

biological control organisms, monitor their impacts, and provide an increased number of annual technology transfer workshops to Cooperative Weed Management Areas and other landowners and managers regionally. This funding will continue the partnership between USDA and the Nez Perce Tribe to maximize the effectiveness of implementing a complete bio-control of weeds program in an Integrated Weed Management strategy. The Center will increase the availability of agents for landowners and managers throughout the region. Biological control offers long-term management of invasive weeds and can be used with other integrated pest management approaches.

Project Name: Potato Cyst Nematode Research

Amount Received: \$349,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This funding would be used by the University of Idaho for research and development of means to eradicate and better protect the Idaho potato crop from the soil-borne pathogen potato cyst nematode, hardened nematode bodies filled with eggs which can persist in the soil for up to 25 years. Current eradication depends upon methyl bromide, which is not totally effective and which may be banned because of its ozone depleting properties, as well as other chemicals which are even less effective and several of which may also be banned. The funds will be used to maximize the efficiency of methyl bromide while it is available and develop new "green" replacement eradicators (such as green manure or biologically derived nematicides) and procedures (advance hatching frequency), as well as to improve planting material screening procedures and to study plant-vector-virus relationships, which may also lead to new ways to fight potato viruses. Previous funding established the groundwork and prepared the University of Idaho to fully implement the needed research. This project will work, in concert with the ongoing USDA eradication program by providing new methods of treatment. This crop pest can result in 80% yield reductions and has negatively affected agricultural trade. There is a good chance that if this threat is addressed with adequate research and treatment it can be eliminated.

Project Name: Potato Research/Multistate Potato Variety Development Program

Amount Received: \$1,037,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho through CSREES

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This funding would be used to support an on-going research program that provides critical support to the potato industry through the development of new potato varieties and resistance to disease and pests. The ARS research station at Aberdeen, Idaho, has produced eight new potato varieties, and it has participated in the development of twelve other varieties nationwide. With the increasing threat of disease and pests, new varieties are crucial for America's agriculture community. Research will be performed at USDA's Pacific

West Area ARS facility, located at 1691 S. 2700 W., Aberdeen, Idaho 83210.

Project Name: Small Fruit Research, ID, OR, WA

Amount Received: \$307,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: The Small Fruits Initiative—Plant Improvement project will build upon the strengths of existing cooperative research programs aligned through the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research. This ongoing tri-state program supports the development of small fruits as an alternative agriculture crop in the Pacific Northwest. The funding will strengthen existing programs throughout the region and add key programs to fill in critical gaps that are not met by the existing infrastructure associated with the Center, providing key resources for Idaho scientists to address problems that negatively impact the emerging berry, grape, and wine industries in the Northwest.

Project Name: STEEP III—Water Quality in the Northwest

Amount Received: \$444,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Soil erosion affects 10 million acres of cropland in the Inland Pacific Northwest, reducing farm productivity. STEEP is a coordinated research and technology transfer program designed to develop and implement erosion control practices for agriculture. Emerging environmental and human health concerns also require control of erosion and other environmental impacts of agriculture. New strategies and cropping systems for the protection of soil, water, and air resources are being developed and assessed through collaborative research conducted by scientists in the Pacific Northwest. The STEEP program continues to provide Pacific Northwest farmers and supporting agribusiness entities the new conservation technologies, tools, and understanding to meet evolving demands of agriculture, the environment, and Pacific Northwest residents.

Project Name: Tri-State Predatory Control

Amount Received: \$926,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

Recipient's Street Address: 9134 West Blackeagle Drive, Boise, ID 83709

Description: This project would continue assistance to Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming to control wolves and other predators. The Yellowstone wolf population has reached levels 3 to 4 times the initial recovery goals, leading to a delisting from the ESA earlier this year for the wolves in Idaho and Montana and leaving states responsible for managing the increasing wolf populations. As a result, ranchers are facing increasing threats from these predators. The continuation of this program will ensure that the tri-state area will be able to address predator management.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects I re-

quested that have received funding in the Agriculture Appropriations Act for FY2010 and provide an explanation of my support for them.

A TRIBUTE TO HILL AVENUE
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California. The church is celebrating its ninetieth anniversary with a year-long series of celebrations commemorating the church's significant history in Pasadena.

In 1914, Martha Thompson, Laura Tallakson, Christiana Ellingson, and Thea Thompson, members of a small Norwegian-speaking Lutheran congregation in Pasadena, founded the "Dorcas Club." The group grew steadily over the next few years and dedicated itself to forming an officially recognized mission church and in 1919, the United Lutheran Synod Church was established. The new church, with its first pastor, N.B. Thorpe presiding, held services in a storefront building on Lake Avenue in Pasadena. In 1923 the congregation purchased a church building at Mountain Street and Summit Avenue in Pasadena. Under the leadership of Pastor W.J. Maakestad, the church's name was changed to Grace Lutheran Church, and in 1926, church services changed from Norwegian to English.

By the late 1940s, after years of growth under Pastor Joseph Berg, the church needed more space, so the congregation built a new, larger church on Hill Avenue in Pasadena and changed the name to Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church. In 1966, the church was extensively remodeled, and the Sanctuary was rededicated under longtime Pastor Amon Johnson. Since then, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church has continued to grow, adding a preschool and a new chapel, among other expansions.

