

Capitol to engrave our National Motto and the Pledge of Allegiance in the Capitol Visitor Center.

These two statements of historical significance speak to the culture and development of our nation as a people united by a core set of philosophical maxims. This resolution stands as a tribute to the work of our founding fathers, a legacy that this body has been entrusted to maintain.

Abraham Lincoln argued that the Constitution could not be read properly without reference to the Declaration of Independence whereby the origin of our individual rights is identified as God. The Declaration refers to those unalienable rights as endowed by God, or "their Creator" with a capital "C," specifying that those rights do not exist except by the grace of God.

This concept, of individual rights as given by God, is the very foundation upon which our Constitution stands. It was revolutionary at the time because it defines the worth of an individual apart from and prior to the state. To refuse to recognize God as the origin of our unalienable rights is to refuse the very basis by which one's worth is established.

Removing God as the basis by which we define and recognize our individual rights removes a constancy within our constitutional order, subjecting the definition of those rights to an ever changing and inconsistent standard of public opinion and momentary context. It is the very fact that these rights are endowed by our Creator that makes them unalienable—a truth we as a nation must never forget.

Furthermore, acknowledgement of God and His tenets has been an integral part of our national story, since its inception. Those assenting to the Declaration understood it as an appeal "to the Supreme Judge of the world for rectitude of our intentions."

Moreover, George Washington, in his farewell address, observed, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness—these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

When Patrick Henry advocated revolution in his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech before the Virginia House of Burgesses, he declared, "Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power." Continuing, "[We] shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us."

Madam Speaker, the reliance upon and foundational belief in God is deeply interwoven into the fabric of this nation's beginning and growth. So much so that, to omit an appeal to Providence in the retelling of our history would be a profound disservice to that history.

In the short period that the Capitol Visitor Center has been open it has attracted over one million visitors, with many more to come. The historical offering of the CVC will be augmented by this resolution, ensuring that the philosophy which provided the Cornerstone for our great nation will endure in words, and as many of us in this body aspire, hopefully in deed as well.

I urge the support of my colleagues for this resolution and look forward to its swift passage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: AIP

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County International Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 177 Ash Dr., Kimball, MI 48074

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$500,000.00, would be used to extend the runway thus allowing larger and heavier aircraft to access St. Clair County. This airport has provided commercial, corporate and general aviation services for over 55 years.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 60 W. Sanilac Rd., Sanilac County Courthouse, Room 214, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to continue to build a bike path between Lexington and Port Sanilac. This is a great need in the area for a safe and secure bike path that is isolated from motorized traffic. This project is also expected to help promote tourism in the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Baltimore

Address of Requesting Entity: 36535 Green St., New Baltimore, MI 48047

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used for a non-motorized pedestrian path to be located on the east side of County Line Road between Green St. and Hobarth Rd. This will address the need for a safe, non-motorized route along a major thoroughfare of County Line Rd. and offer direct access to Anchor Bay High School.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Marine City

Address of Requesting Entity: 303 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to help rehabilitate the City Hall which is on the historical register. It would restore the interior and exterior of the building. The surrounding grounds have become the cornerstone of Marine City's historic district.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 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. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Tinley Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Tinley Park 80th Avenue Metra Station Development, Tinley Park, IL: The Village of Tinley Park has collaborated with Metra to develop a new building, warming shelters, and pedestrian underpass to accommodate increasing ridership at Metra's second busiest location.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. 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. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

WV Route 480 Pedestrian Bridge and Safety Improvements

Corporation of Shepherdstown

PO Box 248 Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Project will construct a pedestrian bridge spanning over WV Rt. 480 and improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions upon entry into the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

U.S. Route 33

City of Spencer

116 Court Street Spencer, WV 25276

Funds will be used for the continuing construction of U.S. Route 33.

Awarded under: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative
Harpers Ferry Interpretative Welcome Center

Jefferson County Convention & Visitors Bureau (JCCVB)

37 Washington Ct, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

This project is to create a full service "green" Welcome Center/Attraction along Rt. 340, the eastern Gateway into West Virginia and across from the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Nearly 5 million visitors come here annually.

Awarded under: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative

Morgan County Ice House Art & Community Center

PO Box 248 Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

The Morgan Arts Council, owner of the Ice House, has been renovating the former cold storage building in the heart of downtown Berkeley Springs for use as an economic development, education and art center. The requested amount of funding is needed to match a WV Cultural Facilities grant which is already beyond original end date. The extension granted is soon to expire. The total amount of funding with your allocation plus the state grant would allow construction of necessary infrastructure to finish development of the second floor and of the upper two floors of the four-story, 40,000 sf structure.

HONORING STEVE McNAIR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of National Football League star quarterback Steve McNair.

McNair played college football at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi where he won the 1994 Walter Payton Award as the top player in NCAA Division I-AA. McNair's college career became the stuff of legend, a true story of the all-conquering hero. As a mere freshman, McNair set nine records and was named Southwestern Athletic Conference player of the year. In his sophomore year, he led the nation in total offense, average 405.7 yards per game. McNair racked up numerous 500-plus-passing-yard games, and many times he added another 100 yards rushing.

