soldiers on the most crucial battlefield lifesaving situations. Medics and soldiers, in many instances, lack the experience to act swiftly and effectively in combat casualty situations. By combining instrumented manikin parts that support hands-on practice with computer based scenario training, this funding will complete the HapMed Combat Medic Trainer development and provide medics and soldiers the ability to practice critical lifesaving tasks. In addition to providing realistic training scenarios, HapMed is also portable, so soldiers can continue to train while they are deployed. This system has received high praise in its ability to train soldiers for medical treatment on the battlefield. According to a Science and Technology Manager for the Army, "New technologies such as HapMed are needed to provide medics with greater opportunities to develop and test their decision making and technical medical skills."

New Army recruits must receive training in Buddy Aid or as Combat Life Savers (CLS). Currently, insufficient training is provided to help soldiers and medics acquire and maintain some of the crucial battlefield lifesaving skills such as tourniquet application, needle chest decompression, and emergency cricothyrotomy, addressing, respectively, the top three causes of preventable death on the battlefield. In order to perform these lifesaving functions under battlefield conditions, military personnel must have the awareness and confidence to act swiftly and effectively.

Further, I requested \$3,000,000 for Cubic Solutions at 5650 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111. The Navy's carriers and large-deck amphibious assault ships serve as the flagships of battle groups and expeditionary forces. Commanders receive intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance (ISR) data from airborne manned and unmanned sensor vehicles via the ships' AN/USQ-167 Communications Data Link System (CDL-S) terminals. The AN/USQ-167 securely transports many forms of classified data, including voice communications, tactical data, photographs, and streaming video, using the NSA-approved KI-11 COMSEC equipment. The KI-11 is based on an encryption

device that is no longer available. This initiative will fund a KI-11 replacement based on a new, interoperable, NSA-approved device.

Kinetic energy penetrators fabricated from tungsten offer a means to gain 40% more kill depth if nanoscale tungsten is consolidated to full density with retention of the small crystal sizes during consolidation. It is for this reason that I requested \$2,000,000 for San Diego State University Research Foundation at 5250 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182. This funding will provide the Army the material that will ensure larger stand-off distances in battle (lethal to the enemy while our troops are beyond the lethal zone), earlier kinetic energy kills of incoming missiles, and more armor penetrations events. The current depleted uranium materials are toxic and need to be removed from the battlefield. For example, to avoid poisoning surgery is required on any friendly troops struck by fragments. Dual use applications are outstanding—from automobile vibration suppression to high thermal conductivity heat sinks in computers. For example, wireless telephone networks use tungsten-copper composites to improve heat removal from relay stations to improve performance.

I requested \$1,000,000 for Allermed Laboratories, Inc at 7203 Convoy Court, San Diego, CA 92111. Leishmaniasis is a parasitic disease that occurs in many areas of the world in which U.S. Military personnel are deployed. Over 2500 service personnel were diagnosed with leishmaniasis in Iraq and Afghanistan during the present conflict. Funding this program will result in the development of a biological product that meets the specifications of the FDA and the DoD. A phase I safety trial was completed in 2007; a phase II dose-response study and sensitivity study were conducted in Tunisia and completed in 2008; a phase IIb trial is presently being conducted in San Diego, CA and will be completed in June 2009. In this trial, the sensitizing properties of the skin test doses that were used in the 2008 Tunisia trial are being evaluated.

The Navy is challenged to conduct ASW localization and small-area search operations in shallow water littoral areas against emerging modern, diesel-electric submarines and these new submarines provide a minimal noise signature making them virtually undetectable to acoustic arrays under many circumstances. \$2,000,000 for Information Systems Laboratories at 10070 Barnes Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121 will address this issue. The Navy's answer to the quiet diesel-electric submarine localization problem is to rely on active sensors. Active sensor performance in the littorals, however, suffers degraded detection ranges from reverberation and alerts the submarine, enabling it to undertake countermeasures to avoid detection. Recent developments in miniaturization of low cost, low power electromagnetic sensor technology offers new potential for employing non-acoustic sensors to increase the Navy's capability for tactical surveillance, localization, and classification of quiet, modern diesel-electric submarines.

This funding will develop multiple small and inexpensive non-acoustic sensors, or clusters, packaged into "A" size buoys, the size buoy currently being used by U.S. Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) airborne assets, which will be demonstrated under this program. This revolutionary "cluster approach" is a development that promises to be equally effective in both the open ocean and the littoral against the

evolving threat. A-size sonobuoy launch containers can be designed to deploy the mini-sensors in linear arrays, or clusters, depending on the mission. Ongoing electric-field detection technology research has already demonstrated promising near-term solutions and passive "A"-size air dropped buoy concepts are ready for TRL7/8 demonstration in FY 2009.

