EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received, which were included in the reported version of H.R. 3288, the ''Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.''

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Name of Project: San Diego Freeway (Interstate 405) Improvements

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 South Main Street, Orange, CA 92863

Description of Request: I received $750,000 for the Orange County Transit Authority's (OCTA) San Diego Freeway Improvements project. OCTA has successfully completed a major investment study (MIS) and Project Study Report for the Interstate 405 (I–405) Freeway. Funding is requested to support capacity improvements in each direction of the facility, adding up to two lanes from Euclid Street in Fountain Valley to Interstate 605 (I 605) near the Orange County/Los Angeles County border. Prior federal funding has fully supported the environmental phase of this project, which is currently underway. This request is to secure a portion of the funding needed to complete the final design, which is the next phase of the project. This project is included in both the regional and federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Commuters and goods movement carriers alike are currently experiencing severe peak period delays on the San Diego Freeway (I 405) corridor. Implementing these improvements to the I 405 will reduce travel delays, increase employee productivity and facilitate the movement of goods while reducing emissions to improve air quality. The project will not only provide significant congestion relief through one of the major interstate highways in Orange County, but also subsequent congestion relief benefits to Los Angeles County as well.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Name of Project: Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and SR–47 Expressway, CA

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: One Civic Plaza, Suite 350, Carson, CA 90745

Description of Request: I received $500,000 for the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's Schuyler Hem Bridge Replacement and SR–47 Expressway project. The Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and SR–47 Expressway project is one of the leading regional transportation projects affecting goods movement in Southern California. The project is a joint partnership between the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to replace the State's seismically deficient Commodore Heim Bridge over Cerritos Channel and add a four lane elevated roadway to by-pass intersections and railroad crossings. The project will replace one of the seismically deficient bridges listed on the Department of Transportation's list of structurally deficient bridges.

ACTA's $2.4 billion Alameda Corridor was designated as a Project of National Significance by Congress in 1995. The SR–47 Expressway is a project that will enhance the Alameda Corridor by improving the efficient and secure movement of international trade at the nation's largest port complex. Over 40% of the nation's imports flow through these Ports generating 3 million jobs nationally.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000 for the construction of the I–15/Base Line Road Interchange Improvements Project. 100% of this funding will be used for construction of the interchange which includes two new bridge structures for the southbound on/off ramps, a loop ramp for westbound Base Line Road to southbound I–15, and the widening of the on and off ramps on the east side. The project also improves East Avenue to provide curb, gutter, and sidewalks, as well as the widening of the Base Line Road to provide two left turn lanes for eastbound Base Line Road to the northbound I–15. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program. The City of Rancho Cucamonga, with its non-federal partners, is providing 70% of the total cost of the project as a local match through the following funding sources: $9,800,000 from the City of Rancho Cucamonga Development Impact Fees; $6,200,000 from the Rancho Cucamonga Redevelopment Agency; $9,800,000 from San Bernardino County Measure I Sales Tax, and $4,600,000 from the City of Fontana.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Monrovia, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 415 S. Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000 for the acquisition, relocation, and development of properties within the Station Square Transit Village bus layover and park and ride project area. 100% of the funds will be used to acquire property for the bus layover facility and prepare plans for its construction, including providing adequate pedestrian access to the site. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of Buses and Bus Facilities funds. The City of Monrovia will provide the 20% local match for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Federal lands, Public Lands Highways

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Associated Governments, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410–1715

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,500,000 for design and environmental mitigation for the I–15/I–215 Devore Interchange improvement project. 100% of the funding will be used for project development and environmental mitigation of the interchange which will eliminate truck weaving in the middle of a substantial grade, improving operational efficiency, safety and enhancing regional connectivity for commuters and freight movement operators traveling between Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The project will add one lane in each direction and provide truck bypass lanes around interchange merge zones, resulting in improved flow speeds through the Devore Interchange, reducing delays in this heavily traveled freeway. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration Public Lands Program, which does not require matching funds.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CAMP. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Details of these projects are:

$496,000 for the Clare County Transit Corporation, located at 4175 North Clare Avenue, Harrison Michigan 48625, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of completing a new multi-modal transportation facility to house administration, operations and maintenance.

$300,000 for the Roscommon County Transportation Authority, located at 2665 South Townline Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to fifteen replacement buses.

$250,000 for the Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride Public Transportation, located at 226 North Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to seven medium duty buses.

