

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

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Dade College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 1402, Miami, FL 33132

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for the Miami Dade College Institute for Intermodal Transportation (IIT). This funding will be used for the Miami Dade College (MDC) proposes an Institute for Intermodal Transportation to further provide opportunities that lead to careers addressing the future needs of the transportation industry. A major focus is to provide small businesses with opportunities to train and retrain their workforce, as well as providing certifications and degree programs. The Intermodal Transportation Training Center allows MDC to effectively meet the training requirements of all forms of transportation, and transportation related activities. The planned location of the Intermodal Transportation Center is at the Miami International Airport (MIA), which would situate the School in close proximity to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) currently under construction. This location would serve as a benefit to both the MIC and the school as a trained and skilled workforce is developed by the School to meet the ongoing employment needs at the MIC. Courses at MIA are set to begin January 2010. Miami Dade College is uniquely positioned to provide this training through an Institute for Intermodal Transportation (IIT). MDC has a foundation for the coursework and training through its various departments and schools. A number of the educational programs are in aviation under its Eig-Watson School of Aviation. Additional related programs which would support the IIT are the Schools of Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Psychology, Mathematics and Engineering. Miami Dade College currently offers 3 baccalaureate programs with numerous tracks. Over 200 associate degrees and career training certificates are available and could have application to the Intermodal Institute. Miami is a major transportation hub, and the forecast is that Miami will continue to rapidly grow as an international center of transportation. However, Florida aviation and aerospace companies routinely cite "lack of a qualified workforce" as a principal barrier to growth in industry surveys. Presently, many larger organizations have found it more cost effective to contract out specific areas of its workforce to smaller companies instead of performing the work in-house. However, these contractors are often times small businesses that cannot afford to train or certify their own employees. In fact, many of these companies do not have sufficient training in business relationships, process mapping, business and finance. This translates into areas such as customer service, logistics, security, marketing, route scheduling, safety, and maintenance systems. Small Business training in other non-traditional support areas for transportation is also needed. This included areas such as construction inspection, traffic management, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) management through the Institute for Intermodal Transportation, small businesses would be able to invest in workforce development programs such as project management, managing time and budget, and negotiating expertise. Hence, the

Institute will address comprehensive solutions for all modes of transportation, combining academic and "real world" experience. By creating the educational resources for transportation, the proposed Intermodal transportation training center would attract new opportunities for the City and County and help meet future shortages in transportation employment opportunities.

A TRIBUTE TO PETER V. UEBERROTH

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the lifetime achievements of Peter V. Ueberroth and his contributions to the Olympic movement and sports in the United States.

Peter is due special commendation for his timely and effective response to the situation sparked by the American-led boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. That boycott led to 14 Communist countries announcing their intention to boycott the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and organize a rival event called the Friendship Games.

When the Soviet Union announced its boycott of the 1984 Olympic Games just two months before the Games, it threatened to undermine the participation of other countries and create a financial disaster for the Olympic movement. In order to save the Games, Peter Ueberroth personally visited several countries to ensure their participation, including Romania, which became the only Communist country that refused to participate in the Soviet-led boycott.

Despite the Soviet-led boycott, through the efforts to build international good will led by Peter Ueberroth and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, over 140 nations still participated in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Peter continued to promote the 1984 Olympic Games by initiating the Olympic Torch Relay that began in New York City, crossed 33 states and the District of Columbia and ended in Los Angeles, covering more than 9,000 miles and involving over 3,600 runners that focused the attention of the country and the world on the Games.

The 1984 Olympic Games were a stunning success, featuring athletes such as Carl Lewis, Mary Lou Retton and Michael Jordan, who led the United States team to a record-setting total of 174 medals, including 83 gold medals.

Peter personally secured the revenue to finance the 1984 Olympic Games, raising an unprecedented amount of funds from private sources so that not one cent of municipal funds would be required of the taxpayers of Los Angeles. The 1984 Olympic Games actually concluded with an unprecedented \$215 million surplus.

As a result of his efforts in saving the 1984 Olympic Games and restoring the United States as the leader in international sports, Time Magazine named Peter Ueberroth as the 1984 "Man of the Year," noting that he was the "hero of the Olympics" and the "man who brought honor to America."

Since leading the 1984 Olympic Games, Peter Ueberroth has continued to make contributions to the United States and the world of sports, serving as Commissioner of Major League Baseball, where he led efforts to institute an effective anti-drug campaign.

Following the 2004 reorganization of the United States Olympic Committee, Peter Ueberroth was selected to serve as Chairman of the United States Olympic Committee, revitalizing the United States Olympic Committee and leading the United States to a first-place finish in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles Olympic Games held under Peter Ueberroth's leadership and in that spirit, I ask now that my colleagues join me in recognizing, honoring and celebrating the achievements, service and contributions of Peter Ueberroth to the Olympic movement, sports, and the United States of America

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Name of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority

Address of requesting entity: 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$5,600,000 will be used for dredging the federal navigation channels in Tampa Harbor. The Tampa Harbor is a federally-authorized project for which, by statute, the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintaining. Maintenance of these channels is essential to ensuring that commerce can move efficiently and safely through Tampa Harbor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: American River Watershed (Common Features), CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers; Construction