

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Ohio Technology Coalition (NorTech)

Address of Requesting Entity: 737 Boivar Road, Suite 1000, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 for the Northeast Ohio Technology Coalition (NorTech) Tech Leaders II: Job Creation through Industry Cluster Development project. A non-profit, economic development organization, NorTech leads the technology agenda for a 21-county region within Northeast Ohio with a mission to build a vibrant and globally-competitive economy by linking and leveraging the region's technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation assets. This project will address the gap between the region's educational institutions and small businesses in bringing together the generation of innovative ideas with commercialization potential, together with the business know-how necessary to create new jobs through enterprise formation and growth. The project is expected to create jobs and reduce unemployment.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development Council

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$150,000 for the Collaborative Learning for Environmental Action Network, a green job and watershed management training program. This program will be performed through links to undergraduate education in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) disciplines at colleges and universities throughout NE Ohio.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership stand-

ards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers—Huntington District

Address of Requesting Entity: 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701

Description of Request: Appropriate \$1,000,000 for Greenup Locks and Dam. Greenup Locks and Dam is the eighth busiest of the Corps of Engineers' 230 locks and dam projects. Closure of either lock, for maintenance or in the event of an accident, generates massive delays and associated increased costs to industry. Traffic delays due to closures of the main lock chamber are increasing in frequency and duration. Investigations (GI) funds would allow for completion of the preconstruction engineering and design phase. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because keeping our nation's inland waterways functioning is essential to our economy.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers—Louisville District

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Place, Louisville, KY 40202

Description of Request: Appropriate \$1,000,000 for Markland Locks and Dam. Funds will allow for the award of the assembly pier contract, the fabrication and installation of the culvert valves, and the award of the embedded metals contract. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because keeping our nation's inland waterways functioning is essential to our economy.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Southbank Partners

Address of Requesting Entity: 421 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071

Description of Request: Appropriate \$279,000 for Northern Kentucky Riverfront Commons. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed a Master Plan and Reconnaissance Report for the Northern Kentucky Riverfront Commons Project. This request for funding is intended to continue the feasibility study, preliminary design and engineering for the entire length of the riverfront project area. These funds are needed to move the Northern Kentucky Riverfront Project forward in order to eventually stabilize the river bank area. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because stabilizing the riverbank is important to river commerce, economic development and flood protection.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Fossil Energy R&D

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: Room 1 Kincaid Hall, Lexington, KY 40506

Description of Request: Appropriate \$2,000,000 for the University of Kentucky Strategic Liquid Transportation Fuels Derived from Coal project. Funding will continue the expansion of capabilities at the University of Kentucky directed toward research and labor force development and training related to the production of liquid transportation fuels (diesel, aviation fuel, etc.) derived from coal. Project will continue development of an integrated, continuous "mini Fischer-Tropsch" refinery at UK. The facility is intended to produce research quantities of FT liquids and finished transportation fuels for testing, evaluation and certification by researchers and companies. This project will supply DOD with alternatives to petroleum for reliable supplies of battlefield fuels. The FY2010 funds would be used to begin fitting up the facility with the fabrication and installation of certain refinery process units. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it pursues a national priority to develop alternative fuels and increase our energy independence.

PILOT COLLEGE WORK STUDY PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1037 to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under Title 38 of the United States Code. I would like to thank my colleague Representative HERSETH SANDLIN from South Dakota for introducing this important piece of legislation.

I support this legislation because it provides the resources necessary to study the expansion of the federal work-study program available to veterans. This bill expands qualifying work-study activities to include positions on-site at educational institutions, a valuable source of support for our veterans at colleges, universities, and vocational schools across the country. Additionally, this pilot program will assess the feasibility of the long-term expansion of this program.

The federal government has been taking steps to enhance the education of our veterans since the passage of the GI Bill in 1944. Today, the federal work-study program is an invaluable resource for students as they struggle to pay their bills. This bill will extend that

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same resource to our veterans as they enhance their education, a small step towards increasing support for our veterans in return for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting our veterans and this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a list of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3170, the FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: Proof of Concept Center

Amount Received: \$285,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Idaho TechConnect Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 5465 E. Terra Linda Way, Nampa, ID 83687

Description: Idaho TechConnect was created as a statewide private-public cooperation that would bridge the gaps in the state's innovation pipeline. The Idaho TechConnect Proof of Concept Center will manage innovations from early stage projects to the launch of a viable start-up business or to license the product or service to an existing business. The Proof of Concept Center will work with new and existing businesses as well as the state's colleges and universities and the INL to create new commercial products, goods and services. Concepts will be vetted to ensure significant and efficient marketability and commercialization. These concepts will then be relegated to teams/existing businesses to build or expand successful and profitable businesses. The Center will provide assistance with business models, intellectual property strategy, and access to capital, resulting in more ideas becoming products, creating jobs and companies. During these challenging economic times, this funding will assist businesses and public entities in their efforts to mature their innovative ideas into market-ready products and services to strengthen the economy of Idaho and the region.

Project Name: Research and Economic Development and Entrepreneurial Initiative

Amount Received: \$400,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Boise State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1135.

Description: Boise State University will establish research partnerships with business and governmental agencies to aid and assist businesses in an effort to preserve free market enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the local and regional economy. The federal funds being requested will be used to match private and public sector dollars and in-kind contributions to conduct collaborative research that spurs intellectual innovation, creates jobs, and ultimately leads to the benefit and growth of the business community. The funds will also

be used to develop the necessary infrastructure to mine, protect, and assess the commercialization potential of the intellectual property that is developed as a result of these efforts. A healthy business climate is critical to the economic strength of the state of Idaho, the region and the nation. The innovation and entrepreneurial spirit that originates from this sector will help the United States compete in today's global marketplace.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

TRIBUTE TO NOVEMBER 21, 1979
AND MARINE CPL. STEVEN J.
CROWLEY

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 30-year anniversary of the attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan and to recognize the bravery and valiant acts of Marine Corporal Steven J. Crowley during these attacks.

Thirty years ago, 20-year-old Steven J. Crowley was an honorable and devoted Corporal in the United States Marines. As a guard at the U.S. Embassy, he took seriously his vow to protect and serve his country. On November 21, 1979, Corporal Crowley made the ultimate sacrifice to protecting the institution he was designated to defend as rioters invaded the building.

The details of these attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan remain haunting memories for the hostages trapped inside the building. On the 30-year anniversary of the attack, may we recognize the courage and selflessness of Corporal Steven Crowley. His heroic acts saved the lives of countless individuals held hostage. These survivors serve as models of the resilience of Americans and the determination we possess to overcome any obstacle that impedes on the freedom and liberty we are so justly guaranteed.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I commemorate the 30th anniversary of the attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan and remember Marine Corporal Steven J. Crowley. I wish to extend my sincerest sympathies to the family, friends and loved ones of Steven on this somber occasion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thomas More College

Address of Requesting Entity: 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$100,000 for Thomas More College's Center for Regional Health Science and Health Care Management. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in the health care field are expected to increase by more than 25 percent by 2010, creating 1.3 million jobs on a national level. Thomas More College is responding to this challenge by expanding upon current programs which address both immediate and future needs of businesses in health care and health care related fields, both at the advanced skills and at the management level. Market analysis indicates that as the number of highly skilled health care jobs increase, so will the need for specialized managers. Thomas More College is a leader in both nursing and business in the region and has a unique affiliation with St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. The strong partnership serves as the basis for the Center for Regional Health Sciences and Health Care Management. FY2010 funds will be used for operating costs; laboratory materials; supplies; IT costs and support; and professional development and training. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports workforce development in identified fields where there are insufficient trained professionals to meet the demand.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Packer Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: Packer Foundation, 1950 N. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60563

Description of Request: The Packer Foundation will manage and coordinate a biomass conversion to fuel demonstration for municipal fleet vehicles with the City of Naperville, College of DuPage, Argonne National Lab, and Packer Engineering. Demonstrating and deploying waste-to-fuel sources will promote environmental responsibility and sustainability while reducing costs to municipalities, and ultimately taxpayers, by reducing high energy costs and operating overhead of local government.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hostelling International USA, which is celebrating 75 years of promoting youth travel and intercultural understanding.

Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1934 to promote hostels and educational programs throughout the United States, especially for young travelers. The organization aims to help travelers of all ages, but particularly young people, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people. Annually, its hostels host nearly one million overnight stays by domestic and foreign travelers. Hostelling International USA creates cultural exchange through travel and education, and its 70 hostels across the country bring jobs and tourism revenue to local economies.

In my own community of Chicago, Hostelling International's local nonprofit hostel, the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel, provides 85,000 overnights for travelers every year. The hostel offers an inexpensive, safe, and comfortable place for visitors of all ages to stay in Chicago, and was rated by travelers as the Best Large Hostel in the World in 2006 and 2007.

Hostelling International Chicago not only welcomes international visitors, but it also serves our local community. The hostel teaches cultural understanding to over 1,500 local students each year through a variety of programs, including Exchange Neighborhoods and Cultural Kitchen. These programs are offered in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and the Girl Scouts, as well as other youth-serving organizations.

Madam Speaker, Hostelling International encourages young people to travel, to see the world and meet people from other countries, and to become responsible global citizens. I congratulate Hostelling International USA for its 75 years of service, and I thank Hostelling International Chicago for its service to the metropolitan Chicago area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, General

Entity Requesting (multiple): City of Murrieta, 1 Town Center—24601 Jefferson Avenue, Murrieta, California 92562; Riverside

County Flood Control and Water District; 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark: \$2,000,000 is provided for the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project, which would provide 100-year flood protection, environmental restoration/enhancements, and recreation benefits to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula, located in Southwestern Riverside County. The project would create seven miles of soft earthen channelization as well as the development of a continuous riparian habitat corridor throughout the length of the project. The riparian corridor can become a safe home for several listed endangered species that have already been found to exist nearby. The channel would not only facilitate species movement and connectivity to existing wildlife preserves, but will also create an extensive natural wetlands system that can efficiently remove contaminants from stream flows and help ensure improved water quality for local residents and soldiers stationed at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funding will be used for ongoing phases of this project as follows:

Phase II Construction: \$12,000,000

Phase III Complete Plans & Specification & DDR: \$2,000,000

Total \$14,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$117,000,000

Federal Share: \$75,270,000

Non-Federal Share: \$41,730,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92552

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided in the legislation to help address flooding concerns in the area surrounding March Air Reserve Base (MARB). Heacock and Cactus Channels are undersized channels that have proven inadequate to contain flooding, even during moderate rainstorms. Furthermore, substantial vegetation has grown within both channels and impedes the conveyance of tributary flows to an existing ultimate downstream outlet, resulting in drains backing-up within the city of Moreno Valley, flooding in local neighborhoods and impeding emergency services' access. The significant flooding through MARB results in major disruptions to operations at the base, including the fueling of airplanes, the transport of troops and supplies to the Middle East. Additionally, the flooding has caused extensive erosion along Heacock Avenue, which has jeopardized existing major utilities within the road right of way.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funds awarded would be utilized to compliment planned expenditures as follows:

Completion of the Feasibility Study: \$667,000

Completion of the Plans and Specifications: \$333,000

Total: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Entity Requesting: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92572

