

out which ones are more cost effective. This initiative is aimed at providing accountability on how taxpayer dollars are spent with the goal of providing taxpayers with greater transparency of government expenditures.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any 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 entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

CONGRATULATING THE SCRANTON  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON  
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Scranton Jewish Community Center on its 100th anniversary celebration.

The Scranton Jewish Community Center, or JCC, was founded as the YMHA, or Young Men's Hebrew Association, on September 12, 1909. The YMHA humbly began in the rear of a candy store on Penn Avenue. However, not long after holding its first meeting, membership grew rapidly. The group, under the leadership of the first president, Mr. A. Freedman, rented bigger rooms on Wyoming Avenue.

Less than four years later, the Ladies' Auxiliary was established forcing the group to look for a more permanent location—resulting in the first resoundingly successful fundraising campaign of the YM-YWHA.

After raising over \$50,000, under the direction of A.B. Cohen, the association purchased the Matthews Homestead and was able to officially open on December 5, 1915.

With its growing success and its growing membership, larger facilities were again needed. Myer Davidow donated \$50,000, which was matched by the building committee to remodel the existing property.

Between 1934 and 1938 the club system had reached the apex of function and success. The YM-YWHA provided various programming benefiting the entire Jewish community of Scranton.

Between 1946 and 1949 the "Y" programs continued to prosper and another successful fundraising campaign began. Also, a new constitution was adopted renaming the organization the Jewish Community Center.

On May 15, 1953, Judge Brady granted the organization's plea to erect a new center on Jefferson Avenue. The JCC was given \$200,000 over a ten-year period as well as \$450,000 and collected out-standing pledges resulting in an additional \$400,000 for the building project.

Between 1955 and 1979 JCC programs expanded to include theater, art and film festivals, camps, dances and balls, cultural and women's affairs under their new roof on Jefferson Avenue. Meanwhile, a \$750,000 revitaliza-

tion project helped establish a fitness center for JCC members.

In the 1980s and 1990s, an emphasis was placed on community cooperation and coordination. The JCC collaborated with area agencies including the YMCA and United Way.

The Golden Agers made their way into JCC programming with senior-focused tours, trips and clubs.

In 1998 the Capital Campaign chaired by Steven Seitchik set a goal of \$400,000. They exceeded their goal receiving pledges totalling \$666,208 of which 99.9% was collected.

Since 2000, the Scranton JCC has continued to expand and perfect its programming for the community as it provides for the needs of members. Also available are "Teen Trips to Israel" which offers lowered costs to those participating.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Scranton Jewish Community Center on 100 years of success. The Scranton JCC has set an example in Scranton of an organization focused on its members' needs spiritually, mentally, physically, socially and educationally. Their work in the community has provided innumerable benefits for Scranton and has improved the quality of life throughout the region.

35TH COMMEMORATION OF THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

**HON. ALBIO SIRES**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 35th Commemoration of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus. In 1974, the Turkish Military invaded Cyprus, and 35 years later, the military still occupies over one-third of the island. The invasion and subsequent occupation led to the deaths of thousands and the forced displacement of nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots.

Fortunately, President Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Talat, have made several agreements to improve relationships between the two communities on the island, and the settlement negotiations are ongoing. It is my hope that these negotiations will yield a bi-communal, bizonal federation for Cyprus that adheres to UN resolutions.

I rise today to stand with the people of Cyprus to seek a long overdue solution to this decades-long division. To succeed, a settlement effort should be of the Cypriots, by the Cypriots and for the Cypriots.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed nine votes. Had I been present I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 596, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 164, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 597, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2729, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 598, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1622, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 599, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to, as Amended, H.Res. 507, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 600, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Res. 270, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 601, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S.Con.Res. 30, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 602, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 123, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 603, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1933, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 604, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2632, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

TITLE I: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Somerset County

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 3000, Somerset, New Jersey 08876-1262.

Funding Level: \$1,250,000

Description of Request: This project, authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, would relieve current and projected traffic congestion, improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and integrate access to mass transit in one of the fastest growing regions in New Jersey. This area is currently the site of extremely dangerous accident "hot spots," and this funding will greatly improve roadway and pedestrian safety. Further, it has been estimated by the county that drivers are subjected to over 100 hours of transit delays per year in Somerset County.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus facilities  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: One Penn Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07105.

Funding Level: \$2,350,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding the funding would be used for intermodal improvements throughout Northern New Jersey. Ridership on public transportation is at all time highs and it is critical to ensure that our public transportation system operates smoothly and can handle this increased demand.

TITLE II: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288