$203,000 for the County Connection of Midland located at, 883 East Isabella Road, Midland, Michigan 48640, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to three gas cutaway buses with lifts and up to three diesel cutaway buses with lifts.

The Clare bus facility is a project that began in 2005 and I helped to secure $560,000 for this facility. This funding for Clare is the final piece in the long process of building their new facility.

With regards to the bus funding, the State of Michigan has struggled to balance its budget which has led to many cuts in transportation and infrastructure funding. This, coupled with an aging bus fleet and high energy costs, threatens to limit the mobility of seniors, the disabled, and students living in rural areas. The bus funding in this bill will provide important relief to various transit agencies so they may begin to replace their aging fleets and continue to serve rural America. For these reasons, this funding is a wise and responsible expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE G.J. ROARK III UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable G.J. Roark III, a community leader who is retiring after over twenty years as an Escambia County, Florida judge. Judge Roark spent his career serving Northwest Florida and our country, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi in 1969, Judge Roark joined the U.S. Navy as an intelligence officer. He remained on active duty until 1973 and then went on to earn his law degree from the University of Florida in 1976. Judge Roark returned to the Navy as a reservist in 1978 while maintaining his full-time career as an attorney. In 1988, he was appointed County Judge for Escambia, where he has served since. As County Judge, he has served as the Emergency Coordinating Officer and Chair of the Court Emergency Management Group. He was also the Founder and Chair of the Escambia County Court Security Committee and served on the Escambia County Law Library Board.

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Roark continued his service in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He has operated as a counter-intelligence officer across the world, traveling to Panama, Italy, Bahrain, and Iceland in defense of the U.S. From 1986 through 1995 he was a Naval Criminal Investigative Service Agent. Judge Roark's accomplishments as a reserve officer led to his selection as Commanding Officer of NCIS Unit 2182 in New Orleans and NCIS Unit 2010 in Pensacola. He is also the former Commanding Officer of the Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters Unit 1482 in New Orleans. In 1999, Judge Roark's command was named Unit of the Year for Reserve Intelligence Area 3.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize G.J. Roark for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida and to the United States. The Florida judicial system will miss this admirable and principled Northwest Florida leader. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for him and his family they embark on this next journey in their lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Capitol Investment Grants

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Utah Transit Authority, 3600 South 700 West, SLC, UT 84130

Description of project: $80,000,000 to build a 44 mile long commuter rail line running from downtown SLC to Weber County via the cities of Woods Cross, Farmington, Layton, Clearfield, Roy, Ogden, and Pleasant View.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Ogden-Hinckley Airport, 2549 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT 84401

Description of project: $500,000 will be used for utilities infrastructure, construction of a maintenance hangar, and runway repairs.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Alternatives Analysis

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Salt Lake City, 451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Description of project: $360,000 to fund an alternative analysis under USC 49 section 5339 on a corridor from SLC to Centerville.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Cache Valley Transit District, 754 West 600 North, Logan, UT 84321

Description of project: $500,000 to expand the maintenance facility, storage areas, parking facility, administration building and transit hub.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE 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 H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I received one project in H.R. 3288.

$750,000 for the Lake County Board of Commissioners located at 315 West Main St., P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. This funding is for the replacement of the Lakeshore Drive/Palatlakaha Bridge located over the Palatlakaha River at Lake Minnehaha in Lake County. It is a reinforced concrete structure, 185 feet long in five spans, and constructed in 1962. The bridge is functionally obsolete with two 12 foot travel lanes and no walkways or bicycle facilities.

The replacement of the Lakeshore Drive/Palatlakaha Bridge will improve the safety of movement of goods. Additionally, it will enhance and create economic benefits in the terms of movement of goods and services on Lakeshore Drive by allowing improved access to US 27, which is a Strategic Intermodal System. The project will also enhance the evacuation routes in and out of the Central Florida Region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA: Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: E.J. Noble Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 77 West Barney Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide $350,000 for the upgrade and modernization of the medical and surgical facilities at E.J. Noble Hospital. These antiquated facilities have not been upgraded since 1952.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA: Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 61 Delano Street, Pulaski, NY 13142

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide $150,000 for the expansion of existing primary dental care facilities at Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc. (NOCHSI) to expand service to its medically underserved population.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education: National Projects

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read National Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Boston, NY 02129

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide $4,965,000 for the Reach Out and Read (ROR) national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantaged and poor children and families.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education: National Projects