Description of Earmark: \$250,000 is provided for a project that would take restaurant

grease waste that ordinarily is disposed of at a landfill and use it to make biodiesel by constructing a biodiesel plant at Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. In addition to the benefit of eliminating the disposal of the grease at considerable cost into the environment, the biodiesel project would create an alternative fuel source for EMWD's fleet of vehicles. Currently more than five million gallons of restaurant grease trappings are produced each year in the EMWD service area.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Cost of Project with Budget Description and Timeline:

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Total State/Local Contribution to Date: \$5,000 (primarily storage drums to store thickened grease and studies)

Total Federal Contribution to Date: \$0

FY10 State/Local Contribution: \$450,000

FY10 Federal Funding Request: \$450,000

FY 2010 Federal Request Cost Breakdown: \$250,000 (Pumping, heating, screening, and piping systems to clean and handle the grease and waste streams)

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 206

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Forest Preserve District of Will County

Address of Requesting Entity: 17540 West Laraway Rd, Joliet, IL 60433

Description of Request: Prairie Bluff Preserve occupies much of the groundwater recharge zone for the seeps at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. Modifying how storm water is managed at the preserve and using best management practices, along with restoring naturalized plant communities across this portion of the recharge area, will increase water infiltration and stabilize the seepage flow at LPNP. This is important for protecting the rare habitats and would address several goals and objectives contained in the federal recovery plans for these species.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2996

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 for the Lower Cape May Meadows, Cape May Point Environmental Restoration Project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps O&M
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 for the Salem River, NJ ongoing dredging maintenance project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps O&M
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the NJ Intracoastal Waterway ongoing dredging maintenance project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for ongoing construction of the Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, Absecon Island, NJ shore protection project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for ongoing construction of the Townsend Inlet to Cape May Inlet, NJ shore protection project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to begin construction of the Great Egg Harbor to Townsend Inlet, NJ shore protection project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 for ongoing construction of the

Cape May Inlet to Lower Township, NJ shore protection project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps O&M
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for ongoing maintenance dredging of Absecon Inlet, NJ.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,500,000 for ongoing construction of the Great Egg Harbor Inlet and Peck Beach, NJ shore protection project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: Army Corps Section 205
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Description of Request: Provide the Army Corps authority to continue construction of the Pennsville, NJ section 205 Small Flood Control project.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: DOE EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Jersey Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 226 North High Street, Millville, NJ 08332

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to construct wind turbines in Sea Isle City, NJ and Penns Grove, NJ on publicly owned land that cannot be utilized otherwise because they currently serve as municipal waste sites.

HONORING EULA TATE

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eula Tate, a strong leader, social activist, and union advocate. Eula passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Through four decades of social activism, Eula Tate demonstrated how one individual can live the American dream and be a positive influence for social justice.

In 1967, Eula was hired at Chrysler's Trenton Engine plant, in Trenton, Michigan. While at Chrysler, she worked as an assembler and forklift driver, served as chief steward and became Vice President of UAW Local 630. Eula was a Councilmember for the City of Ypsilanti from 1981-1991, and also served as Ypsilanti's senior chief executive officer, a member of the City's Budget Committee, and Mayor Pro Tem. Eula's service as Ypsilanti's

Mayor Pro Tem was the first for an African American woman in the State of Michigan.

Eula also worked as a faculty member at Michigan State University for the School of Labor and Industrial Relations, Union Minorities and Women's Leadership Training Project. She came to UAW's Washington office in 1991 and continued her role as Legislative Representative/Lobbyist until her retirement in 2007. Eula was a staunch advocate for equal rights for all people. In her position as UAW's Legislative Representative/Lobbyist, Eula worked for passage of key legislation affecting families, women, and minorities. Eula also improved people's lives overseas by being an International Election official in South Africa's first free elections.

Eula held a bachelor's of science degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University and was working on a Ph.D. in public policy and administration with a concentration on women leadership in the labor movement in the 21st century from Walden University in Baltimore, Maryland.

She was a lifetime member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, CLUW, and recently served as Interim Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to the President of CLUW. She was also a life member of the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Eula has been listed in "Who's Who Among American Women", "Black Women in Michigan" and "Who's Who among Black Americans".

Eula is survived by her five adult children: Jennifer, Stephen, Yomika, Ronald, and Donald.

Madam Speaker, I will miss her smile, sense of humor and her sisterhood. I pay tribute to the life and work of Eula Tate and express my deepest condolences to her family and to all who knew, loved, and were touched by her life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3170
Account: Salaries and Expenses
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Arkansas Research and Technology Park
Address of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas, 119 Ozark Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: Through the development of the Arkansas Research and Technology Park, the University of Arkansas Technology Development Foundation, the City of Fayetteville, the State of Arkansas, and the region are building an economic development engine, focused on innovation and Northwest Arkansas entrepreneurial strength that is attracting and retaining knowledge-based, highly

skilled jobs and the production of technology-based business cluster formation. The ARTP provides the physical infrastructure and environment to encourage research and development. Therefore the ARTP is viewed as the cornerstone toward developing the building blocks essential to growing and sustaining a knowledge-based economy in Arkansas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: Box 870114, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 for the Preparing the Workforce of the Future project at the University of Alabama. The project will provide comprehensive and relevant workforce information in order to prepare a ready workforce, which will help reduce poverty in Alabama and support economic development. This project directly supports the goals of the Small Business Administration by helping to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and prepare American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. The budget for the project is \$1,000,000. Specifically within the budget, \$182,000 will go toward salaries, \$76,000 toward graduate student stipends, \$60,000 toward benefits, \$36,000 toward tuition, \$100,000 toward local area dissemination, and \$249,000 toward survey. Total direct cost is \$703,000; indirect costs are \$297,000. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses Account. The University of Alabama will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170, Financial Services Appropriations Act, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairplex
Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the construction of the Fairplex Trade and Conference Center, an 85,000 square foot, state-of-the-art conference and exhibition center, complete with broadband connectivity, campus-wide wireless integration as well as satellite two-way communications geared to attracting and benefiting small businesses. The project is sited in the country's third largest non-port Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) and will provide the ability to display and demonstrate goods and services to international markets via established channels with the local economic council and area universities. 100% of the funds will be utilized for ongoing construction of the center. The majority of the total cost of the project is from non-federal sources including Fairplex (a non-profit organization), the City of Pomona, Los Angeles County, and private donations. This project is consistent with the mission of the Small Business Administration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER 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 the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies request.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Hometown Heroes Reach Out and Raise Hope

Account: Department of Labor

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida, 32514

Description of Request: \$450,000—Hometown Heroes Reach Out and Raise Hope. I requested these funds to provide combat-wounded veterans the opportunity to earn a Master of Social Work degree which will enable them to work in the veteran's hospitals, mental health programs, substance abuse treatment programs, and hospitals. Combat-wounded veterans and veterans with service related disabilities are well suited for this work because of their own life experiences. They will assume vital professional roles in the community and will enjoy a satisfying lifelong professional career helping others. Program funding will be utilized to administer the program, recruit program participants from military rehabilitation hospitals, and pay for educational accommodations each participant will need to participate in the program based on his/her unique disabilities. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass

through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

HONORING MRS. BETTY
MORGAVAN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize Mrs. Betty Morgavan. Betty has served the Croatian community in Northwest Indiana and beyond for many years, and for her efforts she will be honored at a banquet celebrating her 50 years of service to the Croatian Fraternal Union on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at the Croatian Fraternal Lodge 170 in Merrillville, Indiana. Her complete dedication and her endless enthusiasm put forth toward her community and the Croatian Fraternal Union has allowed her the opportunity to enrich the lives of countless people.

Betty was born on June 1, 1930, to George and Vica Chelich. Her parents immigrated to the United States from Croatia early on in their adult life, and they settled in Northwest Indiana. Betty is one of three children. She has one brother, John Chelich, and one sister, Ann Chelich Lieber, who is a Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 170 board member. As a child, Betty attended Saint Mark's Elementary School and went on to graduate from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana. On October 7, 1940, Betty married Vince Morgavan, and they had three children, Helen, Ray, and Elizabeth. Betty's husband Vince was her counsel, confidant, and her most staunch ally, and they were married for almost 57 years. The two shared a wonderful marriage as well as a strong desire to help the community.

In 1959, Betty won her first official position within the lodge when she became Club Secretary. It was during those years as Secretary that Betty became inspired by her mentor and President of Lodge 170 at the time, Nicholas Erbesti. Betty's commitment to the Croatian community grew stronger, and she was elected President of Lodge 170 in 1980. During her time as President, Betty initiated the sale of the original hall on 36th Avenue and Broadway because the members decided they needed a larger space for their events and the growing community. During the late 1980s, Betty assembled a team of dedicated members to build the largest Croatian Fraternal Home in the United States and Canada, and to this day there is no lodge in all of the Croatian Fraternal Union that has a building of this size. In 1991, the \$1.5 million dollar building opened. It stands as a testament to the hard-working immigrants who inspired their children to build things they themselves could hardly imagine. Under Betty's leadership, Lodge 170 grew to become the third largest membership lodge in the country. Because of her selfless dedication and undying motivation to improve this community and to keep the Croatian culture and traditions alive in Northwest Indiana as well as nationwide, Betty was re-elected by the lodge members for twenty-eight years in a row. She also had the honor of being elected to the Croatian Fraternal

Union National Board for several years. In addition, Betty was also a delegate to many of the union's national conventions.

In 2008, Betty retired from her post as lodge President. Today, Betty enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren. She continues to remain an inspiration to the Croatian Fraternal Union and continues her service as a member. The beloved Croatian community could not have asked for a more devoted and loyal servant, and she is worthy of the highest praise.

Madam speaker, Mrs. Betty Morgavan has always given her time and efforts selflessly and has truly been an inspiration to so many people throughout the years. She continues to be a tremendous source of pride for the Croatian community and for the people of Northwest Indiana. I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Betty on her 50 years of service to the Croatian Fraternal Lodge 170! "Hvala Za Sve!" "Thanks for Everything!"

COMMENDING THE WORK OF MR. FRANK STEPHENSON OF TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor a prolific religious leader from Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District, Frank Stephenson of Kingston, Tennessee.

Frank will turn ninety years old in the coming weeks, and has much to show for his years of service to his faith and country. At the age of twenty-one, Frank joined the Marine Corps to serve America in the Second World War. He quickly made Sergeant, and served as Administrative Orderly for the Commandant for the 5th Naval District until March of 1945, but Frank's selfless dedication would reach beyond his years in the Armed Forces.

Only two years after leaving the Marines, Frank left for the Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, and committed the remainder of his life to the calling of religious ministry. Upon graduation, Frank returned to his home state and started his first church in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. Frank would go on to found and minister at several other churches through the years, traveling across America to share his faith with others, and for over twelve years ministered to Tennesseans and Kentuckians on King of Kings Radio.

