

(NASA). As a representative of the Gulf Coast of Texas, which is home to many of NASA's most significant triumphs, I have had the opportunity to meet many NASA employees. I have always been impressed by their professionalism and dedication to their mission.

In conclusion, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon by supporting H. Res. 607.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: O&M, Corps of Engineers

Name of Recipient: Port of Houston Authority

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252

Description of Request: \$15,603,000 in funding would be used for operations and maintenance of the Port of Houston. The Port is the 7th largest container port in the United States and serves 50 million consumers within a 500-mile radius. In 2007, the Port of Houston provided \$285 billion in economic value, \$72 billion in personal income, and \$16.2 billion in Federal Taxes. It is also home to the second largest petrochemical complex in the world and the largest refinery in the United States.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction, Corps of Engineers

Recipient: Harris County Flood Control District

Address of Recipient: 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092

Description: \$2,500,000 in funding for the Clear Creek Flood Control Project. The project on Clear Creek consists of 15.1 miles of channel rectification and a 500 acre-foot in-line detention from Dixie Farm Road to State Highway 288 and a 1,750 acre-foot detention basin. This project will provide lower flood risks to areas in the 22nd District of Texas. It is estimated the number of homes subject to the 1% (100 year) flood would be reduced from 3,380 to 1,130. Flood Risk Management is in the national interest by reducing loss of

life, injury and property destruction and reducing the flooding risks to Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction, Corps of Engineers

Name of Recipient: Port of Houston Authority

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252

Description of Request: \$500,000 for additional construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In order to keep the Port of Houston operating at full capacity, the Houston Ship Channel must be maintained. The increased natural shoaling has placed greater pressure on the Port's capacity to store and manage dredge material and without increasing capacity they will not be able to dredge the channel. Without this necessary funding, dredged material capacity will be unavailable and material will be pumped longer distances increasing the cost of dredging for the same volume of material dredged the previous year. This request is for additional construction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3183, the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act:

FL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Biomass Account

Project Funding Amount: \$1 million

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: Promotes the development and production of bioenergy fuel sources to assist in the development of new energy technologies and improve existing energy efficiencies. The overall goal of this project is to decrease U.S. dependence on imported energy through the creation of renewable fuel sources, and is coordinated by the University of Florida's Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuel. Funding will aid in the development of renewable energy technologies through the integration of cost-effective

research methods, the identification and funding of near-term R&D opportunities ripe for advancement, and by the creation of novel renewable energy systems.

TAMPA HARBOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

Project Funding Amount: \$5,620,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Army Corp of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Description of Request: Army Corps of Engineers, annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funds are needed for periodic dredging in the 70 miles of federal channels in the Tampa Harbor. For FY 2010, the Army Corps' estimated capability is \$5,620,000, to include various sections of the Tampa Harbor project, with an emphasis on the upper harbor. The Tampa Harbor is a major shipping channel both for domestic and international trade, and of importance to national commerce. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons.

TAMPA HARBOR CONSTRUCTION

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction, General—Planning, Engineering and Design

Project Funding Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Army Corp of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Description of Request: In January, 2008, the Army Corps of Engineers completed the draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR), which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel, where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The Corps' GRR found that the ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies, and recommended widening select portions of the main channel. Therefore, \$500,000 is requested to complete Planning, Engineering and Design (PED).