

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DENNY REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Rural cooperative development Grants

Name and Address: National Center for Appropriate Technology, 3040 Continental Dr., Butte, MT 59701

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA) provides information, educational resources and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural information providers across the U.S., with a special focus on sustainable ag technologies, farm energy, and information on marketing and adding value to farm products.

Amount: \$2,582,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Buildings and facilities

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

The progressive evolution of animal and range sciences has generated increasingly complex opportunities for research, teaching and outreach. The Animal Biosciences Research Facility will use the bovine genome sequence to identify ways to improve economic and environmental sustainability in the production of safe, high quality and consistent beef products by: identifying genes and their function; developing tools to control disease; improving nutrient utilization, management and production efficiency; and enhancing the nutrient composition of a safe supply of beef for the consumers in the United States and abroad.

Amount: \$3,654,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grant

Name and Address: Montana State University & National Barley Improvement Committee, 209 Plant Biosciences Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717

This project addresses the critical need of growers in production agriculture to increase economic yield and on-farm income, enhance domestic and international market access, improve production technologies, and better compete with Canadian and European barley and barley value-added imports, and with Australia, Canada, and Europe in world export markets.

Amount: \$514,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grants

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

B. abortus is a communicable disease that has already affected Montana's livestock industry and will continue to pose future threats

until improved vaccines are developed. Montana must regain its Brucella-free status in order for the livestock industry to prosper. Furthermore, the presence of Brucella abortus in YNP poses a biosafety hazard to tourists that could impact the state's tourism industry, particularly, for southwestern Montana. Thus, efforts spearheaded by MSU are warranted, and the development of novel vaccines and study of livestock and bison immune responses will have a tremendously positive impact for Montana agriculture.

Amount: \$305,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grants

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

Improving beef quality depends upon: (1) assisting producers with selection and management techniques to produce cattle that fit customer expectations for marbling, red meat yield and weight, (2) developing a cattle ID system that facilitates data collection and information feedback and reduces reliance on hot-iron branding and (3) continuing to develop and apply technology to enhance the safety of beef. The Montana Beef Network addresses each of these areas. Montana's beef cattle industry generates approximately \$900M dollars in yearly income and accounts for approximately one-half of the state's total agricultural income. The stockgrowers of the state own approximately 1.6 million beef cows. It has been suggested that in the future, producer ability to market calves may require process verification of calves from birth until slaughter, so that vaccination history, breed, age and weight can be factored into subsequent management programs to guarantee food safety and ensure product quality and consistency.

Amount: \$682,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: EPA—Salaries and expenses

Name and Address: The Montana Department of Livestock, PO Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620—2001

To conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), and to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans.

Amount: \$650,000

CONGRATULATING THE SOCORRO  
BULLDOGS BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Socorro High School baseball team for winning the 2009 Texas 5A State Baseball Championship. The Socorro High Bulldogs ended their championship season with an impressive record, becoming the second team in El Paso history to bring home the coveted state title.

The team was tested by fierce competitors from across the great State of Texas, one of the most competitive states in the entire nation for high school baseball. As the post-season

progressed, the Bulldogs fended off tough challengers and finished with an impressive 35–4 record.

On Saturday, June 13th, the Bulldogs had their toughest test this year when they faced the Lufkin Panthers in the state championship game at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas, and were down 2–0 in the game's early innings. The talented young men on the Socorro Bulldog team never wavered and forged an impressive come-from-behind victory.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented baseball team and their Coach Chris Forbes. The members of this championship team are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. The 2009 team members include: Tavi Amparan, Chuy Diaz, Cory Falvey, Roger Favela, Chris Guzman, Eric Herrera, Bobby Mares, Sergio Mendoza, Marcus Molina, Armando Muniz, Jessirey Navarrete, Aaron Olivas, Josh Rodriguez, Rene Rodriguez, Oscar Sandate, Ivan Sigala, Angel Soria, George Stoltz, and Luis Yanez.

Head Coach Chris Forbes and his great team of assistant coaches, Joe Alvarez, Adrian Garcia, Federico Contreras, and Herbert Reyes, were the masterminds behind the team's success. Coach Forbes, in particular, instilled a sense of hard work and discipline that kept the players motivated throughout the regular season and post-season. As part of his 25-year career in coaching, the former Austin High School baseball player has taken Socorro to 20 playoff appearances. Coach Forbes also boasts the most wins (576) of any varsity baseball coach in El Paso.

The Bulldogs' championship title energized El Paso sports fans, as over a thousand parents and members of the community made the long journey to Round Rock to cheer the team to victory. This team will forever be remembered for its historic victory that brought the State Championship Trophy to El Paso, 60 years after the storied Bowie Bears baseball team achieved the same feat in 1949. I am proud to join my constituents from the 16th District of Texas in commending the Socorro Bulldogs baseball team for a job well done.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. 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. 2997, The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$384,000 for the detailed investigation of the