Finally, I also requested \$5,000,000 for MBDA at 5701 Lindero Canyon Road, Suite 4-100, Westlake Village, CA 91362. This funding will develop for the Navy an innovative missile solution for its requirement for an Affordable Weapon System (AWS) capable of operating from ships and with a potential Navy/USMC airborne launch capability. AWS will defeat targets at stand-off ranges, rapidly completing the engagement phase with a capability to loiter in a target area. The Navy is looking for an AWS that can kill a variety of target sets to include Strategic Fixed, Strategic Mobile, Tactical, Maritime and importantly, Irregular Warfare/Global War on Terrorism targets. Typically these include mobile land and sea targets, time critical targets, and targets of opportunity such as terrorist leadership meeting facilities, mobile missile launchers, communication nodes and weapons caches. AWS is packaged in the existing shipboard Mk-41 Vertical Launch System as a "quad-pack" missile which offers a four-to-one load-out advantage over the existing weapon system to provide combatant commanders the capability to carry a deeper magazine and strike many more targets. AWS also utilizes conventional, low-cost airframe materials and electronics in combination with flexible swarming cooperative attack algorithms to overwhelm and defeat these targets within their range of undefended to heavily defended threat environments. AWS will have a flyaway cost of \$250K, less than a third the cost of the existing shipboard strike weapon system.

HONORING OFFICER GARLAND C. THOMPSON

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor one of Capitol Hill's most devoted and beloved public servants, Officer Garland C. Thompson, who next Tuesday the 30th will serve his last day as a Member of the Capitol Police Service.

Officer Thompson has served this great institution with dignity and honor for 34 years, joining the Capitol Police Service on June 9, 1975, after working as a fingerprint examiner for the FBI.

On September 11th Officer Thompson was one of the first Capitol Police Officers to act. He witnessed a low flying plane over the Capitol, which later was identified as the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. From that first instance, Officer Thompson acted quickly and assertively, escorting frightened citizens, Members of Congress and their families to safe locations. On that devastating day, Officer Thompson and his fellow officers put their own lives at risk by forming a perimeter around the building, using their bodies as a shield against an unpredictable enemy.

Officer Thompson is a true hero to us all, putting his life on the line every day for the last 34 years to protect and defend this great institution. Officer Thompson is truly the "King of Capitol Traffic."

Whether it's his friendly smile, trademark slogans, such as "Remember Capitol Hill is a law making area, not a law breaking area," or his guidance and advice he has provided to the thousands of visitors that cross his path, we all will sorely miss seeing him every day.

I ask my colleagues to all take this opportunity to thank the Capitol Police and specifically Officer Thompson, for his dedicated service. Officer Thompson, we will miss you, but we wish you all the best in your retirement. Capitol Hill will never be the same without you.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are dedicated to educating our nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a Congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

The House Fellows Program began in 2006, and since then 63 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program. Twelve more teachers will be taking part this summer. With plans to select a teacher from every congressional district over the next several years, the House Fellows Program will impact thousands of high school teachers and their students and will energize thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

As a former U.S. history teacher, I believe strongly in the importance of civic education. We must continue our efforts to get our youth involved in the political process in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that. I congratulate the following educators who are participating in the 7th session of the House Fellows Program:

Ms. Ashley Greeley (BUYER, IN-4); Ms. Susan Hunter Hilton (SPRATT, SC-5); Mr. Wayne Williams, Mr. Gregory Cosgrove (DIAZ-

BALART, FL–21); Ms. Dodie Kasper and Ms. Maria Arena (JOHNSON, TX–3); Mr. Jeffrey Boogaard (ANDREWS, NJ–1); Mr. Christopher Moreno (LOWEY, NY–18); Ms. Latasha Jones (ENGEL, NY–17); Mr. Eric Major (COSTELLO, IL–12); Ms. Mollie Huber and Ms. Yvonne Jackson Pittman (PAUL, TX–14).

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Thanks to Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler for their outstanding leadership, and Dr. Thomas Rushford, Dr. Charles Flanagan, Mr. Anthony Wallis and Mr. Benjamin Hayes for providing the crucial staff support. Thank you also to the Office of the Historian interns: Mr. Maurice Robinson, Mr. Parker Williams, Ms. Kaitlin Utz and Ms. Debbie Kobrin.

HONORING THE JUNIOR MATRONS  
OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Junior Matrons of Morristown, New Jersey who are celebrating their 50 Anniversary this year.

The Junior Matrons of Morristown was started in 1959 by a motivated group of young African American women. They concentrated their time and energy on addressing the lack of young African American high school graduates pursuing post secondary education. For the past 50 years the Junior Matrons have focused on fulfilling their motto, "Service through Scholarship". This has been done through providing financial assistance to over 3,000 high school students, totaling over \$2 million over the past half century. The beneficial and residual impact of this assistance cannot be over-estimated.