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide $24,803,000 to the Reading is Fundamental program designed to enhance child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Rd., Chesterfield, Virginia 23832 USA

Description of Request: Provides $750,000 to construct a new interchange at I–295 and Meadowville Road which will enhance economic development opportunities for the region and help relieve local roads of the additional traffic generated.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chesapeake, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, Virginia 23322 USA

Description of Request: Provides $250,000 to construct a museum/visitor center and historic park to commemorate the Battle of Great Bridge, the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal and the Dismal Swamp Canal and the growth of commerce in Hampton Roads.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Suffolk, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 524 N. Main St., Suffolk, Virginia 23434 USA

Description of Request: Provides $200,000 to design and construct the Dismal Swamp Interpretive Center within the new Suffolk Visitor Center.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 519, Expressing appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation and congratulating Canada as it celebrates Canada Day. I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of this resolution, and I'd like to thank my good friend BART STUPAK for offering it.

On July 1st, 1867 with the enactment of the British North America Act, Canada was united as a single country. Over the next 142 years, Canada has become one of our closest friends, our largest trading partner and a steadfast ally.

And in the wake of 9/11, Canada has been a stalwart partner, sending troops to Afghanistan as part of the NATO coalition. They have stood shoulder to shoulder with us as we conduct our difficult mission to rid Afghanistan of the Taliban and give the Afghanis hope for a life free from tyranny and repression.

Our Canadian friends have been vital as we work to secure the homeland on our shared waterways and long land borders. Cooperation is the key to securing the homeland along the Northern Border, and I'm pleased to say that we have a great partner in Canada.

In southeast Michigan, cross-border communities symbolize the relationship we share with our Canadian neighbors. Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario jointly celebrate Canada Day and the United States' Independence Day with the International River Days.

This festival lasts several weeks, culminating in one of the largest and most spectacular fireworks displays in North America.

I want to wish our neighbors and friends in Canada a happy and prosperous Canada Day.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 3288, The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chattanooga's Enterprise Center

Address: 1250 Market Street, Suite 3020, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The City of Chattanooga's Enterprise Center requested funding to complete a feasibility study approved by Congress for a high speed maglev train between Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville. Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport is the nation's busiest airport. A maglev train will relieve tremendous congestion in the Atlanta metro area and serve as part of a long needed "intermodal mass transit system" for the United States. Federal funding is needed for additional engineering work and development of a detailed financial plan, to include the number of riders and expected profits. The corridor is recommended by the State of Georgia's Joint Study Committee on Transportation Funding. The City of Chattanooga's Enterprise Center received $750,000 to complete this study.

Distribution of funding: Salaries, wages, benefits and taxes, 23.85%; Professional Fee/Contractors, 56%; Office Supplies and maintenance, 4.65%; Travel/Conferences and Meetings, 9.07%; Indirect Costs, 6.43%

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cleveland

Address: 190 Church Street NE, Cleveland, TN 37311

Description of Request: The Cleveland Mayor and City Council requested funding to redesign and construct Exit 20 on Interstate 75 to eliminate a dangerous bottleneck of traffic and widen a narrow bridge. This exit is the gateway to the Tri-State Exhibition Center, the Ocoee Recreation Region and the Cherokee National Forest, and is often excessively congested and unsafe for vehicles. A new exit and widened bridge will improve safety for travelers, truck drivers and community residents. The redesign will also facilitate new industrial and commercial growth in the area.

The Mayor and City of Cleveland received $1.05 million for this project.

Distribution of funding: Right of way and utilities, 100%

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Address: 2360 Cherahala Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932

Description of Request: The National Transportation Research Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory requested funding to examine how cutting edge technologies can be used to define real world driving conditions for advanced power train systems research. Building on past investments by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee, this study will support existing research to increase automobile efficiency and safety and introduce new capabilities for advanced transportation for universities, the government and industry. Using these cutting edge technologies to test various combinations of engine components before building a prototype vehicle will save time and money in developing our nation's next generation of trucks, buses, military vehicles and passenger cars. Oak Ridge National Laboratory's National Transportation Research Center received $250,000 for this research.

Distribution of funding: Data Analysis, 50%; Model Development and Use, 40%; Program Management & Reporting, 10%

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Claiborne County Industrial Development Board

Address: 1732 Main Street, Suite 1, Tazewell, TN 37879

Description of Request: The Claiborne County Center for Higher Education provides educational growth opportunities not available in Claiborne, Hancock, Grainger, and Union counties. Rural counties need access to advanced education. Career skills are necessary for the jobs of the future. The Claiborne County Industrial Development Board purchased an unused facility to provide job training for residents in this underserved area. The Claiborne County Industrial Development Board received $189,000 for renovations to the building.

