

purchase of para-transit vehicles from the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities account to assist with the replacement of vehicles in our accessible fleet. This funding will allow Capital Metro to service persons with disabilities and allow continued door to door service to allow disabled persons access to mass transit.

RECOGNIZING THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Ohio State University Medical Center. OSU Medical Center has been listed among U.S. News and World Report's list of "Honor Roll" hospitals.

Praised for their quality care and performance, OSU Medical Center is among only 21 hospitals in the country named to this elite list. This is the 17th consecutive year that OSU Medical Center has been considered one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report.

The Ohio State University Medical Center is one of the largest and most diverse academic medical centers in the country. OSUMC has been recognized for more than six specialties including the Ross Heart Hospital, which ranked 37 among 4,861 hospitals and the James Cancer Hospital, which ranked 18th for cancer treatment. In addition, the list also includes ear, nose and throat, diabetes and endocrinology, gynecology, kidney disease, orthopedics, respiratory disorders, rehabilitation and urology.

This success is a direct reflection of the staff and faculty at the Ohio State University Medical Center. All are credited for helping to make the OSU Medical Center a leader in medicine in creating a future that will improve people's lives. Their education, research, and dedication to personalized care for every patient is truly commendable.

I offer my congratulations to the entire OSU Medical Center community for the hospital's excellence in care and the honor of ranking as one of America's Best Hospitals in 2009 and 2010.

FRANK MELVILLE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support for H.R. 1675, the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Act. I commend Representatives CHRISTOPHER MURPHY (CT) and JUDY BIGGERT (IL) for introducing this bill and I also thank my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee for passing this bill and bringing it to the floor this week.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, this legislation makes several important changes to the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. This bill is strongly sup-

ported by a wide array of disability advocacy groups, in particular the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a group of 100 national disability organizations which includes The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy, the National Disability Rights Network, the American Network of Community Options and Resources, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Easter Seals, United Spinal Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Brain Injury Association.

John Chafee—the late Senator from Rhode Island and a true champion for disabled Americans—always made it clear that "your abilities, not your disabilities, will determine your future." As a recipient of the John Chafee Leadership in Public Policy Award in 2002, I am always mindful of his vision.

I have long advocated for public housing programs, particularly for those that would benefit those with disabilities. Disabled Americans, like all Americans, deserve equal access to fundamental resources such as housing. In particular, I worked to ensure that vouchers were not lost when disabled people moved.

An estimated 50,000 non-elderly, disabled vouchers were funded by Congress between FY 1997 and FY 2001. Funding for these vouchers is estimated at \$250–\$275 million annually. Approximately 400 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) administer these vouchers.

These incremental vouchers for non-elderly, disabled individuals and families were intended to replace housing for non-elderly people with disabilities lost as a result of the "elderly only" designation of public and assisted housing since 1993.

The CCD Housing Task Force estimated that the loss due to this designation has approached 500,000 units since 1992, including 100,000 public housing units and 400,000 assisted housing units.

To correct HUD's misinterpretation of Congressional intent, the House of Representatives has gone on the record on numerous occasions since 2000. Congress has clarified the policy that "turnover" vouchers should continue to be provided to certain people with disabilities as provided by Congress.

Language was included both in advisory reports for appropriations bills, and following continued inaction by HUD, actual bill language that was included in Conference reports signed by the President.

It was not until February 2005 that HUD issued guidance to PHAs detailing their ongoing obligation to ensure that these vouchers remain targeted upon turnover to the disabled population Congress intended.

Therefore, we've been fortunate to finally make "real" progress for disabled Americans. Through efforts in Congress, including my work on the House Appropriations Committee, each of the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bills included \$30 million for new incremental vouchers to be specifically targeted towards disabled and homeless veteran populations.

This will insure that existing vouchers for those populations are not rolled over into "mainstream" voucher programs that primarily benefit older Americans.

This legislation greatly reforms the Section 811 program, including new programs to remove outdated regulatory barriers and better track the status of vouchers that are currently in use. By doing so, this bill greatly expands on recent progress that the Congress has

made with regard to our nation's housing programs.

Again, Mr. Speaker, similar legislation was unanimously passed by the House under Suspension of the Rules in September 2008 and I am happy to see that the current Congress has made it a priority to see this legislation become law.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. At 4:18 Eastern time on the afternoon of July 20, 1969, the Lunar Module appropriately named "Eagle" touched down on the Moon at Tranquility Base.

A few hours later, just before 11 p.m., Neil Armstrong descended from Eagle's ladder and set foot on the lunar surface.

Days before, on July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off into an uncertain future. In the end, the mission gave us a monumental moment in the history of exploration and cemented America's place as a leader in science and technology.

Since then, the men and women of our space program have experienced triumphs and tragedies—all the while inspiring our younger generation to explore what lies beyond the next horizon.

I have been honored to meet some of the individuals involved with the Apollo 11 mission, and I hope to see their legacy continued.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$100,000

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

Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology (FIT).

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology, 150 West University Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 23901.

Description of Request: This funding is will be used at FIT's ABTA Institute to continue collecting data and creating a database to publish standards and tables of government activities so that comparisons can be made between different providers of services to find