The Junior Matrons sponsor an annual Graduation Ball and Cotillion. The purpose of this night is threefold. First, it helps to raise awareness among the African American community about how a college education can provide an avenue to economic, political and social advantage. Second, it recognizes and rewards those who have been committed to achieving their first major educational milestone. And finally, it generates the funds necessary for a high school graduate's dream of college to become a reality. This single evening can be summed up in a statement that these women pride themselves on, "There were a lot of things we didn't know were impossible so we just went ahead and did them."

The passion and energy behind the founding of the Junior Matrons has continued unabated for these last 50 years, and is a credit to the collective vision of twelve charter members: the late Sue Graddick, Harriet Britt, the late Frances Younginer, my dear friend Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, Emma L. Martin, Mattile Drew, Muriel Hiller, Nadine Alston, the late Emanueline Smith, Natalie Holmes, the late Marie Davis, the late Natalie Thurmond Lattimore and Cecelia Dowdy.

Over the years the Junior Matrons have been honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League, among many others.

Although a few of the original group are no longer with us, new leaders have taken on the mantle and are endowed with the same zeal and vision.

Madam Speaker, I am quite certain that the Junior Matrons will continue to promote the cause quality education and help provide opportunities for our young people to pursue college degrees and productive, fulfilling careers. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Junior Matrons of Morristown as they celebrate 50 dedicated years of serving our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for several votes on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 due to a personal situation I needed to attend to in Texas. Nevertheless, I would request that the record indicate that I would have voted "yes" on each of the bills considered in the House had I been present. Specifically, S. 407, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 1016, the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009; H.R. 1211, the Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act; and H.R. 1172 are each common sense reforms that will improve the health and education benefits provided by the Veterans Administration. Our veterans and their families sacrifice so much on our behalf, it is important that Congress continue to do all it can to ensure that they receive the respect and support they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, had I been present to vote on S. 407 "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009" my vote would have been cast in support of this bill. In addition, had I been present I would have cast my vote in support of the following bills, H.R. 1016 "Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009", H.R. 1211 "Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act", H.R. 1172 "To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors" and H.R. 1777 "Making technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended".

IN OPPOSITION TO CAP-ON-A-TAX  
LEGISLATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I heard of a climatologist who went to apply for a job re-

cently. During his interview, he was asked, "What do you predict will happen with the earth's climate next year?" He immediately replied, "Whatever you want me to predict."

Unfortunately, this joke seems to hit a little too close to home, when we are considering global warming legislation. Rather than responding to serious questions with serious answers, Congress is replying with what we think people want to hear. Rather than considering all angles before offering a solution, Congress is rushing through legislation in hopes to score points with voters back home. And instead of basing a bill on sound scientific data, we will be considering legislation that is devoid of input from this side of the aisle.

I rise today to express my strong opposition to Waxman-Markey "cap and tax" bill. I believe there are three interrelated problems with this misguided legislation. I am concerned with the process by which we have arrived at the point we are today. I am concerned with the political showmanship that has gone on as the bill was written. And I am concerned with the policy itself, which bears the tragic scars of both the process and the politics.

Madam Speaker, from the beginning of the 111th Congress to the present, the cap-and-tax bill has been subjected to unfortunate abuses of the legislative process. In April, the Energy and Commerce Committee held four days of hearings, with the intention of, according to the Committee's website, "examine the views of the Administration and a broad range of stakeholders," on a discussion draft of Chairman WAXMAN's bill. However, these hearings reflected only the Chairman's perspective. Only four of the twenty-one witnesses called before the Committee expressed any opposition to cap-and-tax, despite a petition signed by more than thirty thousand meteorologists, climatologists, and other scientists stating their skepticism about the evidence of man-made greenhouse gases being responsible for increases in the earth's temperature. Contrary to claims made by the Committee, and witnesses at the hearing, there is no "overwhelming consensus" in favor of the hypothesis of human-caused global warming.

The bill was drafted without input from our side of the aisle. At no point was any Republican consulted regarding the contents of the bill. In the rush to get the legislation passed through Committee, it seems no one had time to read the entire bill, or figure out what it means. Committee members repeatedly asked questions regarding the potential cost of particular provisions or amendments, but received no answers.

All of this raises the question, "why"? Why was the bill rushed through the Committee, with hardly enough time to read it, let alone determine the impact that it would have on American taxpayers, farms, and businesses? The only answer I can come up with is the desire on the part of some in this body to score points with their voters back home.

What I see happening here is similar to what happened at the end of World War II. When American soldiers first reached Nazi extermination camps, they found men, women and children that were gaunt, emaciated, and starving. A few soldiers offered children chocolate bars, not realizing that the very thing they thought would be helpful actually ended up killing the children, because their digestive systems were unable to handle the chocolate. The same sort of thing is happening here. In

order to look like a hero to one part of their constituency, this cap and tax bill is being pushed through Congress, and forced on the American people, much to their detriment.