Distribution of funding: Fire Alarm, 30.2%; ADA Compliance, 31.8%; Window Replacement, 33.8%; Architectural Design, 4.2%

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF THE ''SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT OF 2009''

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise along with my colleague, the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Social Security SAM JOHNSON, to introduce the ''Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2009.'' This legislation is intended to enhance the privacy of Social Security numbers (SSNs) and combat identity theft. The bill we introduce today is identical to legislation reported unanimously by the Committee on Ways and Means in the 110th Congress. The legislation benefits from a long history of bipartisan support, and earlier versions also were sponsored in prior congresses by the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Subcommittee since the 106th Congress.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) tells us that identity theft is the fastest growing type of fraud in the United States with an estimated cost to consumers of about $50 billion annually. The FTC's most recent survey on identity theft found that 8.3 percent of the nation's adult population have been victims of this fraud. According to the private consulting firm Javelin Research and Strategy, nearly 10 million Americans were victims of this fraud in 2008, which is an increase of 22 percent over the number of victims in 2007.

Identity theft is facilitated by the easy availability of SSNs in many public and private sector records. SSNs are valuable to criminals because they are relied upon by business to authenticate identity. They are the skeleton key that unlocks many other sources of private, personal information.

The legislation we introduce today would restrict the sale, purchase, and public display of SSNs in the public and private sector, while providing for appropriate exceptions for certain legitimate business purposes, as well as for law enforcement and statistical research. While there are many legitimate business and government uses for SSNs, the unrestricted flow of private personal information that includes SSNs often makes it too easy for identity thieves and other criminals to obtain SSNs for their own purposes. The bill received strong support from privacy and consumer groups, as well as from the AARP, when it was adopted by the Committee last Congress.

The bill strikes a balance between legitimate uses and the need for better protections for privacy of the SSN, in order to fight the scourge of identity theft. We invite our colleagues to examine and cosponsor the legislation and will also welcome your questions and comments as the bill moves forward in the legislative process.

A brief summary of the legislation follows:

SUMMARY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

This legislation is identical to a bill reported by unanimous vote of the Committee on Ways and Means in the 110th Congress (HR. 3046).

PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (SSNS) IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

Federal, State, and local governments would be prohibited from:

Selling SSNs (limited exceptions would be allowed, such as to facilitate law enforcement and national security, to ensure the accuracy of credit and insurance underwriting information and certain other Fair Credit Reporting Act purposes, for tax purposes, for research purposes, and to the extent authorized by the Social Security Act). Further exceptions may be made for other purposes by regulation.

Displaying SSNs to the general public, including on the Internet.

Displaying SSNs on checks issued for payment and accompanying documents.

Displaying SSNs on identification cards and tags issued to employees or their families, e.g., Defense Department IDs; to patients and students at public institutions; and on Medicare insurance cards.

Employing prisoners in jobs that provide them with access to SSNs.

Requiring the transmission of SSNs over the Internet without encryption or other security measures.

The private sector would be prohibited from:

Selling or purchasing SSNs (limited exceptions would be made for law enforcement (including child support enforcement); national security; public health; health or safety emergency situations; tax purposes; to ensure the accuracy of credit and insurance underwriting information and certain other Fair Credit Reporting Act purposes; if incidental to the sale, lease or merger of a business; to administer employee or government benefits; for some research; or with the individual's affirmative, written consent). Further exceptions may be made for other purposes by regulation.

Displaying SSNs to the general public, including on the Internet.

Displaying SSNs on checks.

Requiring the transmission of SSNs over the Internet without encryption or other security measures.

Making unnecessary disclosures of another individual's SSN to government agencies.

Displaying the SSN on cards or tags issued to employees, their family members, or other individuals.

Displaying the SSN on cards or tags issued to access goods, services, or benefits.

Public and private sectors would be required to safeguard SSNs they have in their possession from unauthorized access by employees or others.

Sale, purchase, or display of SSNs in the public or private sector would be permitted by regulation in other circumstances, when appropriate. In making this determination, regulators would consider whether the authorization would serve a compelling public interest and would consider the costs and burdens to the public, government, and businesses. If sale, purchase, or display were to be authorized, the regulation would provide for restrictions to prevent identity theft, fraud, deception, crime, and risk of bodily, emotional, or financial harm.