Currently, Frank lives in Kingston, Tennessee, with Kathleen, his wife of sixty-six years. Frank and Kathleen have four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. As Frank prepares to celebrate this incredible milestone, I ask that my colleagues join me in rising to celebrate his commitment to faith and family, his work to promote faith in God and Christian values, and the indispensable role Frank has played in our community. We wish him all the best for his ninetieth birthday, and in the coming years as he continues to live among cherished family and friends in Tennessee.—

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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 Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill

Account: Corps of Engineers, Section 107

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port of New Orleans

Address of Requesting Entity: 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for the Port of New Orleans. This will be a good use of taxpayer dollars because the authorized dredging and maintenance project would provide a minimum 45-foot draft access at the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal in the Port of New Orleans to enable terminal use by deep draft ships and to allow the Port to remain competitive in attracting and retaining international business. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services Appropriations bill H.R. 3170:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services Appropriations bill

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 4040, Hovey 310, Normal, IL 61790-4040

Description of Request: \$100,000 for a program to assist small to medium sized companies in Illinois in the expansion of exports by providing international planning, marketing and distribution expertise. It is my understanding that this funding will be used as follows: \$50,000 for personnel; \$40,000 for faculty and student travel; and \$10,000 for supplies, marketing, and printing.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. 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. 3170, the Department of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Benedictine University

Address of Requesting Entity: 5700 College Road, Lisle, IL 60532

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the Women's Entrepreneurial Education and Workforce Development Initiative at Benedictine University. This recently established, innovative program specifically designed to empower women in the workforce. The program is designed to reach diverse, low-middle income women for job skills training and professional development. Students will enjoy financial literacy and collaborative leadership course work in addition to lectures from notable female educators and executives in the Chicago-land area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Agency/Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Entity: Brazos River Authority

This funding would be used toward the federal portion of the flood control project underway between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Brazos River Authority that was authorized in 1999.

Agency/Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Amount: \$220,000

Requesting Entity: City of Abilene

This funding would be used for the federal portion of the flood control project between the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Abilene. The funds will complete development of a detailed study of local flood protection alternatives in the Elm Creek Watershed.

Agency/Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, Wind Science and Engineering Center, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

This funding is requested to focus on further extension and applications of the capabilities and facilities of the Texas Tech Wind Power Research Facility and its use as a unique national asset, will characterize the Gulf of Mexico offshore wind resource, will continue the development and application of wind-driven reverse osmosis water purification systems, and will continue outreach and education of the associated technologies, their applications, and results.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Agency/Account: Corps of Engineers, Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Concordia

Address of Requesting Entity: 701 Washington Street, Concordia, KS 66901

Description of Project: I have secured language for the Army Corps of Engineers to provide assistance to The Concordia project which is located on an unnamed tributary on the south side of the City of Concordia. An existing embankment on that stream serves as a detention dam during heavy rainfall events and protects a residential and commercial development immediately downstream. This embankment breached as a result of heavy rainfall in 1950 and flood waters devastated the downtown business district. The embankment was restored, but not designed to current or any acceptable engineering standards, and its condition makes the risk of flooding to the housing and business district immediately downstream very high. The project will develop a plan to construct a safe and reliable flood protection project in partnership with the City of Concordia. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Agency/Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$500,000 for the Kansas State University Center for Sustainable Energy. The Kansas State University Center for Sustainable Energy has become a partner in the Alliance for Biotroleum Ventures which will serve as a catalyst for transforming America's energy landscape by integrating the Midwest's vast capabilities and resources. The K-State Center for Sustainable Energy provides broad-based expertise in biomass design, production, and conversion to fuels and chemicals, as well as in biofuel/bioproduction utilization. The Center is K-State's focal point for research, education, and outreach on biotroleum-based fuels and products. Funding will be used to support the work the K-State University Center for Sustainable Energy is doing in regards to the Alliance for Biotroleum Ventures. This includes integrating renewable Midwest biomass and public-private "biotroleum" resources to advance technology to production scale for rapid national deployment. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Agency/Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cloud County Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2221 Campus Drive, P.O. Box 1002, Concordia, KS 66901

Description of Project: I have secured \$750,000 for Cloud County Community College Renewable Energy Center of Excellence.

Located on campus, the proposed center will house Cloud County Community College's (CCCC's) Wind Energy Technology (WET) program and wind technician education training. The facility will also be available for regional wind conferences, public and private industry training, and workshops related to other renewable energy initiatives. CCCC's Wind Energy Technology program is preparing a qualified workforce for the emerging wind industry estimated to increase by 80,000 jobs by 2020. The curriculum blends on-campus, online and distance learning, and field opportunities for students. Funding will be used to establish the CCCC Renewable Energy Center of Excellence and to help develop curriculum and program standards for the WET program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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 H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water bill

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DOE, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Galveston Wharves

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 328, Galveston, TX 77553

Description of Request: An earmark of \$250,000 to fund Solar Energy Project at the Port of Galveston, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$675,000 to fund investigations at Port Freeport, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$200,000 to fund investigations at Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$500,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$2,500,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in Clear Creek, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$8,000,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in the Texas City Channel, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$1,790,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in Cedar Bayou, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$3,316,000 to fund improvements in Freeport Harbor, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$13,095,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in Galveston Harbor, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$2,264,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in Victoria Harbor, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$26,046,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in the GIWW, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$4,627,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in the Matagorda Ship Channel, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550

Description of Request: An earmark of \$4,000,000 to fund infrastructure improvement in the Texas City Ship Channel, Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER 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 the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies request.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Pensacola Incentive—Based Model for Healthcare Transformation

Account: Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida, 32514

Description of Request: \$400,000—Pensacola Incentive-Based Model for Healthcare Transformation. This project will provide funds to pilot and evaluate alternative incentive structures (e.g., cost reduction, direct payment, etc.) to encourage participation of doctors and other providers in Health Information Technology (HIT) networks. HIT seeks to minimize costs by sharing information. But then what incentives will encourage doctors to use HIT and abandon the more lucrative procedure-based system? The proposed project will determine the best strategies to increase adoption and use rates. Advances in HIT will improve the quality of life and economic potential via better health care outcomes and reduced health care expenditures. The lessons from this pilot program are transferrable nationally. The research design will compare dif-

ferent incentive structures in terms of ease of use, provider awareness, use rates, and efficacy in outcomes. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION—

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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 Financial Services Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services Appropriations

Bill Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses

Name of Requesting Entity: West Jefferson Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 Medical Center Boulevard, Marrero, LA 70072

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for the West Jefferson Medical Center. This funding will be used for training of Certified Nurse Assistants and Phlebotomists. There is an opportunity to increase technical competencies while responding positively to patient needs. The enhanced skills provided by the training will lead to improved quality of care, improved patient satisfaction, reduced employee turnover, and enhanced employee effectiveness and productivity. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce

Address of Requesting Entity: 3331 Rainbow Drive, Suite E, Rainbow City, Alabama 35906

Description of Request: "Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce business training, \$100,000." Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will be used to hire more business counselors to train small business owners throughout the Third Congressional District on how to contract with the Federal Government. East Alabama has many opportunities for Federal government contracting. Contracting is a complex but advantageous way for small businesses to find and maintain work. Contracting assistance is a needed service especially with the expected growth due to the recent BRAC decision and the overall economic situation.

HONORING JACQUELINE BASNEY AND ANGELIQUE'S BRIDAL SALON IN BLAINE, MINNESOTA FOR HOSTING A "MILITARY EXTRAVAGANZA"

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacqueline Basney and the employees of Angeliq's Bridal Salon in Blaine, Minnesota for their thoughtful commitment to the military families of Minnesota. For the second year, Angeliq's has hosted a "Military Extravaganza." This past weekend, they gave away 50 wedding gowns to women who are either serving or engaged to someone serving in the military at no cost to the couple. As owner of Angeliq's, Jackie gives away the freshly cleaned and repaired sample gowns of discontinued styles. "These dresses are like new and just beautiful," she says.

Inspired after hearing of a similar event at another shop, Jackie went a step further by involving local vendors from the Twin Cities area to donate limo rides, photography sessions, tuxedo rentals—everything needed for the perfect wedding. Even more, the event is a way of connecting families who share the same uncommon situation. One set of four women lined up at eleven o'clock the night before and by the time they had picked their dresses the next morning, they were good friends, taking photos and exchanging phone numbers and promising to stay in touch. You simply can't put a price tag on that kind of support—particularly for women so in need of a little extra friendship for the sacrifices they make for our nation.

To take part in the event, couples submit letters and Jackie reads each one. Learning how they met and their plans for their life together lead her to tears at just the idea that she'll be a part of their wedding days. This year was especially moving when one lucky bride-to-be called her fiancé in Iraq and he personally thanked Jackie for her special gift. But Jackie seeks no thanks, saying it's only their way of paying it forward as "they pay us back double."

While these service men and women are separated by time and distance, Angeliq's is committed to making their big day the best it can be. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank everyone at Angeliq's Bridal Salon in Blaine, Minnesota and especially Jacqueline Basney for helping the men and women in our military in this unique way.

While many couples enjoy the luxury of planning and preparing together, this event brings families and strangers together in a way many never expected, but are eternally grateful to have experienced.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce, Rainbow City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.M.B. 172, 3331 Rainbow Drive, Suite E, Rainbow City, AL 35906

Description of Request: "For small business training, \$100,000"

The funding would be used to provide education and workforce training to Alabama's workforce. The Alabama Small Business Institute and PTAC will partner together to provide assistance to Alabama small business owners with education and workforce development geared towards procuring government contracts. The Industrial Systems Technology and Machining Training will help meet the Federal government's mission of increasing training opportunities to create qualified workers through the nation's community college system. Approximately \$65,000 will be allocated for salaries and \$35,000 for equipment, supplies, travel and related costs.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Technology Network, Birmingham, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209

Description of Request: "For the Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology, \$350,000"

The funding would be used to assist with the renovation, wiring, and expansion of an existing building. The renovation would provide a new location in the facility to house the woodworking facility. The funds would also be used to provide for the physical relocation of the equipment from its current location. The purpose of the funding is to facilitate the growth and development of Alabama's secondary wood processing industries and be a part of local, state and national efforts to recruit, train and retain wood related industries. \$257,500 will be used to disassemble, relocate, reassemble, install, and purchase any additional equipment, materials, supplies, and services to allow ACAWT to renovate and operate in the new facility. \$92,500 will be allocated towards any renovations including additional equipment, services, marketing, and costs necessary to restart operations.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 138 Alabama Highway 35, Rainsville, AL 35986

Description of Request: "For industrial systems technology and machining training, \$335,000"

The funding would be used to assist with the renovation and equipping of a building purchased by Northeast Alabama Community College that will provide the necessary facilities for instruction in the areas of welding, machining, and industrial systems technology (maintenance). \$280,000 will be used for equipment and \$55,000 will be used for salaries.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction—Rural Nevada

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nevada Statewide: Washoe County Dept of Water Resources, The City of Fernley, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502; 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

Description of Request: \$3,000,000. Funds will be used to support Sec. 595 of WRDA 1999 to provide rural localities in Nevada with funding for the design and construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, environmental restoration and surface water protection projects.

Specifically, the Washoe County Department of Water Resources will use some of these funds for a multi-phased project that will provide water service to residents currently using domestic wells. Declining water levels and deteriorating water quality are resulting in domestic well failures. In addition, on-site septic systems are contributing contaminants to the groundwater, resulting in residents consuming water that does not meet federal and state water quality standards. The Washoe Department of Water Resources has been working in phases to construct a community water system which will provide residents with a reliable supply of water that meets all state and federal drinking water standards.