Today, under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Auer, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church is not only a vibrant Lutheran congregation but a dedicated community servant. Among its many other programs, church members run a weekly Food Shelf, help staff the Cold Weather Shelter, provide food vouchers for underprivileged students at Pasadena City College, and sew quilts and knit prayer shawls as part of the Prayers and Squares program. Alongside other Pasadena-area Lutheran churches, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church has participated in operating Jacob House, a day shelter for homeless teens and adults, and Rachel House, a day shelter for women with children. The church also runs the Grace Christian Academy, a K-8 school dedicated to academic, social, physical, and spiritual growth.

I consider it a great privilege to represent Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon their 90th anniversary.

HONORING CHARITY TOWNSEND
CALDWELL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic acts of Charity Townsend Caldwell.

On May 2, 2009, Charity Townsend Caldwell, a great citizen of Memphis, TN gave someone a chance; but this chance wasn't a government program or a random act of kindness, it was the greatest gift of all . . . life. Charity Townsend Caldwell was arriving at her own graduation from nursing school, when her college dean had a heart attack, and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of people. Caldwell, following her instincts, ran through the crowd of people and immediately got down on her knees to assist her former administrator. Within seconds Caldwell had saved a man's life that would undoubtedly had been lost if she had not acted as quickly as she did.

What Charity Caldwell's actions prove is that when people are given great tools, they can do great things, despite their hardships. Caldwell was given a superb education from the Nursing School of Southwest Community College located in Memphis, TN, and the knowledge she gained from this institution prepared her to act in any situation, even at her own graduation. While Caldwell worked against the odds to save a man's life, it was nothing new for her, because she is very familiar with overcoming challenges. She was a single mother, held a fulltime job, and was doing this while attending nursing school. Because of Charity's tenacity and faith, she found herself saving a life at her own graduation. The story of Charity Caldwell proves, that when people are given a chance to excel, they do and in extraordinary ways. Again, I would just like to congratulate and thank Charity Townsend Caldwell for showing us that hard work and perseverance not only affect an individual's life, it can literally save another.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on June 26, 2009, I missed rollcall vote No. 466. Had I voted, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 466, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 587, providing for consideration of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act.

THE FIGHTING AGGIES OF TEXAS
A&M

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Texas A&M University was founded in 1876 as a land grant college under the Morrill Act. The

university began as an all male military school until after World War II. Aggies have been serving with honor in the armed forces since the Spanish American War of 1898. In fact, Texas A&M is the largest provider of military officers outside of the Nations service academies. General George S. Patton said, Give me an army of West Point graduates, and I'll win a battle Give me a handful of Texas Aggies, and I'll win a war.

During the Spanish American War, eighty-nine Aggies served in the Army, and sixty-three Aggies served as officers. When the United States became involved in World War I, 702 A&M graduates served in the military, and 668 graduates were officers. Texas A&M trained over 4000 troops during World War I.

It was World War II, however, when Texas A&M exhibited its expertise in training soldiers as well as scholars. Twenty thousand Aggies served in World War II; fourteen thousand of these men were officers, and twenty-nine were generals. In order to speed up the process of sending more Aggies to the front lines of the war, Texas A&M instituted a twelve-month, three semester training program to prepare its soldiers. The entire graduating classes of 1941 and 1942 enlisted in the armed services immediately following graduation. Seven Congressional Medal of Honor winners during the second world war were graduates from Texas A&M. They included MAJ Horace S. Carswell, Jr., class of 1938; LT Thomas W. Fowler, class of 1943; LT Eli Whitely, class of 1941; SGT William Harrell, class of 1942; 2LT Lloyd D. Hughes, class of 1943; LT Turney W. Leonard, class of 1942; and SGT George D. Keathley, class of 1937.

Six Aggies were survivors of the 131st Texas National Guard Field Artillery, best known as the Lost Battalion because it was three years before the fate of the men was known. They were captured on Java in 1942, and then transported to Burma, where they were forced to build the infamous Railway of Death depicted in the movie Bridge Over River Kwai.

Membership in the Corp of Cadets is now voluntary at Texas A&M; however, the university continues its tradition of training men and women to serve their country through military service.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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. 3082.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3082

The Account: Air NG

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Capital Airport, 1200 Capital Airport Drive, Springfield, IL 62707.

The funding for this project will go towards relocating the entrance road at the Air National Guard Base at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. The relocation is necessary to meet the Homeland Security back requirements and

will ensure that the base can remain one of the largest employers in Central Illinois.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Conservation

Address of Recipient: 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: Provide \$545,000 in directed funding for conservation technical assistance grants to the Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts. This locally-led program promotes Kentucky's natural resource priorities and assists in the implementation of various Farm Bill conservation programs on small family farms.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Conservation

Address of Recipient: 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: Provide \$724,000 for conservation technical assistance to the Kentucky Soil Erosion Control Cost Share Program. The Kentucky Cost Share Program is implemented in coordination with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to address Kentucky's natural resource concerns. The funds will be used for engineering, designing, installing, and certification of systems/facilities in order to meet national conservation standards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$254,000

Account: USDA's Agriculture Research Service

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research located at 4845 Southwest Dresden Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.