Which brings me to the third problem with Chairman WAXMAN's cap and tax bill—it's just bad policy. Earlier this week, *Investor's Business Daily* had a front page article about the failures of Europe's program, called the Emissions Trading Scheme, or ETS. The article cites numerous studies finding that the ETS has significantly increased energy prices, "with 'uncertain' effects on greenhouse gas emissions." That hardly sounds like a model of success that we should be emulating here in the United States.

Proponents of the cap and tax bill claim that they have learned from Europe's mistakes, but I disagree, Madam Speaker. The article identifies the giving away of the program's carbon allowances as the largest reason for the program's failure. This bill follows that same model, giving away roughly 85 percent of the emissions allowances.

The entire idea of a cap and trade program fails in practice. We are told, "The cost of polluting will be paid by the polluters." And believe me, the authors of this bill expect them to pay a hefty price. In fact, President Obama's budget assumes that even with the sale of only 15 percent of the total emissions permits, the federal government will still take in more than \$650 billion. As the cap gets lower, and there are fewer permits available, the cost for "polluters" is going to grow ever higher. But that is exactly what the authors want. President Obama recently stated that the only way for a cap-and-trade system to work is for energy prices to "skyrocket."

There is nothing in the bill to keep the "polluters" from passing those skyrocketing costs on to the consumers. In fact, they will be forced to do so. Any business that cannot pass the costs on to consumers runs the risk of being driven out of business. In the end, it will be the American taxpayer that foots the bill for this program, in the form of higher prices at the pump, higher home energy bills, and lost economic growth. But don't just take my word for it. Even the director of the Congressional Budget Office has said that, "under a cap-and-trade program, consumers would ultimately bear most of the costs of emission reductions."

One analysis of this bill found that if the standards within the bill are met, by 2035 Americans will see gas prices rise 74 percent, electricity prices increase by 90 percent, and a loss of at least 850,000 jobs every year. The average American household will see its annual energy bill go up by nearly \$1,500. For my home state of Kansas in particular, we are going to have to purchase an estimated \$206.8 million worth of carbon credits. That is \$206 million more that Kansans are going to have to pay in energy costs every year. My district will be particularly hard-hit, as estimates show my district standing to lose nearly half a billion dollars of production in 2012, and more than 5,000 non-agriculture jobs. It's this kind of economic pain that advocates are counting on to force a reduction in carbon emissions.

The European system proves this idea doesn't work. With no signs of a reduction in carbon emissions, Europeans have seen their household energy costs rise by 16 percent, and the industrial energy costs increase by 32 percent.

Spain is an especially poignant example of the failure of the European system. They committed to reaching the benchmarks set out by the Kyoto Protocol, with renewable energy standards, so-called green-collar jobs, and a commitment to reduce their carbon emission levels. But the high cost of energy in Spain has destroyed their economy, which is currently facing a 17.5 percent unemployment rate. Proponents of this bill say that we will be creating new, green jobs. But most of these jobs are temporary construction jobs that go away once facilities, like wind farms for example, are built. In Spain, for every 4 jobs that were created, 9 were lost due to the higher cost of doing business under the Emissions Scheme. We should avoid going down this same path.

There is huge potential for exploitation of the system, on multiple levels. Especially with permits being given out, rather than auctioned, government officials are in a prime position to divert additional credits towards industries or companies of their choice. There is also the possibility that utilities here in the United States could follow the lead of one European company that immediately raised their rate by 70 percent, explaining to customers that the rate hike was necessary to cover the costs of cap-and-trade. But this utility company was given more credits than it needed, and sold them on the open market.

Tack on a renewables standard to this bill, and we have the perfect recipe for failure. No place that has implemented a renewable standard has ever been able to meet the required levels. And there is little to indicate that a federal standard would be any different. As a 2008 article in the *Energy Law Journal* stated, "The DOE has little, if any, experience in administering a program on the scale of a national RPS, and has shown no indication that enforcement of a major program is within the agency's capabilities...[this is] an area in which the DOE has already failed to show effective leadership."

So what we have here is a bill that has been rammed through with no minority input, to create a system that is ripe for abuse, costs the American taxpayer thousands of dollars, cripples our businesses, and in the end, has no measureable result. This is a bill I cannot support, and urge my colleagues to reject as well. Instead, I would encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the American Energy Act, a comprehensive energy bill that increases access to domestic energy sources, encourages conservation, and promotes the increased use of renewable sources of energy.

Across this country, we are, once again, seeing gas prices rise. Since the beginning of the year, gas prices are up 60 cents, and crude oil has raised more than \$20 a barrel, with no end in sight. Just last week, Russian oil executives predicted that crude prices could reach \$250 per barrel.