For a limited time, the public sector would be allowed to sell or display to the general public, and the private sector would be allowed to sell, purchase or display to the general public, the last four digits of SSNs. This temporary exception to the bill's general prohibition on such sale, purchase and public display would end two years after the effective date of the final regulations.

A person would be prohibited from obtaining another person's SSN to locate or identify the individual with the intent to harass, harm, physically injure or use the individual's identity for an illegal purpose.

Wherever a truncated SSN is used, it must be limited to the last 4 digits of the number. (This truncation standard does not change the permissible uses of the SSN.)

State law governing use of SSNs would not be preempted where state law is stronger.

The National Research Council would be commissioned to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of banning the use of the SSN as an authenticator of identity.

ENFORCEMENT

New criminal penalties (up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine up to $250,000) and civil penalties (up to $5,000 per incident) would be created for violations of the law relating to the display, sale, purchase, or misuse of the SSN, offering to acquire an additional SSN for a fee, and for selling or transferring one's own SSN.

Prison sentences would be enhanced for SSN misuse associated with repeat offenders

(up to 10 years), drug trafficking or crimes of violence (up to 20 years), or terrorism (up to 25 years).

New criminal penalties (as much as 20 years in prison and fine up to $250,000) and civil penalties (up to $5,000 per incident) would be created for Social Security Administration employees who fraudulently sell or transfer SSNs or Social Security cards.

The bill permits enforcement by the Social Security Administration (which would have civil monetary penalty authority); the Department of Justice (which enforces criminal violations of federal law); and state attorneys general (who would be granted civil enforcement authority over private-sector users and state and local government). In addition, individual victims affected by violations of this bill by federal agencies would be provided with limited legal recourse to stop an agency's violation and recover any actual damages they may have suffered.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE 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 H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I received one project in H.R. 3293.

$600,000 for the Enrichment Center located at 11375 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34613. This funding will go to build a Community Center/Special Needs Disaster Shelter in Hernando County. The Enrichment Center offers a comprehensive program, which includes health education, recreation, and promotion of ongoing personal growth. The Center serves as the focal point for health information and community services in Hernando County. The cost of this project is being shared by the State of Florida, the Hernando Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Brooksville.

CONGRATULATING NBA CHAMPION LOS ANGELES LAKERS

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Los Angeles Lakers, on winning the 2009 National Basketball Association Championship. This is their 15th NBA World Championship title.

I congratulate team owner Dr. Jerry Buss, Coach Phil Jackson, his staff, and the entire Laker organization for their accomplishment in winning basketball's coveted championship trophy. I also congratulate the team's captain, Kobe Bryant, on being named the first recipient of the newly-named Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award.

A few days after their championship victory, the Lakers and 250,000 of their fans, celebrated with a victory parade through the streets of Downtown Los Angeles. The parade led to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum where 100,000 additional fans gathered to commemorate the team's accomplishment. People came from all over Southern California to join in the celebration.

Madam Speaker, the Lakers have such a loyal following not only because they are champions on the court, but because they are champions in the community as well. The team's outreach program, the LA Lakers Youth Foundation, works with community groups to better the lives of children in our community. The Foundation focuses on using sports to promote education, teamwork and self-esteem among Los Angeles area youth by providing financial assistance to children and local youth programs.

As part of their foundation work, the Lakers have created 12 Reading and Learning Centers at youth clubs throughout Los Angeles and Hawaii and they have sponsored several community basketball court renovations each season. The Lakers also participate in the Toyota Project Rebound, a season-long community outreach initiative established by the NBA and Toyota. The program includes 15 hands-on community service projects that are hosted by NBA and WNBA teams. The projects include court refurbishments, the creation of Learn & Play Centers, and other Legacy Projects providing youth safe places to live, learn or play.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating each member of the 2009 NBA Champion Los Angeles Lakers for their many victories on the court and in the community. They are champions to their sports fans, to beneficiaries of their Foundation, and to the entire Los Angeles community. We thank them for returning the NBA championship trophy where it belongs—the Los Angeles Staples Arena in my congressional district.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI–

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Ozark Tri-County Healthcare Consortium

Amount: $500,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozark Tri-County Health Care Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: 4301 Doniphan Drive, Neosho, MO 64850

