

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 fourth 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