It is possible for us to relieve some of this pressure by tapping into our own vast resources. The Department of Energy estimates that nearly 20 billion barrels of recoverable oil lie offshore beneath restricted waters, the equivalent to nearly 30 years worth of current imports from Saudi Arabia. Substantial offshore natural gas reserves are also restricted. Even though longstanding restrictions on offshore energy production were lifted last year, the process of leasing these areas falls under

the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

Unfortunately, new Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar refuses to allow additional drilling permits, dredging up every excuse not to produce energy in these areas. The Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, reported to hold more than 10 billion barrels of oil continues to remain off-limits. He has also sought to block progress on oil shale, a promising source of oil trapped in rock under parts of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. The Department of the Interior has even cancelled some existing oil and gas leases.

Often, environmental concerns are cited as the reason for opposing additional drilling. However, technological advances have greatly increased the safety of drilling. During hurricanes Rita and Katrina, less than one cup of oil was spilled in the Gulf of Mexico, despite damage to more than 120 drilling platforms. There is absolutely no reason why permits for additional drilling should be denied. Furthermore, revenue generated by these oil leases will be invested in the development of cleaner, alternative sources of energy. The end result is a reduced dependency on foreign oil, lower levels of pollution, and new jobs for Americans, all without crippling our economy.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, the American Energy Act includes one key source that could provide clean energy without emissions—nuclear power. The Department of Energy has stated that the best way for energy companies to reduce their carbon emissions is to increase their use of nuclear energy. Despite encouragement from DoE, and the fact that that it has been proven safe by countries like France, where more than 80 percent of their electricity is generated by nuclear power, the Waxman-Markey bill does nothing to encourage nuclear power.

Instead, this administration has begun to walk away from the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on the nuclear storage facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The American Energy Act would provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission authority to complete its review of the Yucca Mountain facility, repeal the limitations on Yucca's Mountain's storage capacity, and establishes a method for recycling spent nuclear fuel in the U.S. Furthermore, it would reduce the bureaucratic hoops and length of time required to receive a permit for the construction of new nuclear plants.

In conclusion, let me again encourage my colleagues to join me in rejecting the Waxman-Markey cap-and-tax bill that would cripple our economy, without addressing their environmental concerns. Instead, let's support the American Energy Act, which provides real solutions for our energy problems in an economically, and environmentally sound manner.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

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

My request, totaling \$350,000, will come from the Predisaster Mitigation account at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, within the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, for the County of DeKalb, Illinois. This request will assist in the permanent relocation of the residents who currently live in the Evergreen Village mobile home park to protect them from future floods along the southeast branch of the Kishwaukee River. Severe storms and flooding have hit DeKalb County, Illinois, four times over the past 40 years, causing extensive property damage. Evergreen Village, which is located in an unincorporated area of DeKalb County, has been severely affected by flooding. Evergreen Village is a 19.9-acre, 130-unit mobile home park, just east of Sycamore, Illinois, and located in the southeast branch of the Kishwaukee River floodway. During major flood events, DeKalb County must evacuate Evergreen Village, which imposes high costs on the county and the residents of Evergreen Village.

DeKalb County has examined alternatives to mitigate this issue, including the construction of a levee, and concluded that the relocation and acquisition of Evergreen Village is the only viable option for protecting residents from future floods. The acquisition would involve the purchase of the mobile homes, the 19.69 acre parcel of land, three permanent buildings, and the relocation of the residents. While most residents of Evergreen Village own their mobile homes, they are nevertheless technically renters on the land they currently occupy. Thus, under the Uniform Relocation Act, URA, these mobile home owners cannot receive full relocation assistance given to other owners of primary residences in similarly situated circumstances. Factoring in the approximate appraised \$30,000 cost for each mobile home and land acquisition in Evergreen Village, DeKalb County estimates that the total cost of the relocation effort will be \$6.781 million. State and local resources will contribute more than the minimum matching Federal requirement to complete the project. The entity to receive funding for the Evergreen Village relocation project is the County of DeKalb, Illinois, which is located at 200 North Main Street in Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

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 Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative DAVID PRICE, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative HAL ROGERS, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include this critical request in this spending bill.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MICA. 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, legislation that makes appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. I have received \$750,000 in the FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation Account for the City of Flagler Beach located at P.O. Box 70, Flagler Beach, FL 32136. To the best of my knowledge, the funding would be used for the construction of a new EOC facility in Flagler Beach, FL.

