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.