Additionally, the City of Fernley, Nevada will use some of these funds for a project that includes the design, property acquisition, and construction of a surface water intake for the Fernley Water Treatment Plant. The plant currently utilizes groundwater as its only source of water, so this project will increase the flexibility in the management of Fernley's water re-

sources. The City of Fernley currently holds approximately 10,000 acre-feet of surface water rights that cannot be utilized without such a facility. This project allows the City of Fernley to utilize a source of water that increases the flexibility of Fernley's water resources. This project enhances Fernley's drought tolerance and introduces surface water to its potable water customers with a lower concentration of arsenic than Fernley's groundwater.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Desert Research Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512

Description of Request: \$750,000. This funding will help the Desert Research Institute create a statewide center to house and use all available data needed to better understand the current and potential future distribution of water resources within Nevada. Water has become, and will continue to be, the most important limiting resource for the semi-arid urbanizing western United States. This project seeks to fully understand current distribution of water, while also being able to predict accurately the impacts of future conditions (e.g., growth and climate change) on the availability of water.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RAPHAEL
KATZEN

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate the life of Dr. Raphael Katzen as well as his 60-year career and vast accomplishments in the biofuel industry.

Called the "biofuel world champion" by a dear friend, Raphael Katzen was a pioneer in the ethanol industry. Dr. Katzen saw ethanol grow from a World War II emergency measure to a five billion-gallon industry. Beside establishing Raphael Katzen Associates International, Inc., a company well known and respected for its focus on innovation and next-generation technology, Dr. Katzen was named a fellow of both the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Institute of Chemists. Among his many accolades, Dr. Katzen received the prestigious Professional Practice Award of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, an award that earned him recognition by the Ohio House of Representatives. He also received the C.D. Scott Award of the Symposium on Biotechnology and Bioengineering. In 1996 Dr. Katzen was honored for his lifetime of achievements in bioengineering by election to the National Academy of Engineering.

While all of Dr. Katzen's accomplishments are impressive, perhaps most memorable will be his timeless drive and innovation that kept him on the cutting edge of technology development. Even in his 90s, he could still be found asking tough questions and pushing the envelope at industry conferences.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States and the citizens of Ohio's First Congressional District, it is an honor to recognize the life and career of this remarkable man.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ACCESS TO BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (ABC) ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, I am pleased to reintroduce the Access to Books for Children Act (ABC Act), which strives to make buying books for kids as easy as A-B-C. The bill would provide vouchers for purchasing educational books to low-income mothers of infants and children participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends daily reading to a child beginning when the child is just 6 months old. Children who are exposed to books and reading before they start school are much more likely to graduate from high school than those who are not. The ABC Act will put books in the homes of children who may not otherwise have them, in order to help those children develop the reading skills to set them on the path to success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER 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 the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water request.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Adaptive Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Technology for Infrastructure Protection

Account: Department of Energy—Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 South Alcaniz Street, Pensacola, Florida, 32502

Description of Request: \$750,000—Adaptive Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Technology for Infrastructure Protection. I requested these funds to develop a system-centric defense infrastructure for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems that will greatly improve their intrinsic resilience to environmental effects and malicious attacks. The proposed defense mechanism will be part of the communications infrastructure of the SCADA system and, without modifying the monitoring and control protocols, will introduce system diversity which will increase reliability and resilience preventing a local compromise from becoming a threat to the whole infrastructure or causing cascading failure. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170—the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010:

Small Business Administration (Salaries and Expenses)—Pennval Road Green Technology Incubator, Township of Woodbridge, N.J., \$250,000.

The entity to receive this funding is: Township of Woodbridge, One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Woodbridge Township seeks to redevelop a brownfields site on Pennval Road into a Green Technology Incubator as a means of attracting economic development and encouraging job growth in the Township and the region. Consistent with the recently adopted New Jersey Energy Master Plan, which prioritizes the creation of a green technology and industrial sector in New Jersey alongside other goals such as enhanced conservation and efficiency, Woodbridge is embarking upon a redevelopment that will rely upon sustainable construction technologies for its physical facilities that will house the Incubator and promote business development and job creation specifically focused on fostering a clean energy/technology business cluster in the Township.

As conceived, the Pennval Road Green Technology Incubator will involve construction of facilities using energy efficient design, encourage the location of businesses or organizations which generate or facilitate generation of forms of renewable energy, energy efficient transportation and industrial process firms, and academic and public/private energy research and consulting activities. Woodbridge will also be establishing academic partnerships with local institutions of higher education to teach sustainable best practices onsite and provide real-world experiences for their students in the businesses that choose to locate themselves at the Incubator. Finally, a portion of the redevelopment area is being set aside as the site of a solar array to generate renewable energy that will power the Incubator and potentially other users in the vicinity.

HONORING ANTHONY MICHAEL STASIAK II

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Anthony Stasiak II of Kansas City, Missouri. Anthony is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Anthony has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Anthony has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous

merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Anthony Stasiak II for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I secured as part of H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

My request, totaling \$100,000, will come from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Salaries and Expenses account for the River District Association to develop and recruit small businesses in the downtown River District in Rockford, Illinois. The aim of this Small Business Development Initiative is to create an environment that encourages new small business development, enhances the growth of existing small businesses, and creates sustainable jobs for downtown Rockford, the second largest city in Illinois. The downtown area still faces significant challenges with numerous vacant buildings, blighted areas, and lagging private investment in Rockford's urban core. This problem has grown more acute in recent months with the unemployment rate in Rockford reaching 14.5 percent in May, one of the highest rates in the nation. The initiative will consist of market knowledge research, business growth strategies, and a cooperative marketing campaign centered on encouraging people to patronize businesses in downtown Rockford. The entity to receive funding for this project is the River District Association located at 127 North Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois, 61110.

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 Financial Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative JOSÉ SERRANO, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JO ANN EMERSON, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include this critical request in this spending bill.

IN HONOR OF JOHN BRADFORD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service career of Mr. John Bradford on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Forest Service. After over thirty years, John is giving up the every day pressures and demands of Forest Service management for the every day pressures and demands of a gentleman farmer. I have had

the great pleasure of working with John for the last eight years during his tenure as the district ranger of the Los Padres National Forest's Monterey Ranger District, known to the rest of the world as Big Sur. Having represented the Big Sur coast at the local, state, and now federal level, for more than thirty years, I can attest to the combination of vibrant community and stunning beauty that define the Big Sur region. John excelled in navigating the Big Sur communities various cross currents while protecting the incredible resources under his charge.

Growing up, John spent a lot of time with wood and in the woods. He is a forth generation member of a family-owned San Joaquin Valley commercial lumber company, the Modesto and Stanislaus Lumber Co. As an adolescent and young man, he was active in the Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and managing several Boy Scout camps in the Sierras and Southern California. During this time he became familiar with the Forest Service and decided he wanted to be a forester rather than a lumberman.

John began his Forest Service career in 1978 as a forestry technician on the Shasta Trinity National Forest. The next dozen years saw John in a variety of timber management jobs on national forests throughout California and Arizona. On the Modoc National Forest, John led the reforestation of hundreds of acres, an accomplishment of which he is particularly proud. In the mid-1990s, John shifted his focus to planning, becoming the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) coordinator for the Tahoe National Forest. From 1999 to 2001, John worked with the Forest Service Region V office on several regional planning efforts. In 2001, he achieved his career goal of becoming a district ranger. It was the good fortune of my district that John achieved that goal as the district ranger of the Monterey District.

During his tenure in the Monterey District, I worked with John on many different projects, both big and small. In 2002, I authored legislation that expanded the Monterey District's designated wilderness by over 55,000 acres. John worked closely with my office in helping shape the final bill and in implementing it once passed. John took the lead in incorporating the Bixby ranch into Forest Service ownership following a controversial purchase. John regularly participated in the quarterly Big Sur Multi Agency community meeting that I co-chair where the Big Sur community engages in a free and open dialogue with the various public agencies that have a role in managing Big Sur resources. Most recently, John was at the center of the multi agency response to the 2008 combined Basin Complex and Indians fires that covered over 240,000 acres combined—one of the largest wildfires in California history.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in expressing gratitude to John and his wife Julie, also a career Forest Service employee, for devoting his life to public service. We thank him for a job well done and wish him every success in his future life in retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Nevada Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 704 West Nye Lande, Suite 201, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: \$250,000. These funds would contribute to the Western Nevada Development District's small business job creation efforts, which extend over Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, and Storey Counties in Western Nevada. In the current economic climate, small businesses have been especially affected, and the efforts of the Western Nevada Development District in promoting job creation will help spur local economic development.

CONGRATULATING THE CLARK-RANGE LADY BUFFALOES ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, when the Maury Dandridge High School girls basketball team went 39–0 in 1966, it was the last time that a Tennessee girls basketball team would accomplish that feat for over four decades. This month, the Lady Buffaloes of Clarkrange, Tennessee did just that, winning thirty-nine straight games without defeat and marking themselves as the best in Tennessee for 2009.

This year's victory marks the eighth state championship for Clarkrange High School. In the hunt for this year's prize, the Lady Buffaloes trailed only twice throughout the entire tournament: once in the quarterfinals with Forest High School, and on the opening shot against Oliver Springs High School.

Four members of this year's championship were chosen for Tennessee's All State team this year: Hannah Green, Molly Heady, Tasha Phillips and Kelli Reed. It was the committed effort of the entire team that propelled this year's Lady Buffaloes to victory. Coach Lamar Rogers called this year's squad his "Dream Team," and he could not be more correct.

For their hard work and dedication, and for the inspiration they provided to all of Fentress County, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me today in congratulating the Lady Buffaloes of Clarkrange, Tennessee, for their extraordinary victory.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER 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 the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government request.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Turnaround Business Assistance Program (TBAP)

Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32514

Description of Request: \$262,000—Turnaround Business Assistance Program (TBAP). I requested these funds to provide small business management and technical intensive care via the Florida Small Business Development Center Network's statewide professional counselor programs. This will be a teamed approach beginning with current business assessments and long-term technical assistance to halt the acceleration of and turnaround small businesses in default and/or closure positioning with the Small Business Administration and/or other lender institution loan program funds. According to the Small Business Administration and ADP, small business goods producers lost 80,000 jobs and service provider small businesses lost 201,000 jobs nationally in December 2008. These figures are higher than normal and with continuing economic downturn, business closings, rising defaults on loans, and a national lack of access to capital, overall small business failure rates and defaults will spiral out of control. At any given time, approximately 20–30 percent of all companies are in need of turnaround assistance. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 2996.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS
Bill number: H.R. 2996—Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill

The Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project—Sharpsburg and Neighborhood Area Water System

Requesting Entity: Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water System is located at PO Box 355 Taylorville, IL 62568.

The funding will be used for the installation of infrastructure to serve the Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water System to serve residents on regional system that will replace bad wells.

“A JET EVEN THE MILITARY
DOESN’T WANT”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, Congress is currently facing the choice of whether to support or hinder the efforts of President Obama and Secretary of Defense Gates to bring some sense of rationality to the military procurement process. In spite of the enormously difficult budget situation we find ourselves in, both short-term and long-term, this House recently approved legislation authorizing the procurement of twelve additional F-22 fighter planes at an initial cost of \$369 million, which if completed would carry an expected final price tag of \$2 billion. With President Obama threatening a veto should this provision remain in the final version of the Defense Authorization bill, this issue will likely require the further consideration of all Members in the coming months. In this regard, I am submitting into the RECORD an article written by Lawrence Korb and Krisila Benson, published on July 9, 2009 in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

I particularly appreciate the stress that these writers place on two key points. First, that these additional fighter planes are entirely unwanted by Secretary Gates, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, and Air Force Chief of Staff Norton Schwartz. They are not even on the Air Force's list of unfunded requests, described in the article as “items excluded from the budget for which [the Air Force] would nevertheless like funding—a wish list of sorts.”