As the population of the City of Flagler Beach has grown, the demand for services has increased. The City Hall and Emergency Operations Center share the same building, creating a constrained environment when responding to emergency situations. The city needs assistance to build a new facility that will accommodate not only current staff, but also the emergency response teams that will use the facility to respond to natural disasters, such as hurricanes that frequent Florida. The new building will expand the necessary space for city departments which will more adequately and efficiently serve the people of the community.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ridgecrest, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California 93555

Description of Request: \$400,000 is included for the City of Ridgecrest, California, to help fund Phase I (planning, environmental studies, engineering design and construction monitoring, and legal and administrative issues) of the city's new wastewater treatment facility. Ridgecrest, located in northeast Kern County, serves as a support community to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake (NAWCWD), and receives and treats all of the base's wastewater, which accounts for more than one-third of the water treated at the existing facility. As the existing plant has limited capacity and with additional personnel expected on the naval base in the future, the current wastewater treatment facility will reach and exceed its capacity requiring another treatment plant in the next few years. The city recognizes the challenges it faces on this front and is proactively working to address this issue before acceptable discharge limitations are exceeded at the current plant.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for the Audubon Institute, New Orleans, LA in support of an Endangered Whooping Crane Propagation Facility. This is in the Fish and Wildlife Service—Resource Management Account in the amount of \$500,000. This will benefit the Audubon Nature Institute, P.O. Box 4327, New Orleans, LA 70178 in the form of additional specially-designed whooper breeding pens to hold new crane pairs, increasing Audubon's egg production capacity by 20% and contributing greatly to whooping crane preservation. In addition to benefitting Louisiana, Audubon's success in breeding cranes prompted the USFWS to select Audubon to hold 10 whooping cranes from the captive flock for potential breeding. The project will help preserve an endangered species native to Louisiana and inform similar projects on a national level.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVE SCALISE**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally-directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Tammany Parish

Address of Requesting Entity: St. Tammany Parish, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for St. Tammany Parish. This funding will be used to create an on-line retention pond at the western intersection of Bayou Chinchuba and U.S. Highway 59. This will reduce floodwater heights in order to reduce risk to homes, streets, highway flooding, and protect over 16,000 citizens in the Bayou Chinchuba area of St. Tammany Parish. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. 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. 2996—Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District  
Bill Number: H.R. 2996—Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Big Thicket National Preserve  
Account: National Park Service, Land Acquisition

Requesting Entity: The Conservation Fund, Texas Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 W 6th Street, Suite 601, Austin, TX

The Big Thicket National Preserve is one of America's ecological treasures. It is an unusually shaped preserve whose boundaries include land once owned by major timber companies. This request enables the National Park Service to acquire critical land within the congressionally authorized boundary of the Big Thicket National Preserve to diversify the economic potential of southeast Texas through increased tourism opportunities. This project works only with voluntary, "willing-seller" landowners.

The \$5,000,000 included in this bill for this project combined with previous funding will allow the National Park Service to purchase over 2500 acres of land on 23 tracts acquired from willing sellers or by voluntary donation. When funded in full, this request represents the final year in a seven-year land acquisition program.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. 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.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Other

Requesting entity: Texas Engineering Extension Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77842

Description: \$23 million was received for The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC), a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), to provide relevant and effective Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/terrorism training and education to our nation's emergency responders and their supervisors, managers and senior officials. NERRTC integrates the TEEX world-class training facilities with experienced, professional instructors and

trainers to provide the nation's emergency responders with a "one-stop" shop for training, technical assistance and exercises. NERRTC works with over 40,000 emergency responders annually and delivers training and services in all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. This funding is important to taxpayers because of its potential to save lives in emergency situations.

Salaries: \$15,339,463\*

Travel: \$ 9,025,662\*

Equipment: 0\*

Supplies: \$ 53,281\*

Contracts: \$ 259,556\*

Training Materials: \$10,322,038\*

\*Based on a \$35 million request

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRANK. A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2892.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Brigantine

Address of Requesting Entity: 1417 West Brigantine Avenue, Brigantine, NJ 08203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 to be used to create a fully functioning and stand alone Emergency Operations Center with adequate backup power generation and the ability to communicate with governmental agencies, as well as other neighboring Emergency Operations Centers if a catastrophic event or incident were to occur.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standard put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to place in the RECORD a listing of the congressionally-directed project I requested in my home state of Idaho that is contained in the report of HR 2892, the FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Power and Cyber Systems Protection, Analysis, and Testing Program

Amount \$3,000,000

Account: NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security

Recipient: Idaho National Laboratory

Recipient's Street Address: 2525 North Freemont Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Description: This funding will be used to conduct vulnerability analysis, testing, and protection of power and cyber connected systems for the Department of Homeland Security, utilizing the unique resources available at the Idaho National Laboratory, such as the electric grid, SCADA and control systems, cyber and

communication test beds, and the explosives test range. The project entails collaboration with leading universities and other National Laboratories to leverage ongoing research at these institutions and advance the state-of-the-art in building resilience into infrastructure systems. The funding will be used to obtain full-scale systems in sectors of interest to DHS for testing of vulnerabilities, identification of protection strategies, and evaluation of resilient designs; partner with universities and National Laboratories to develop resilient control systems; and establish a program that develops new protection schemes. The INL is uniquely placed to carry out this program, which leverages its ongoing work in this area sponsored by DOD, DHS, and Intelligence Agencies and its established relationships with industry, universities, and National Laboratories.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of the Idaho project that has received funding in the FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill and provide an explanation of my support for it.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MICA. 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, legislation that makes appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. I have received \$350,000 in the FY2010 FEMA, Emergency Operations Center account for a new EOC in Palm Coast, FL. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Palm Coast, 160 Cypress Point Parkway Suite B-106, Palm Coast, FL 32164. To the best of my knowledge, the funding would be used for the construction of a new EOC facility in Palm Coast, FL.