McNair was drafted third overall by the NFL's Houston Oilers in 1995. He became the Oilers' regular starting quarterback in 1997. At 22, he had become the Oilers' highest-paid player. Quarterbacks usually develop more gradually than other players their first season. In Tennessee, though, he started six games over the prior two seasons in Houston, and remained the starting quarterback for the Titans until 2005. As the steady starter at quarterback, McNair steadily accrued impressive stats on third-down conversions and pass completions, touchdowns per starts, and rushing, among others. In the 1997 season, for example, his 674 yards rushing was the third-highest for a quarterback in NFL history. By the end of that season, McNair had garnered the second-best overall rating of any quarterback drafted in the previous six years from that point on McNair had become one of the league's best quarterbacks. At the end of the 1998 season, the Titans—the Oilers' new name—had placed second in the AFC Central.

In 1999 McNair led to the Titans to an AFC championship. When he took the field as the starting quarterback against the St. Louis Rams, he became just the second black quarterback to start in the Super Bowl. Though the Titans lost the game to the Rams, McNair's strong performance did not go unnoticed around the league, where McNair was considered a rising star. The Titans signed McNair to a six-year, \$47 million contract extension in July of 2001.

After the 2005 season, McNair was traded to the Baltimore Ravens, with whom he played for two seasons before retiring after 13 NFL seasons. McNair led the Titans to the playoffs four times and the Ravens once, and played in Super Bowl XXXIV with the Titans. He is the Titans' all-time leading passer. McNair was selected to the Pro Bowl three times, and was All-Pro and Co-MVP in 2003.

The contributions Steve McNair made to college and professional football will never be forgotten. He touched the lives of many people on and off the field. Steve McNair will truly be missed by his community and colleagues throughout the country.

Please join me today in honoring the remarkable life of Steve McNair.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. JOHN L. HERNDON III

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John L. Herndon, a man of exceptional character and integrity. Dr. Herndon has numerous talents and great ability, and he has served the people of Huntsville, most notably as minister of the Word and Sacrament at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. His dedicated service to the Fellowship Church family, the Presbyterian Church, and our community for more than 20 years is a strong testament to his passion for service and leadership.

A life-long learner, Dr. Herndon has used his diverse interests to benefit people in many sectors. As a scientist, Dr. Herndon worked for the National Bureau of Standards and NASA, in addition to serving as Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health in Georgia. In 1985, Dr. Herndon was called to the ministry, and after obtaining a degree in Theology, he began a distinguished career at the Fellowship Church. Dr. Herndon has earned respect from the community for his unyielding resolve and dedication to youth development through justice and education. He was a court appointed juvenile advocate, police chaplain, and member of Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Youth Neglect.

His work as a church and community leader is filled with faithful commitment to the training of young minds. Dr. Herndon's legacy grows with each passing day. I am honored to recognize a man of great service. Through his service to our community, he has had an invaluable impact on the lives he has encountered.

Madam Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for Dr. John L. Herndon III and his faithful service to the congregation at Fellowship Church and the Tennessee Valley area.

THE ALZHEIMER'S BREAKTHROUGH ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act. I would like to thank my colleague and fellow co-chair of the bipartisan Alzheimer's Task Force, Mr. Chris Smith of New Jersey, for continuing to partner with me on this important legislation.

An estimated 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, and one in ten individuals has a family member with the disease. Unless science finds a way to prevent or cure it, nearly 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease by the year 2050. Additionally, in 2005, Medicare spent \$91 billion for the care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, and this amount is projected to increase to \$160 billion in 2010.

While we have made great progress in the battle against Alzheimer's, more needs to be done to combat this devastating disease. This bill will increase the federal commitment to Alzheimer's research and prevention and offer assistance for caregivers.

Our bill contains urgently needed increases in National Institutes of Health funding for Alzheimer's disease research, prevention initiatives, clinical research support, public education programs and innovative approaches to Alzheimer's care. Assistance to caregivers is included in this legislation with the establishment of an Alzheimer's Call Center offering advice and care consultation. It also authorizes the director of the National Institute on Aging to make grants or conduct clinical, social and behavioral research related to interventions designed to help caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Madam Speaker, the best way to fight this disease and reduce the number of patients who suffer from Alzheimer's disease is to find ways to prevent it before it starts. Investments we make now in Alzheimer's disease and aging research could lead to longer, healthier lives for Americans and significantly lower costs to the federal government. Congress must act now to strengthen the federal commitment to preventing Alzheimer's disease and assisting those who give care to the victims of this disease.

I look forward to continue working with my colleagues on this important issue throughout the legislative process.

HONORING 2010 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MEGAN ALLEN

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2010 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year, Megan Allen of Tampa Bay. An elementary school teacher, Ms. Allen was selected among finalists from across the state of Florida. Ms.