Description of Request: Funds will be used to complete the construction and expansion of a new facility for a current Federally Qualified Health Center site located in Cassville, MO and to add additional equipment to supplement the expansion. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as the funding will be used to provide health services to people who lack appropriate health care due, chiefly, to economic reasons. The operation of this Federally Qualified Health Clinic will continue to improve the health of the medically underserved in southwest Missouri

Priority Name: Jordan Valley Community Health Center

Amount: $250,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advocates for a Healthy Community, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 618 N. Benton Ave, Springfield, MO 65806

Description of Request: Funds will be used to complete the lower level of the current building project, located at 440 E. Tampa Street. The lower level will be renovated to increase access to healthcare. This will allow for significant expansion in children's and women's health services, providing greater access to the community to a medical home. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as the funding will be used to provide health services to people who lack appropriate health care due, chiefly, to economic reasons. The operation of this Federally Qualified Health Clinic will continue to improve the health of the medically underserved in southwest Missouri

Priority Name: Joplin School District: e-MINTS

Amount: $100,000

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Joplin R–VIII School District

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 128, Joplin, MO 64802

Description of Request: Funding would be used to provide elementary school students the opportunity to be in either an eMINTS classroom or an eJOPLIN classroom. These classrooms will include one computer for every four students, an LCD projector, a laptop computer for the teacher, a Smart Board, educational software and a networked printer. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because funding will be used to transform classrooms for all learners through high quality teaching powered by technology.

Priority Name: Missouri State University Innovation Academy

Amount: $150,000

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the Missouri Innovation Academy, an on-campus summer program for at-risk high school sophomores and juniors from low-income backgrounds.

The academy focuses on recruiting urban and rural students that have had limited exposure to science and math. Particular attention is placed on recruiting students from lower income families. Students live on the Missouri State University campus during the duration of the Academy. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because innovation in math and science will be the key to economic growth in the future. This program will enable students

who would do not have significant financial means with the access and opportunity to realize the education and training to fill these jobs domestically.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Ms. EDWARDS, for offering this important resolution.

This resolution designates the fourth day of June, 2009 as National Children and Families Day.

Our children are this nation's most important resource, and this resolution highlights the invaluable role families have in raising healthy, well-adjusted children. Families come in many different shapes and sizes, but they all play a critical role in the care and development of their children.

Research shows that spending time together as a family is critical to raising strong and resilient kids. And studies have shown, the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs, so we should be in the business of supporting families.

Early childhood experience lays the foundation for later development, and the first three years of a child's life are especially important. Investing resources in children and families will pay large dividends for our society, not only in increased productivity, but also for more opportunities for our children to realize their dreams.

We must take it upon ourselves as a society to cultivate loving and supporting families whenever possible. National Children and Families Day provides us an opportunity to recognize our responsibility to foster family environments that nurture the next generation and to promote a positive environment for families across America.

Lee Iacocca said it best when he said, ''The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family.''

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida

Address of requesting entity: 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620

Description: The $500,000 will be used to help cancer patients find appropriate clinical trials, which will save lives and lower health care costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: All Children's Hospital

Address of requesting entity: 801 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Description: The $350,000 will be used to build a specialty care center to provide high-quality physician, diagnostic, clinical, and rehabilitative services to underserved populations, which will improve health care and lower costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: SAMHSA—Mental Health

Name of requesting entity: BayCare Health System

Address of requesting entity: 16255 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33760

Description: The $200,000 will be used to provide services to those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and their families, expanding access to needed care.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Name of requesting entity: Prevent Blindness Florida

Address of requesting entity: 1112 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The $200,000 will be used to provide vision screenings to at-risk children, improving vision and lowering future health costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CAMP. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Details of these projects are:

(1) $496,000 for the Clare County Transit Corporation, located at 4175 North Clare Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of completing a new multi-modal transportation facility to house administration, operations and maintenance.

(2) $300,000 for the Roscommon County Transportation Authority, located at 2665 South Townline Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to fifteen replacement buses.

(3) $250,000 for the Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride Public Transportation, located at 226 North Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to seven medium duty buses.

(4) $203,000 for the County Connection of Midland located at, 883 East Isabella Road, Midland, Michigan 48640, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to three gas cutaway buses with lifts and up to three diesel cutaway buses with lifts.

The Clare bus facility is a project that began in 2005 and I helped to secure $560,000 for this facility. This funding for Clare is the final piece in the long process of building their new facility.