The FY 2010 funding will assist in the construction of an Emergency Operations Center in Palm Coast. The new EOC will replace the 36 year old obsolete facility. The new location of the replacement facility will better serve the community by having its location in a central area of the City.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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 the FY 10 Homeland Security Appropriation Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Entity: 319 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: Funding will be used to help fortify the City's water filtration plant from ongoing flooding and contamination risk. The plant is responsible for providing safe drinking water to 225,000 people in Trenton, Hamilton and surrounding Mercer County areas.

Work supported with the \$300,000 in federal funds—which the city of Trenton will match with \$100,000—will protect the drinking water supply by eliminating vulnerabilities to contamination resulting from future flood events. The city will use it to waterproof open areas, relocate vulnerable controls and electronics, and make improvements to the sump pump system and the Chlorination storage facility.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. 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. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2010

Account: U.S. Forest Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida National Scenic Trail

Address of Requesting Entity: 5416 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to acquire critical and strategic holdings buffering or adjacent to Eglin Air Force Base, its flyways over the Northwest Florida Greenway, the National Forests in Florida and other Federal and State land.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the request I have detailed below is (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 a project I requested and was included in H.R. 2996—the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: National Park Service—Construction

Project Name: Crater Lake Visitor Education Center, Crater Lake National Park, Crater Lake, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Crater Lake National Park Trust, PO Box 62, Crater Lake, OR 97604

Project Location: Crater Lake, Oregon  
Description of Project: H.R. 2996 appropriates \$350,000 for the Crater Lake Visitor Education Center project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used by Crater Lake National Park for construction and renovation of the Crater Lake Visitor Education Center. Crater Lake National Park was created by President Theodore Roosevelt and is the sixth oldest National Park in America. Furthermore, Crater Lake is the deepest lake in America and holds the purest water in the world. This is a beneficial use of taxpayer funding because the Crater Lake Visitor Center will provide valuable educational opportunities for over 2,000 grade school students and around 500,000 other visitors who visit Crater Lake from throughout the United States and the World each year.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010 contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP  
Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction, Army  
Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Address: 39 Normandy Avenue, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Description of Request: There is inadequate chapel space at Ft. Campbell. The current facilities are scattered across the entire installation in several substandard World War II buildings that are in disrepair. The construction of a chapel complex will provide every Fort Campbell soldier, their family members and retirees a quality facility in which to worship and practice their religious faith. As overseas deployments remain high, an increasing number of soldiers and families will rely on the chapel to support their spiritual needs. The local Clarksville Chamber of Commerce has strongly advocated for a new chapel on Ft. Campbell.

Distribution of funding: Chapel, 72 percent; Antiterrorism/Force Protection Measures, 1 percent; Infrastructure (electric, water), 11 percent; Supervision, Inspection & Overhead, 16 percent.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP  
Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction, Army  
Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Address: 39 Normandy Avenue, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Description of Request: A consolidated physical fitness facility is required to enable soldiers to maintain required fitness levels,

provide facilities for recreational use and increase the quality of life for military dependents. The designated location for the fitness center is in a remote part of the installation where no facilities exist. The local Clarksville Chamber of Commerce has strongly advocated for an improved physical fitness center on Ft. Campbell.

Distribution of funding: Planning and Design, 100 percent.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP  
Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: National Nuclear Security Administration

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Y-12 National Security Complex

Address: Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Description of Request: The Operations of Facilities Program contributes to the transformation of the Y-12 site into a smaller, less expensive and more responsive enterprise. The Operations of Facilities Program provides the facilities and infrastructure required to support dismantlement, weapons production and other national security missions.

Distribution of funding: Service Contract, 100 percent.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847.

(1) Project—Wilmington Police Department—Equipment Replacement and Modernization

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER  
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Byrne  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wilmington Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 69 N South St., Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Description of Project: Located in rural Clinton County, Ohio, the Wilmington Police and Fire Department are in need of equipment modernization in order to more effectively serve the first responder needs of the community. Funds for this request will be used to replace computer equipment for the Department in order to increase public safety.