The other important point, which explains the Department of Defense's lack of interest in further planes, is that the F-22 was “designed to fight next-generation Soviet fighters that never materialized,” and is of no help in addressing the air-to-ground challenges we are facing now and are likely to face in the future. For example, the F-22 is entirely unsuitable for the irregular warfare and counter-insurgency operations we are facing in Afghanistan and Iraq, which is why it has seen no action whatsoever in either of these conflicts. Furthermore, with no other rival to its air-to-air supremacy either existing or in development, there is no serious support for the claim that the 187 F-22's that have already been approved would be inadequate for any reasonable contingency.

I strongly encourage Members to read this informative article.

A JET EVEN THE MILITARY DOESN’T WANT

(By Lawrence Korb and Krisila Benson)

Congress decided to end production of the costly F-22 Raptor fighter jet at 187 planes after a debate on the 2009 supplemental war budget last month. But the very next day, the House Armed Services Committee stripped \$369 million for environmental

cleanup from the fiscal 2010 budget to fund an additional 12 F-22s. The Senate Armed Services Committee went a step further, providing \$1.75 billion for seven more F-22s without clearly identifying the source of funds.

The F-22 costs nearly \$150 million per plane—twice what was projected at the outset of the program. Factoring in development costs, the price tag increases to about \$350 million per plane for the current fleet of 187.

It may look as if the House Armed Services Committee has added “only” \$369 million. But given that it would provide funds for 12 additional F-22s, each with a price tag of \$150 million (excluding development costs), the real cost to American taxpayers would be about \$2 billion.

The F-22 is the most capable air-to-air fighter in the Air Force inventory. Yet it has only limited air-to-ground attack capabilities, which makes it unsuitable for today's counter-insurgency operations. In fact, the F-22 has never been used in either Iraq or Afghanistan. It was designed to fight next-generation Soviet fighters that never materialized, and, as Defense Secretary Robert Gates has noted, it is nearly useless for irregular warfare.

The F-22 has no known enemy. It is the most advanced fighter plane in the world, and there are no other planes that could threaten its supremacy in air-to-air combat. The United States already has 187 F-22s on hand or on order—a silver-bullet force that is more than adequate to deal with any likely contingency. In fact, Gates said that even if he had \$50 billion more to spend, he would not buy any more F-22s.

The Air Force leadership itself no longer supports continued production of the F-22. Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz have publicly said they would prefer to move on. The plane is not in the Defense Department's proposed budget for fiscal 2010 (which begins in October). It's not even on the Air Force's list of unfunded requests, which consists of items excluded from the budget for which it would nevertheless like funding—a wish list of sorts.

Why are congressional committees willing to override the military and civilian leadership of the Pentagon on the F-22? The latest in a string of arguments offered by proponents in Congress is the need to protect our industrial base—as if our technical capacity to develop and produce fighter planes is in immediate, grave danger. This argument overlooks the fact that the Obama administration's fiscal 2010 budget includes 28 F-35 Joint Strike Fighters—planes better suited for air-to-ground combat.

Moreover, as has been noted by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, the era of producing manned aircraft is coming to an end. Mullen correctly points out that there will be a shift toward unmanned aircraft.

The F-22 is not an isolated case of unnecessary congressional equipment purchases. Congress has added \$2.7 billion to the 2009 supplemental budget to buy more C-17 and C-130 aircraft—planes neither requested nor needed by the Defense Department. It also added \$600 million to the 2010 budget for an unneeded alternate engine for the F-35, which will mean buying 50 fewer aircraft.

An administration policy statement issued on June 24 said the president's senior advisers would recommend a veto of a bill containing funding for more F-22s. If the entire Congress approves either of the armed services committees' recommendations on the F-22, President Obama should indeed veto the bill. Only then will Congress get the message that in this era of exploding national debt,

we cannot waste billions on unnecessary military equipment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. AIR
FORCE CAPTAIN GEORGE BRYAN
HOUGHTON

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of an esteemed constituent, Captain George Bryan “G.B.” Houghton of Candler, North Carolina. Captain Houghton, a member of the 421st Fighter Squadron, was killed on June 22, 2009 while on a nighttime Air Force training mission in Utah. This young man showed remarkable courage and dedication while serving our country. His family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Captain Houghton began his Air Force career while attending Enka High School where he was actively involved in the Air Force Junior ROTC Program. Through his hard work and dedication, Mr. Houghton achieved the rare honor of serving on the program's color guard as a freshman, and he eventually became the program's Corps Commander.

His dedication and leadership skills earned him an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 2002. Captain Houghton earned his pilot wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, and between 2003 and 2008, he trained over 150 Air Force pilots.

Captain Houghton dedicated his life to serving others, from leading fellow Junior ROTC participants to training many men and women who are now defending and protecting our liberty. Every day we enjoy freedoms made possible by this heroic young man and the thousands of other members of our military who have risked or given their lives to protect us, to ensure that the United States remains the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I offer a prayer of comfort to the family he has left behind: his wife, Josephine Houghton; his parents, George and Darlene Houghton; brothers, Daniel and Patrick Houghton, and maternal grandparents, JoAnn and Herschel Greene.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our remorse at the passing of Air Force Captain George Bryan Houghton, an outstanding leader and an American hero, and I ask that we remember the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect our nation and ensure our freedom.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to defend funding for the Idaho TechConnect Proof of Concept Center. This project received \$285,000 in the FY2010 House Financial Services bill.

Idaho TechConnect is a non-profit organization. It was created as a state-wide private-

public cooperation that would bridge the gaps in the state's innovation pipeline. It has received significant funding from the Idaho State Legislature since its birth in 2007. In addition, the Idaho National Laboratory has provided funds to assist in its efforts.

The hi-tech industry is an important industry to the United States and to Idaho and the government plays an important role in helping to foster and encourage new innovations and ideas. The Idaho TechConnect Proof of Concept Center assists people and organizations with novel innovations from early stage projects to the launch of a viable start-up business or to license the product or service to an existing business. Over the last 3 years Idaho TechConnect has worked with more than 1,000 companies and individuals as well as all of Idaho's universities and colleges and the Idaho National Lab to get more ideas out of the research and development funding. It has been very successful at discovering ideas and assessing their potential. These funds will assist its efforts to turn promising ideas into products and services and assist businesses in efforts to mature these innovations into market-ready products and services.

The Center will provide assistance with business models, intellectual property strategy, and access to capital, resulting in more ideas becoming products. Innovation is key to creating new jobs and fostering new businesses and growing current ones. This funding will assist businesses and public entities in their efforts to mature their innovative ideas into market-ready products and services. During these difficult economic times, the federal government should seek every means possible to foster real economic growth and make our economy stronger in the short term but particularly in the long-term.

IN HONOR OF FRANK PINNEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service career of Mr. Frank Pinney on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade after thirty-five years, seventeen as Chief. I have known Frank for a long time and have called him many things over the years: chief; mayor, community volunteer, community leader, mentor, neighbor, trusted advisor, public safety expert, friend, and above all, public servant. It is in this last capacity that I speak today about the great difference that Frank has made to the community that he has called home for nearly forty years.

Frank Pinney arrived in Big Sur in the early 1970s. At that time Big Sur residents relied upon Monterey based crews for fire protection along 70 miles of remote rugged coastline. It could take an hour or more for those trained firefighters to arrive at a house fire or other emergency. Soon after he arrived in Big Sur, Frank joined a community based effort to organize its own volunteer fire protection service. And so in August 1974, the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade was born with Frank Pinney among its first members.

Frank soon displayed an unsurpassed commitment to the Fire Brigade's public safety

mission. In 1975, he became the Brigade's training officer and in 1978 won election as the Brigade foreman. Other milestones included engine company captain, 1982 Outstanding Firemen of the Year, and Assistant Chief for Administration in 1985. He also assisted the Brigades development by spearheading the effort to secure its 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 1983 and managing the capital fund and actual construction of the Brigade's firehouse in 1991. All of this work and devotion culminated in 1992 with Frank's election as Brigade Chief, a role in which he became synonymous with the Brigade itself.

Over the course of his career with the Brigade, Frank was at the heart of efforts to protect the local community and the millions of annual visitors to Big Sur from common car accidents to major wildfires. This included service during the 1977 Marble Cone fire, 1983 El Niño land slides, and the 1985 Rat Creek fire. As Chief he helped lead the response as a member of the incident command to the 1996 Sur fire, the 1998 winter land slides, and the 1999 Kirk fire.

Frank surpassed all this work with his efforts during last year's monumental Basin Complex fire. The Basin Complex fire, and the adjacent Indians fire, burned over 240,000 acres of Big Sur coastland and back country and over 25 homes. This event became one of the largest wildfires in California history and nearly destroyed the heart of the Big Sur community. Frank participated in the Basin Complex incident command and played a critical role in bringing his local knowledge and experience to the Forest Service and Cal Fire leadership running the massive fire fighting effort.

"Public service," "community organizing," and "volunteerism" are all frequently heard in conversations today. But these words alone fail to do justice to Frank for he has been the very embodiment of these ideals—all the more so in light of the purely voluntary nature of his Fire Brigade work.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in both commending Frank Pinney for his dedication to the public good and in holding out his public service record as an example for the whole nation.

HONORING MR. ERNEST K. BUCK
OF PALL MALL, TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and remember the life of Mr. Ernest Buck of Pall Mall, Tennessee. Ernest lived a long, full life in service to his country and community, and served as a model citizen for his neighbors, family and friends.

Ernest began his career as a student at Lincoln Memorial University, before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University and later to Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated in 1936. For 42 years, Ernest dedicated himself to teaching young men and women of Tennessee at the York Agricultural Institute in Fentress County. This alone might endear him to his community, but Ernest went to incredible lengths, even beyond his work as a teacher, to serve those around him at every turn.

During the Second World War, Ernest traveled to Ypsilanti, Michigan, to serve his country making B-24 bombers and later to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to continue the war effort. After the war, Ernest returned home to carry out his service as a member of the Greers Chapel Church, the Young Farmers and Homemakers, the York Institute Advisory Council, and the Union Bank Board of Directors. Ernest was also a Director of the Fentress Farmers Co-Op, and served with the Fentress County Retired Teachers Association and the Fentress County Historical Association.

I hold a special place for Mr. Buck, because when my mother was young, he was her teacher at York Agricultural Institute. He was my teacher as well, and a good friend, and I am better today for having known and learned from him at an early age. Tennessee was blessed to enjoy Ernest Buck's grace and service for ninety-six years, and while his presence is missed he will no doubt live on in the countless lives he touched.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed finding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Financial Services, SBA

Legal Name of Recipient: SEKTDA

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$685,000 for economic and small business development in southern and eastern Kentucky. SEKTDA is a non-profit, region-wide initiative created to attract travelers and tour industry businesses to the area. SEKTDA's 47 county region is in one of the most depressed areas in the United States and economic and small business development is essential. These funds will contribute to the economic growth of the region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3183—The FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

Project 1

Project: Arkansas River Corridor Project

Project Amount: \$100,000

Account: Corp of Engineers Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (INCOG) Tulsa County/Program Management Group
Address of Requesting Entity: 601 S Boulder, Suite 1200, Tulsa, OK 74119

Description of Request: Funding will be used for an authorized project (WRDA) within the Tulsa Region that has great environmental benefits and future economic benefits to the region. The projects risks a stall/fail in the engineering design process if the Corps of Engineers is not provided with this funding needed to continue their portion of the project. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorizes the Corps of Engineers to participate in the ecosystem restoration, recreation and flood damage reduction components of the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan.