With regards to the bus funding, the State of Michigan has struggled to balance its budget which has led to many cuts in transportation and infrastructure funding. This, coupled with an aging bus fleet and high energy costs, threatens to limit the mobility of seniors, the disabled, and students living in rural areas. The bus funding in this bill will provide important relief to various transit agencies so they may begin to replace their aging fleets and continue to serve rural America. For these reasons, this funding is a wise and responsible expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

CONGRATULATIONS LUCILLE GRIFFO

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for those involved in the Girl Scouts of America, and I have always attended as many Gold Award Gala ceremonies as I am able in my District.

These programs prepare our girls for the challenges of higher education, employment, and adulthood, and their experiences in the Girl Scouting program open many doors for them throughout their lives.

In my hometown of Knoxville, TN, there is one name that is the gold standard for devotion to the Girl Scouts: Lucille Griffo.

Lucille has devoted her career—and her life—to enrich the lives of girls in East Tennessee, and they could not have had a better mentor. With the Girl Scout Promise as her guide, Lucille has been an ambassador for the values and leadership that Girl Scouting teaches.

After graduating from Jacksonville University in 1969, Lucille set out to conquer the business world, but time and again she was told by companies that they did not hire women for management. When a recruiter sent her to a job interview with the Girl Scouts, she thought her gender had type-cast her to a life of arts and crafts.

For more than 40 years, she has steered countless young girls through a transformative time of increasing opportunity for women. As she told the Knoxville News Sentinel recently, ''Girls haven't changed—just society around them.''

Her job was much more than arts and crafts. As CEO of the Tanasi Council, Lucille was responsible for a multi-million dollar budget and 13,000 Girl Scouts and volunteers in 16 East Tennessee counties.

Lucille began her career much before her role in Girl Scout management. At age 7, she

became a Brownie, and it is an experience she describes as sending a shy little girl through a ''journey of self-confidence.'' It would be hard to count how many girls have benefitted from her leadership and example, but I can say that East Tennessee is a much better place because of Lucille Griffo's devotion to our youth.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Lucille Griffo on her recent retirement as CEO of the Tanasi Council Inc. in Knoxville, Tennessee and bring her remarkable career to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. I encourage everyone to get involved in Girl Scouting programs and help shape our next generation of youth. As Lucille would say, ''We need Girl Scouting now more than ever.''

AN ANNIVERSARY TO REMEMBER AND MOURN, AND NEVER REPEAT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, thirty-five years ago, Turkey launched a massive and illegal military invasion of its sovereign neighbor, Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, the Turkish government sent troops to Cyprus, allegedly in response to an effort to unify Cyprus with Greece, citing its interpretation of its rights as a ''guarantor'' nation to cloak its military invasion under the guise of ''restoring the constitutional order'' of Cyprus.

As a result of this invasion, over five thousand Greek Cypriots were killed, over sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing, and two hundred thousand Greek Cypriots were forcibly displaced from their homes. Today, Cyprus remains a divided nation, and over forty-three thousand Turkish troops still illegally occupy almost half of the island.

Since the 1974 invasion, the international community has repeatedly condemned the Turkish invasion, and has called for the reunification of Cyprus and the final withdrawal of Turkish troops from the island. In fact, more than seventy-five resolutions have been adopted by the United Nations (UN) Security Council and more than thirteen by the UN General Assembly, calling for the return of Greek Cypriot refugees to their homes and properties.

Turkey has not heeded these calls.

To the contrary, over one hundred and sixty thousand settlers from Turkey now occupy the homes or property of Greek Cypriots evicted from northern Cyprus. These illegal settlers today outnumber the native Turkish Cypriots by almost two to one.

These thirty-five years of occupation in northern Cyprus have also led to the tragic devastation of hundreds of religious and cultural sites. On July 21, 2009, the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission, issued a report entitled, ''Destruction of Cultural Property in the Northern Part of Cyprus and Violations of International Law,'' stating that icons, manuscripts, frescoes and mosaics have been looted from Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Maronite and Jewish religious sites in northern Cyprus.

The Helsinki Commission Report stated that, in the occupied north, over five hundred Orthodox churches or chapels have been pillaged, demolished or vandalized. Additionally, seventy-seven churches have been turned into mosques, twenty-eight churches are being used by the Turkish military as hospitals or camps, and thirteen churches have been turned into barns. The historic St. Anastasia monastery is now a hotel with a swimming pool and casino; and the Byzantine-era monastery of Antiphonetes has had its icons and murals removed and sold to art dealers. The Helsinki Commission reported that, in contrast to those Turkish actions, the Republic of Cyprus has spent about $600,000 since 2000 to renovate seventeen historic mosques in the southern portion of Cyprus.