(2) Project—Improved Solutions for Urban Systems—21st Century Jobs for Disengaged Youth

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER  
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—JJ  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Improved Solutions for Urban Systems (ISUS)  
Address of Requesting Entity: 140 N. Keowee St., Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Project: Improved Solutions for Urban Systems is looking to expand upon their already successful model of providing education and job training for at-risk youth. Funds for this project will be used to support and train disengaged youth for 21st Century jobs, such as "green collar" jobs.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I obtained as part of HR 2996.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernard Wildlife Refuge

Address of Requesting Entity: 2547 CR 316, Brazoria, TX 77422

Description of Request: An earmark of \$2,500,000 to fund Land Acquisition for the San Bernard Wildlife Refuge in Brazoria County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA, STAG Water and Wastewater infrastructure project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baytown

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77522

Description of Request: An earmark of \$500,000 to fund Water and Wastewater infrastructure improvement in Baytown, Texas.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 419–423.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 419—“yea”—Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.

Rollcall No. 420—“yea”—Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009.

Rollcall No. 421—“yea”—Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act.

Rollcall No. 422—“yea”—To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

Rollcall No. 423—“yea”—To make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, on June 19, 2009, I was detained by a pre-

viously scheduled commitment in my district. Due to my absence, I request unanimous consent for the record to reflect that had I been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 409, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 410, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 411, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 412, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 413, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 414, I would have voted “present”;

Rollcall No. 415, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 416, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 417, I would have voted “aye”;  
Rollcall No. 418, I would have voted “aye.”

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 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 were included in H.R. 2647—The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Account: Navy; Research, Development, Test & Evaluation; Line 3, Defense Research Sciences; PE #0601153N

Project Name: ONAMI Nanoelectronics, Nanometrology and Nanobiotechnology (N3I) Initiative

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Portland State University; Oregon State University; University of Oregon; Oregon Nanosciences and Microtechnologies Institute

Portland State University  
Portland, OR 97207

Project Location: Portland, OR; Corvallis, OR; Eugene, OR; Corvallis, OR

Description of Project: H.R. 2647 appropriates \$2,000,000 for the ONAMI Nanoelectronics, Nanometrology and Nanobiotechnology (N3I) Initiative. According to the requesting entity, this project would support collaborative research to generate new applications such as nanoelectronic devices to address the end of Moore’s Law scaling, advanced solar cells, nanoscale chemical imaging for catalysis improvements in areas such as bioremediation and ethanol production, nanoscale biosensors for point-of-care health management, and biological cell imaging and measurement capabilities.

Account: Defense-wide (DOD); Research, Development, Test & Evaluation; Line 238, Industrial Preparedness; PE # 0708011 S

Project Name: Northwest Manufacturing Initiative

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:

Manufacturing 21 Coalition  
1100 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1425

Portland, OR 97204

Project Location: Portland, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2647 appropriates \$1,200,000 for the Northwest Manufacturing Initiative. According to the requesting entity, funds for this project would improve the performance of manufacturing companies and the products they create as part of the defense logistics pipeline.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. 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. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Southern Command

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Doral, Florida

Description of Request: I have secured an authorization for \$55.4 million for construction of a new headquarters for the U.S. Southern Command. Currently, the Department of Defense is leasing the land on which SOUTHCOM is now located from a private individual. The funds would be used by the Department of Defense to build the new SOUTHCOM headquarters adjacent to the current SOUTHCOM facility in Doral, Florida. The land for this facility will be leased from the State of Florida. SOUTHCOM received \$100 million in the FY08 Military Construction Appropriations bill and \$81.6 million in the FY09 Military Construction Appropriations bill as the first two installments of \$237 million, previously authorized in the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 504).

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the FY10 Interior Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Pendleton, NY

Address of Requesting Entity: 6570 Campbell Boulevard, Lockport, NY 14094

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the sewer grinder pumps

project in order to convert the low pressure system to a gravity system and will provide residents with a higher level of services and alleviate flooding of homes and roads.

Of the total amount received, 100% is for the purchase of replacement units (as a cost of \$2,716 each). The Town of Pendleton will provide the labor to install each unit, which takes 4 hours and 4 laborers to complete.

The Town of Pendleton operates and maintains a sanitary sewer system on behalf of

Town sewer districts. These districts currently provide sanitary services to more than half of the Town residents. The sanitary system is primarily a low-pressure system, with the exception of several new subdivisions served by gravity systems. The low-pressure system was constructed during the 1970s and is comprised of approximately 14 miles of sewer mains and 453 pump stations. The pump stations are pre-assembled package stations that were installed within individual service laterals.

The stations grind residential waste and discharge it under pressure to the system. Years of harsh environmental conditions, improper waste products and normal wear and tear have caused significant deterioration in the pump stations. The stations are becoming increasingly problematic for the Town. System maintenance has steadily intensified with a current average of over 30 maintenance calls per month.

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 25, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine bridging the gap in care of women veterans.

SR-418

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 29

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.

SR-418