Project 2

Project: Green TU Algae to Green Fuels Energy Project

Project Amount: \$750,000

Account: Department of Energy EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Tulsa

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 S College Ave, McClure Hall, Tulsa, OK 74104

Description of Request: Funding will be used to enhance the University of Tulsa's algal research program by supporting several algae-to-fuels projects in an effort to stimulate green fuels research. Specifically, TU has identified five specific project areas that require additional development: algae growth mechanisms and kinetics, optimization of the catalytic conversion process, optimization of the fuel conversion reactions, process simulation, and directed evolution of algae.

Project 3

Project: Jenks Energy Management Equipment

Project Amount: \$250,000

Account: Department of Energy EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jenks Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 East B Street Jenks, OK 74037

Description of Request: Funding will be used to allow the Jenks Public School District to continue in a ten-year energy management program to increase savings in electricity and natural gas usage. Jenks Public Schools will add additional direct digital control systems software and thermostats to automate and track usage for the remaining 23 buildings throughout district campuses.

LEGISLATION TO CODIFY TITLE 51, U.S. CODE—NATIONAL AND COM- MERCIAL SPACE PROGRAMS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member LAMAR SMITH and I are introducing a bill to codify into positive law as title 51, United States Code, certain general and permanent laws related to national and commercial space programs. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. 285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

The new positive law title replaces the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill. The bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

This bill is substantially identical to H.R. 4780, which LAMAR SMITH and I introduced in the last Congress, on December 18, 2007, with a few revisions to respond to comments received. As there has already been significant opportunity for public review and comment, the Committee intends to move expeditiously to consider the bill after the House returns from its August recess.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be found on the Law Revision Counsel website at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments to Rob Sukol, Assistant Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515-6711, (202) 226-2411, as well as to the Committee.

TRIBUTE TO FRED THERER

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Fred Thierer of Cape Coral upon his retirement from Fort Myers High School after 31 years of teaching and coaching.

Fred's success both in the classroom and on the football field has left a lasting impact on the Fort Myers community. He has worked as a science teacher, a driver's education instructor, a baseball coach, and an assistant football coach for over three decades. Fred estimates that he has taught more than 7,000 students in Southwest Florida how to drive—no wonder we have some great drivers in our region!

Any one of us who has played competitive sports understands the valuable lessons of hard work, teamwork and commitment. Fred understands these qualities as well and has worked to instill them in every student he coaches.

Fred's enthusiasm and passion for teaching and coaching has inspired thousands of students over the last 31 years. Although he is retiring, he plans to continue assisting the Fort Myers High School football team as a volunteer coach, and he and his wife remain active members of their community.

Madam Speaker, Fred's efforts have helped to make Southwest Florida a great place to live, work and visit, and I'm proud to call him my friend. I wish Fred and his wife Sharon all the best during his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN AIR SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of truly exceptional women who live in my Congressional District and whose service to our country was honored today by the passage of a bill awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II.

Inspired by the attacks on Pearl Harbor, Margot DeMoss (Riverside, CA), MaryAnn Dreher (San Clemente, CA) and Jane Fohl (San Clemente, CA) answered our nation's call to duty by joining the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II, also known as the WASP.

Created on August 5, 1943, the WASP was charged with the critical task of delivering battle-ready planes from the factory line to military bases around the world. After just 16 months, the WASP had established itself as a premier ferrying squadron. Of the more than 25,000 women that applied for training, only 1,879 were accepted to participate in the rigorous program that would eventually produce 1,074 outstanding female pilots.

The WASP founder, world famous aviator Jacqueline Cochran, challenged the status quo by asking for permission to commission WASP directly as Service Pilots, a procedure used routinely with male pilots but prohibited for women. She lobbied passionately, but eventually lost her battle both with the Comptroller General of the Army Air Force and in the halls of Congress, leading to the WASPs disbanding in 1944.

I believe that these women pioneers deserve to be acknowledged not just for their remarkable bravery and sacrifice, but for reminding us all that an uncompromising commitment to America—to its values, ideals and traditions—is a unifying force. I am a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 2014, Representative LEANA ROS-LEHTINEN's bill, awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II, and I am pleased that the women of WASP will finally receive the recognition they so rightfully deserve.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3170, "Making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Project Amount: \$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alcoa, 223 Associates Boulevard, Alcoa, TN 37701

Description of Request: The funding will be utilized to develop infrastructure servicing the new Pellissippi Research Centre on the Oak Ridge Corridor. The vision embraced by a regional partnership is the creation of a world-class community aimed at attracting research and development firms.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOMEN'S HEALTH OFFICE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Representative CHRIS MURPHY and Representative TAMMY BALDWIN to introduce the Women's Health Office Act. This critical bill which will help close the serious gaps in health care for women, by providing statutory authorization for the offices of women's health in five federal agencies which currently are not protected by law.

Many people are shocked when they learn that women were excluded from most medical research studies until 1985. That means it has been just 24 years since we began to understand that women are more prone to ailments like osteoporosis, lupus, and depression. Just recently in 2004, we learned that women who were treated in emergency rooms were less likely than men to receive life-saving medications for heart attacks because doctors did not fully understand the different symptoms of a heart attack in women.

How much do we still not know?

For years, the offices of women's health in key federal health agencies have been conducting vital research to identify disparities in women's health care, and spearheading innovative programs to close those gaps. However, only two of those offices are federally authorized and protected by law: the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health, and the Office for Women's Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

This bill will give permanent authorization to the federal offices located in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration. Without it, those five offices will always be vulnerable to understaffing, underfunding, or complete elimination.

Recent initiatives like the establishment of the White House Council on Women and Girls shows that we're finally starting to get it—women have unique experiences, needs, and interests, and these need to be considered and addressed. In no area of public policy is this more true than with health care. I urge my colleagues to support the Women's Health Office Act, to put those offices of women's health on a secure footing and give women the kind of health care they need and deserve.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. GENEVA WEST OF PALL MALL, TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of my friend and neighbor, Mrs. Geneva West of Pall Mall, Tennessee.

Geneva was a dedicated mother and wife, and dedicated herself to her community throughout her ninety years of life. For forty years, Geneva committed herself to the education of young Fentress County students as an elementary school teacher, spending many of those years in a one-room school house. Geneva also served Fentress County for nineteen years as the President of the Fentress Farm Bureau Women. She even was elected State Farm Bureau Woman of the Year, receiving this recognition at the State Convention in 2003.

Even after retiring from her career in education, Geneva continued to contribute to the community as a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Jamestown Garden Club. She also served as a Volunteer at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center, caring for those who were ill and needed care. Many of Geneva's friends will also remember her as a dedicated churchgoer. Geneva was a member of the United Methodist Church for most of her life, and taught Sunday School for twenty-six years.

Geneva's husband, her two children and a number of grand-children and great-grand-children will no doubt remember a loving, committed family-woman who modeled a positive and dedicated spirit throughout her life. She will be missed in our community, and I would ask that my colleagues rise with me to honor her life and memory.

HONORING EULA TATE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Eula Tate. A talented and determined leader for civil rights, Ms. Tate left an indelible mark on both Michigan and the District of Columbia. Ms. Tate recently passed away on July 11, 2009.

Eula Tate attended Wayne County Community College for two years before transferring to and graduating from the University of Michigan. She began her career as an assembler for Chrysler in 1967 at the Trenton Engine plant in Trenton, Michigan, but quickly realized the harsh injustices within the workforce. Eager to make a real change to help those in her same position, Eula Tate served as a Councilmember for the City of Ypsilanti from 1981 to 1991. She continued her service to her community by going on to serve as Ypsilanti's senior chief executive officer, Mayor Pro-Tem and member of the City's Budget Committee.

Passionate about providing young people with the ability to arm themselves with the knowledge and community stewardship she was fortunate enough to obtain, Tate went on to serve as a faculty member at Michigan State University for the School of Labor and Industrial Relations, Union Minorities and Women's Leadership Training Project.

Realizing that there was much work to be done and wanting to make a difference in the legislation that directly affects Labor Union workers, Eula Tate came to the United Auto-workers Washington office in 1991 and continued her role as Legislative Representative/Lobbyist until her retirement in 2007. All who had the honor of knowing Tate knew that she worked every moment of every day to bring about fairness and justice to Americans across the nation. And she provided a tremendous amount of support and assistance to members of the Congressional Black Caucus. For that we are deeply grateful.

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I would like to thank Eula Tate's family for sharing this wonderful, inspiring, visionary spirit with us, especially her children Jennifer, Stephen, Yomika, Ronald and Donald and a host of other friends and family who were very dear to her heart. Eula Tate's astounding impact and legacy will live on through the countless people who loved her so dearly and, of course, through her remarkable works of service to the Labor Union community and to the state of Michigan. We will deeply miss this drum major for justice. May her soul rest in peace.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Illinois School for the Deaf and Mr. Albert Caswell. On January 20, 2009, the Illinois School for the Deaf traveled to Washington, DC, to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Inspired by these young children and with the thought that perhaps one day one of those children may also stand on the west front of the U.S. Capitol, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a poem penned by U.S. Capitol Guide Albert Carey Caswell. Mr. Caswell was able to spend some time with them on that day and wrote the following tribute.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
Not with my ears!
But, with something far much more greater,
so true!
For it's with my heart . . .
That, I can hear you too . . .
Look at me!
I'm just the same as you!
For what I've lost . . .
For inside, I've gained so much more so too!
For I can feel you . . .
And, I can read you . . .
I'm just a kid like you!
And, I want to grow up to be happy . . . and
so healthy, oh so much so too!
Just, because I can't hear you . . .
Doesn't mean, I can't understand you!
I can read you!
Like a book!

For our Lord God, has given me other gifts
that I can use. . . .
For your coming though to me, loud and
clear. . . .
For I've developed my senses, so much great-
er so here. . . .
We're all the same!
Some of us even, have the same names. . . .
So hear me!
Do not fear me!
Be near me, be my friend. . . . so tried and
true. . . .
There's, so much more we can learn about
each other. . . . me and you
For, I can hear you!
In our world, there is such a special bond.
. . . .
That, in the quiet world is so formed. . . .
At first, you may not understand. . . . but
it's in our heart where it is born. . . .
I can teach you!
I can reach you!
In all I do!
Life lesson's so very true. . . .
For, I will not give up!
Nor give in!
On this Inauguration Day, I see how far
dreams can take you to!
And yet I ask, "Why, must children have so
much courage then so too?"
For some things, are so hard to understand
. . . .
As where faith must begin and end. . . .
Reach out, and take my hand. . . .
Let's be friends, me and you. . . .
There's so much more together we can learn
and do!
Little children as Heroes should not have to
be. . . . but are put on this earth for all
to teach!
Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
And one day up in Heaven. . . . I know, my
Lord I will view. . . .
And, I will begin to cry. . . .
When, I look into his eyes. . . . and I hear for
the first time. . . .
My very first words!
"I love you"!

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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 the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Science
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11300 NE
2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33161

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 to fund Phase II of the Institute for Collaborative Sciences Research which is intended to create a state-of-the-art research infrastructure through new laboratory and teaching space in health care and physical sciences programs. The focus of the Institute will be to prepare minority leaders for future work in

healthcare professions while facilitating important research that has a direct benefit on minority populations in my South Florida community.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Science
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade College Hialeah Campus

Address of Requesting Entity: 1780 W 49th
Street, Hialeah, FL 33012

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 to implement a Physical and Biological Sciences Laboratory Learning Center at Miami Dade College's Hialeah Campus. Funding will develop both face-to-face and virtual Physical and Biological Science labs, and technology-enhanced learning systems to support student recruitment, retention and graduation rates in Science career fields. Having these options will allow students to use technology to conduct experiments and test hypotheses in class under the direct supervision of an instructor or in the traditional wet lab setting. The Physical and Biological Sciences Laboratory Learning Center at MDC-Hialeah Campus will promote graduation rates in degree programs in the sciences fields. The national need for college educated workers in STEM fields is well documented.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st
Street, Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for dredging of the Miami Harbor at the Port of Miami which includes the design, preparation of plans and specifications for bidding. The Chief of Engineers has recommended the deepening project to 50–52 feet and Congress has authorized the project (Title I, Water Resources Development Act of 2007). It is essential that the Planning, Engineering, and Design (PED) begin in FY09. Extended delay in the proposed dredging improvements could be detrimental to the economy of South Florida and the nation. Cargo growth at the Port of Miami has been phenomenally strong. However, the industry standard container ship is becoming larger, and the Port cannot handle the newer ships without deeper channels. In addition, the Port has been facing increasing competition from foreign ports with existing significantly deeper channels and faces lost business to foreign ports (such as Freeport).

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Florida Water Management District

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 Gun
Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Description of Request: I have secured \$210,239,000 to continue authorized projects

included in the comprehensive South Florida Everglades Ecosystem Restoration project.

RECOGNIZING BISBEE'S WARREN PARK

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a small but historically significant outpost of the great American pastime: Warren Ballpark in Bisbee, Arizona.

Baseball was invented, nurtured, and popularized in our great Nation. We are well aware of how this uniquely American game saw us through two world wars, a Great Depression, and innumerable challenges, both at home and abroad. Baseball is a fixed star; it will always be with us to bolster our spirits in times of need—times such as we face today.

It is with this storied past in mind that I recognize Bisbee's Warren Ballpark on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Warren Ballpark probably is not well-known outside of my district in southeastern Arizona but its place in baseball's history is as sure as a homerun. It is truly a field of dreams.

A recent editorial in the Sierra Vista Herald captured the essence of my message today: "The story of our ballpark is representative of a time when baseball was THE spectator sport and when every community of size and significance had its own minor league team."

The first game at Warren Ballpark was played between the home team and a team from El Paso, Texas, on June 27th, 1909—three years before Arizona became a state! At the time, Bisbee was a booming mining town with a population close to that of Tucson and Phoenix. The year that first game was played was also the year that one of Arizona's most renowned political figures, Barry Goldwater, was born and the year that the famed Apache warrior, Geronimo, died. In 1909 William Howard Taft assumed the Presidency from Theodore Roosevelt and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

Much has happened since the glory days of Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner. Our Nation, my State and the game of baseball have all undergone countless changes. Yet Warren Ballpark remains. It is, therefore, appropriate that this body acknowledge Warren Ballpark as a historical treasure for our Nation and the community of Bisbee.

Warren Ballpark, it has been home to minor league teams affiliated with major league teams such as the Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Cleveland Indians. The park saw the beginning of many great careers and hosted players who not only entertained America on the field, but protected her off the field as they answered the call of duty in World Wars I and II and the Korean war.

Baseball is still played on the old field of Warren Ballpark. The local high school team, the Bisbee Pumas, plays its games there, as does the Bisbee Copper Kings. The games draw enthusiastic supporters from Bisbee and surrounding communities.

Mike Anderson, founding member of Friends of Warren Ballpark, stated it well. He said "this is baseball on an intimate basis—the type of

thing that can never take place on a television screen, nor can it be replicated in a cavernous facility where one has to look at a scoreboard video screen to see the expression on a player's face." To those who have the good fortune of attending a game at Warren Ballpark, it is history, and life, and community all rolled into one.

I commend this local and national treasure for the 100 years of entertainment and enjoyment it has given to the community and for its unique place in the history of our national pastime.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3183, The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act contains the following funding:

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name Requesting Entity: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Nashville District

Address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District at 110 9th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee

Description of Request: The Chickamauga Lock is a major economic engine in the Tennessee Valley region. Commodities passing through the lock have origins and destinations in 17 states in the South, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, traveling an average 1,400 miles. Over the last several years, 2.5 million tons passed through the lock annually, and the forecasted traffic demand is expected to grow considerably. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates that replacement of the existing lock is far more economical than continuing costly maintenance and repair. Funding in the amount of \$1 million is included for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to replace the Chickamauga Lock.

Distribution of funding: Construction 100%

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name Requesting Entity: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Nashville District

Address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District at 110 9th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee

Description of Request: The current Chickamauga Lock has been in operation on the Tennessee River since 1940 and is a major economic engine in the Tennessee Valley region. As use of the lock is increasing, the infrastructure is severely aging, jeopardizing its ability to support additional traffic loads. An extensive maintenance program, well beyond what is normally conducted, is underway to extend the life of the current lock until the replacement lock can be built. Funding in the

amount of \$3.775 million is required for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fix and replace gates, pumps, piping and tension connections to the guide wall.

Distribution of funding: Maintenance 100%

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Spunky Bottoms Restoration, Brown County, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Biofuels Manufactures Inc. at 801 W. Main Street, Peoria, IL 61606.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to create a new biofuels manufacturing plant using innovated feedstocks.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration, IL, IA, MN, MO, & WI

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to continue projects which are vital to the ecological restoration of the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway, including habitat creation and long-term monitoring.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Emiquon Floodplain Restoration, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to restore the Illinois River floodplain within the Thompson Drainage and Levee District.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Spunky Bottoms Restoration, Brown County, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Description of Request: The funding would provide habitat restoration along the Illinois

River by reconnecting the river with the backwater lakes and wetlands that once existed along the river.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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 the H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chamber South

Address of Requesting Entity: 6410 SW 80th Street, South Miami, FL 33143

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 to start a job incubator program in Richmond Heights, Florida. Richmond Heights is a part of un-incorporated Miami-Dade County with a predominant African-American population. Due to the recent economic recession, the population of Richmond Heights has experienced severe job loss. Chamber South works to foster economic and job growth in South Florida, especially Richmond Heights. They bring together local business, government entities such as the SBA and local residents to encourage economic production.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade College

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

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 to establish an Institute for Intermodal Transportation to provide 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.

RE-INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
GRANT FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS
“TRADE TIME”

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce legislation from the 110th Congress that would correct a longstanding disparity between professional firefighters who are employed by States, counties, or municipalities and Federal firefighters.

In 1985, Congress amended the Fair Labor Standards Act so that firefighters around the country could engage in a practice called “trade time.” Trade time allows two firefighters, solely at their option and with the approval of their supervisor, to switch shifts without affecting the pay rate of either firefighter. The Congress made this change because firefighters work uncommon schedules involving 24 hour shifts and 72 hour work weeks, followed by a period of time away from the firehouse. Trade time enables firefighters to meet personal obligations such as attending a child’s birthday or assisting a sick family member without exhausting their annual leave. It also ensures that firehouses across the country can maintain staffing requirements and keep our communities safe.

Federal firefighters are not covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act and therefore have been ineligible for trade time. I am introducing this bill to amend Federal employee labor law to fix this problem.

Federal firefighters work side-by-side with their non-federal colleagues, so this is an issue of equity. Correcting this inequity will help Federal agencies recruit and retain firefighters. Just like other firefighters, Federal firefighters risk their lives on a daily basis. They also accept the irregular hours that their jobs require. This legislation merely gives them some modest flexibility to balance that irregularity and meet their family obligations.

I hope my colleagues will support this simple but overdue legislation.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MARVIN HAROLD “BOBBY”
CALDWELL

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Marvin Harold “Bobby” Caldwell on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Mr. Caldwell was born on July 18, 1924, in the Pleasant Hill community, Alcorn County, Mississippi to Joseph Sidney and Mary Edna Caldwell. When he was six months old, his parents bought a 35 acre farm on which Mr. Caldwell still lives today. Mr. Caldwell learned early how hard life could be. At the age of five, his father was killed after becoming tangled in the gear of a mule and died. By the age of 7, Mr. Caldwell was driving the cotton wagon to the gin to have the cotton baled. Upon arriving at the gin, often the older people would allow him to have his cotton baled first so he could get home before dark.

Hard work as a child paid off and at the age of 21, Mr. Caldwell went to work at E.I. Dupont and Company in New Jersey to work on the production of the Atomic Bomb. Upon returning home to Mississippi, he worked at the Sanford Hosiery Mill until it closed at which time he became a general contractor until retiring. Mr. Caldwell has always had a special place in his heart for children and in 1971 was elected to the Alcorn County School Board on which he served for 36 years. As of today, he is still active in his home church, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, is a 32 degree Mason, York Rite, Shrine Club and Eastern Star Member.

I thank my colleagues for joining me today to honor Mr. Bobby Caldwell for a life of service and congratulate him on his birthday.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. FLEMING. 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. 3183, the “Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.” I have requested funding for the following projects in Fiscal Year 2010:

JBK Johnston Waterway, Mississippi River to Shreveport, LA (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Refinements to the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway channel alignment are necessary to improve the safety and reliability of the navigation channel as well as to reduce maintenance dredging costs, and include reinforcing or capping out existing revetments as well as adding additional contraction structures (dikes) to improve navigation conditions.

JBK Waterway, Mississippi River to Shreveport, LA. (O&M). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. FY10 request would provide for basic operations and maintenance and maintenance dredging along the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway in northwest Louisiana. Any remaining funds will be used to address backlog maintenance projects along the waterway.

Red River Below Denison Dam, AR, LA & TX, (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. The levees in Louisiana associated with the Red River Waterway project have been incorporated into the Federal System; however, they are old and do not meet current construction standards. FY10 funding would be used to continue design and construction of the Red River Below Denison Dam project (LA, AR & TX), which includes the rehabilitation of levees and revetment reinforcements that threaten the integrity of the levee system. The overall project provides flood protection to about 1.7 million acres, half of which are located behind levees.

Red River Emergency Bank Protection, AR, LA, OK & TX, (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project is located in northwest Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, southeast Oklahoma, and northeast Texas. FY10 funds would pro-

vide for revetment, dikes, or cutoffs for protection of critical infrastructure and land along the Red and Old Rivers between the mouth of Old River at its juncture with the Mississippi River and Denison Dam, Texas.

Bossier Parish Flood Protection Study. Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds would be used to conduct a reconnaissance study investigating alternatives to address water resource problems and needs in Bossier Parish, LA. Funds would be used to complete the reconnaissance phase and prepare and negotiate the Project Management Plan and Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement. Project requires 50 percent local match. Local sponsors include; Bossier Levee District, Bossier Parish and Bossier City.

Cross Lake, LA, Water Supply Improvements. Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study that will evaluate options including additional pumping capacity on Cross Lake at lower elevations as well as new pumping stations and water treatment facilities on the Red River. The holding capacity of the already shallow lake (8.5 ft) is decreasing due to siltation, contributing to increasing difficulty in managing it as a water supply source. This study has been expanded into a regional water resource study to include all of Bossier and Caddo Parishes.

Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, AR (GI). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds would be used to conduct a reconnaissance study along the Red River in northwest Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma to investigate the federal interest and possible alternatives for a project to extend navigation from Shreveport, LA, to Index, AR.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: 1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, 2) is 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, and 3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN McHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Morrisville

Address of Requesting Entity: Post Office Box 901, Morrisville, NY 13408

Description: The purpose of the project is to provide \$200,000 to demonstrate the feasibility of using algae production as a renewable fuel source while incorporating carbon sequestering and aquaponic technologies into one demonstration scale model. Aquaponics is the combination of hydroponics and aquaculture, whereby the waste products of each system are utilized by each other, increasing cost effectiveness.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lewis County Industrial Development Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 7642 N. State Street, Lowville, NY 13367

Description: The purpose of the project is to provide \$500,000 for upgrades to necessary biomass components that will improve energy efficiency while further reducing already permit compliant emissions by 50 percent.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Council for International Trade, Technology, Education and Communications, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Box 8561 Main Street, Room 101, Potsdam, NY 13699

Description: The Center for Advanced Ferrite Production in collaboration with Syracuse University Industrial Assessment Center will demonstrate that mature manufacturing industries in the Northeast may be made globally competitive through aggressive investment in energy efficiency measures. This project will be a model for other New York manufacturing businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Provision: Title V, Independent Agencies, Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$100,000 for the Clemson University Advanced Materials Innovation Center. With many manufacturing jobs going overseas, there is a critical need in the United States, and particularly in South Carolina, of incubators such as the Advanced Ma-

terials Innovation Center to accelerate the creation of knowledge-based companies. The United States must also continue to develop new advanced materials to ensure continued military superiority. The Advanced Materials Innovation Center at Clemson's Advanced Materials Center in Anderson County will serve as a research and development campus for start-up companies devoted to cutting-edge research, development, and job creation in the advanced materials fields. The Innovation Center will also house fledgling high-technology companies that focus on such advanced materials as optics, nanotechnology, and biomaterials. These federal funds will be used to develop laboratories at the Advanced Materials Innovation Center. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170, The Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name Requesting Entity: University of Memphis

Address: 303 FedEx Institute, Memphis, Tennessee 38152

Description of Request: The University of Memphis requested funding for an entrepreneurial training program to promote new business growth targeting science and technology-based and minority-owned businesses. Federal funding is needed for University of Memphis experts and students to develop business plans, evaluate new technologies and provide legal expertise to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The program will have a significant impact on the economy and encourage investment and jobs in the Memphis metropolitan area and the mid-south region. The University of Memphis received \$685,000 for the entrepreneurial training program.

Distribution of funding:

Salaries and Center Administration 20%

Equipment 13%

Business and Legal Services and Training 47%

Education and Conferences 20%

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR FORT HUACHUCA BROWNIE TROOP 2181

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leaders and members of Fort Huachuca Brownie Troop 2181, from Si-

erra Vista, Arizona, for their initiative in coordinating and conducting the Fort Huachuca Sun Oven Cook-off. This event will take place on the U.S. Army's Fort Huachuca on Saturday, July 18.

On that day, using specially designed solar ovens and only the power of the sun, the 18 members of Troop 2181 will prepare a spaghetti feast and then cakes for auction. In doing so, they will raise funds to purchase solar ovens for needy members of their community while simultaneously educating people about the benefits and capabilities of solar energy.

Solar energy is the most abundant and widely available energy source on our planet. It is also clean, safe, and affordable. As the United States and other countries across the globe look for ways to secure a more peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable future, solar technologies have an important role to play. I applaud the members of Troop 2181 for their leadership in demonstrating the benefits of solar energy in their community and for using the proceeds to help those in need.

In performing this project, the members of Troop 2181 will learn valuable lessons about the power of public service and the many benefits of solar energy. They will learn about areas where help is needed in their community, and they will learn that they can make a positive difference.

I wish to single out a few people who deserve special recognition for their leadership in making this project a reality: Ken Robinson, Command Information Chief for the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs, was influential in paving the way for this project; Valerie McCaffrey, Chair of Baja Arizona Sustainable Agriculture, helped secure the solar ovens at cost; and Kristen Engasser has performed exemplary service as leader of Troop 2181.

I applaud all of these community leaders for empowering the young people of Southern Arizona and helping them develop critical leadership skills that will allow them to create a better world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: The purpose of the project is to fund the New York State Forest Community Economic Assistance Program. It would fund dedicated research and outreach for forest-products community businesses and provide assistance with technical manufacturing and financial management issues. It would also

serve these communities in overcoming the challenges of navigating complex regulatory and public policy matters. Forest-based manufacturing, small business and tourism generate \$8.8 billion annually and employ over 72,000 workers. This program would work to maintain and enhance these types of forest community economic activities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PROFIT
ACT OF 2009"

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the "Provide a Return on Financial Investment for the Taxpayer Act of 2009," or "PROFIT Act of 2009," which will maximize the American taxpayers' return on its investment in troubled financial institutions through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and make the payback process between Treasury and the banks transparent to the public.

During the wake of the economic crisis, American taxpayers assumed an enormous financial risk when they bailed out these institutions.

To compensate for this risk, banks that received TARP funds were required to give Treasury warrants for the future purchase of common shares, allowing American taxpayers an opportunity to profit from the possible upside of their investment.

However, the Congressional Oversight Panel (COP), in its July 10, 2009, oversight report, found that Treasury would be more likely to maximize taxpayer returns if it sold the warrants through an open, public and transparent auction instead of the current process that allowed 11 banks to repurchase their warrants at just 66 cents on the dollar.

In fact, COP found that if Treasury uses this same approach to repurchase all remaining outstanding warrants, estimated at between \$8.1 billion to \$12.3 billion, American taxpayers would lose out on as much as \$2.7 billion.

American taxpayers took enormous risks in bailing out Wall Street and should be compensated.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. 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. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Request Number 1

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Address of Requesting Entity: 1059 Shady Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The CTI Waste to Energy System at the Phipps Conservatory will reduce the amount of waste directed to Western Pennsylvania landfills, create 10 jobs in the immediate area, and serve as a model for the future of waste management. This project is a concrete application of technology that addresses our nation's dependence on foreign-controlled fossil fuels and intelligently manages waste. This project will serve all Americans as part of the foundation for a data-driven discussion of energy and waste management policies.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

Request Number 2

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Canonsburg Lake, PA appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Section 206

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Liberty Avenue, Room 1828; Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Description of Request: This project will implement a Corps of Engineers Section 206 Aquatic Restoration Feasibility Study. Restoring the aquatic ecosystem of the lake that has been severely degraded by sediment deposition. Dredging the sediment from the lake is proposed to enhance the ecosystem for fish species and other aquatic life, restore adequate water levels and create additional wetlands on site.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

Request Number 3

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Locks And Dams 2, 3 And 4 Monongahela River Appropriations is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Liberty Avenue, Room 1828; Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$6,210,000

Description of Request: The Lower Monongahela River Project is located in

Southwestern Pennsylvania and was authorized for construction by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992. This project addresses the deteriorated condition of the navigation facilities along the Lower Monongahela River. The project is to build a new dam at 2 (Braddock), new locks at 4 (Charleroi) and then to remove the Locks and Dam at 3 (Elizabeth), creating a single 30 mile pool. The dam at 2 is now complete but the old dam 3 cannot be removed until the locks are completed at 4. Specific concerns were the very real risks of navigation system failure related to the poor structural condition of Locks & Dam 3, and the fact that industry must continue to rely on a single chamber at Locks 4 on the Monongahela River. Ground was broken in 1994 and the project was to be completed in 2004 or in 10 years. However, the slow pace of funding forced inefficient decisions, which now mean the best schedule for total project completion, now 2016, provided that the project continues to receive optimal funding. The funding delays created greater than normal maintenance problems. The condition and sustained operability of Locks and Dam 3, and Locks 4 is a significant and growing concern. The 100-year-old Locks and Dam 3 are among the oldest structures operating on the inland navigation system, and the most structurally deficient navigation facility on the Monongahela River. The larger locks will afford industry a 27 percent savings in economy scale. The challenge is to put the Lower Monongahela River Project on an efficient funding schedule.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

Request Number 4

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Upper Ohio Navigation System Study, PA Appropriations is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Liberty Avenue, Room 1828; Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount \$1,250,000

Description of Request: The Upper Ohio River, defined as Emsworth, Dashiields, and Montgomery (EDM) Locks and Dams, is a multi-year feasibility investigation to determine the best navigation improvement project. EDM are the three oldest locks on the Ohio River navigation system. Two major problems associated with the locks are: (1) their structural condition; and (2) the lock chamber sizes are too small to efficiently accommodate modern tow configurations.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

H. RES. 644, RULE ON CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 3170) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Rule for consideration of H.R. 3170 making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

The Financial Services Appropriations bill is a key part of efforts to restore the stability of, and the public confidence in, America's financial institutions. It makes needed investments in strengthening the Securities and Exchange Commission's ability to enforce rules that govern investments and financial markets and to detect and prosecute fraudulent schemes, and it permits the District of Columbia to continue operating in accordance with the decisions and policies established by its own local leadership.

Along with these issues, the bill also supports America's auto dealers. Specifically, it

requires automobile companies who have taken federal funding to reinstitute agreements with dealerships they have dropped in recent bankruptcy proceedings. As you know, this country made an investment in General Motors and Chrysler, two of the nation's largest manufacturers. Given the potential impact to workers as well as car dealers, many of whom are in my district in Houston, I supported this government investment. However, in the aftermath, nearly 3000 auto dealers today face extinction. The restructuring with GM and Chrysler have cost these dealers their right to continue selling these cars. This bill simply provides dealers the same rights they would have had before GM and Chrysler's bankruptcy proceedings started.

Previously GM and Chrysler had notified arbitrary dealers that their relationship was ending, essentially immediately, leaving dealers with millions of dollars invested in car stock, no options for consolidation and little leverage for liquidation. There was no transparency to the system that shut down many profitable dealerships that have been local institutions for decades, and no proof from auto makers that shutting down those dealerships will actually be financially beneficial to the makers. This legislation builds on the efforts of Congress in a letter sent to the Treasury Department Auto Task Force on May 19, and a letter sent to President Obama today.

We all recognize that the economy is not favorable to the auto industry right now: we have already seen layoffs from manufacturers and we expect to see many dealerships consolidate and close this year. However, forced, arbitrary closure of dealers by manufacturers will not necessarily be financially beneficial to automakers, and it certainly will not help the local economies where dealers are integral to the business community. These dealerships employ hundreds of people across my district in good-paying jobs, they sponsor our community services projects in Houston and across the country; moreover, these dealers have been household names for generations.

Some may say that auto dealers are standing in the way of change. I say they want change in the industry, and in fact they want only to be a part of that change. Each car dealer represents dozens of employees left without income or health care, and a major hit to the local economies of these towns. At a time when our nation is reeling from the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs each month and struggling to address health care reform, I congratulate Mr. SERRANO and his staff in working to craft legislation to prevent hundreds of dealerships from shuttering their doors. Madam Speaker, I support the resolution, the underlying bill, and America's auto dealers and I ask my colleagues to do the same.