I am cautiously encouraged by the efforts of President of Cyprus Dimitris Christofias and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community in the north, Mr. Mehmet Talat in their reunification negotiations now being held under the auspices of the United Nations. They have now held more than thirty-five rounds of direct talks since negotiations began on September 3, 2008, and they continue to meet on a regular basis. It is clear that the reunification of Cyprus should be based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federal state with a single sovereignty, international personality and citizenship.

Ultimately, any final solution to the division of Cyprus must be developed by the Cypriot people themselves. However, the Turkish government has yet to give the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community the necessary freedom to negotiate a solution, has not agreed to withdraw its troops, and has not publically announced its support for the reunification efforts. To the contrary, on July 20, 2009, the Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek announced that Turkey will never abandon its rights as a ''guarantor'' power on Cyprus, even if a peace deal is signed between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders later this year.

This is precisely the false premise with which Turkey justified its military invasion in 1974, and the echoes of this false justification will reverberate in the hearts of the people of Cyprus, who continue to live with the brutal consequences of the 1974 incarnation of this argument. The international community rejected this argument thirty-five years ago, and it must today condemn such statements as counterproductive to the reunification process.

It is time that we commemorate the last anniversary of the presence of Turkish troops on Cyprus. It is time the leaders of the Cypriot communities have full freedom to negotiate the reunification of their country, without pressure and imposed conditions from other nations. It is time for there to be a new generation of Cypriots born into a unified homeland.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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 the 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

The Account: Surface Transportation Priorities—Edwards County Bone Gap Road

Requesting Entity: Edwards County located at Edwards County Courthouse, Alboin IL 62806.

The funding will go towards the reconstruct Bone Gap Rd in Edwards County.

The Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation—Harrisburg Missouri Street Hospital Access Project.

Requesting Entity: City of Harrisburg at 110 East Locust Harrisburg, IL 62946.

The funding will go towards construction of a secondary access route to Harrisburg Medical Center that was inaccessible during floods of 2008.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 3293, the ''Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.''

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the ''Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010''

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victor Valley Community Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 15248 Eleventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $250,000 to assist the Victor Valley Community Hospital with a modernization effort that includes the purchase of MRI Equipment, CT scan equipment, and Integration and Implementation, personnel, and training costs. Funding would also be used to provide advanced services such as arthritis care, behavioral health and counseling, community wellness programs, poison control, and senior health services.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the ''Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010''

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: College of the Canyons

Address of Requesting Entity: 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $100,000 to assist the College with the continuation of its University Center Consortium, a program to provide increased access to higher education and advanced training. The Consortium would use this funding to increase the

number of advanced degree programs available to non-traditional students and help increase the number of students pursuing higher education. Funding would also go toward books, planning, and evaluation.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 23845 McBean Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $350,000 to assist Henry Mayo Hospital, the only hospital in the Santa Clarita area, with completion of the design and construction of a helipad and flight safety equipment at the hospital necessary to provide emergency care for over 680 square miles of the diverse geography of north Los Angeles County, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. Funding is also critical to ensure that the hospital is able to maintain its relationship with L.A. County trauma system.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Springboard for Improving Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 181 Fremont Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $150,000 for the Improving Student Achievement in Palmdale Elementary School District program that provides Palmdale Elementary School District education leaders—board members, superintendents and district staff, principals, and teacher leaders—with research-based training and coaching to help build capacity within their schools and districts to raise student achievement and narrow the achievement gap.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 11 votes. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 605, on the Motion to Table H. Res. 667, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 606, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 665, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 607, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1675, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 608, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2938, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 609, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 69, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 610, on Agreeing to the Ryan Amendment to H.R. 2920, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 611, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 2920, I would voted "no."

Rollcall No. 612, on Passage of H.R. 2920, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 613, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3119, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 614, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 534, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 615, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2972, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PLATTS. 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 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD RUSSELL PLATTS (PA–19)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

(1) Craighead Bridge Replacement Project—$750,000

Account: FHA, Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

Address of Requesting Entity: One Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Craighead Bridge. Craighead Bridge is a 110 year-old steel thru truss bridge that carries nearly 2000 vehicles per day across the Yellow Breeches Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Craighead Bridge has been named one of the worst bridges in Pennsylvania and is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and has an estimated remaining life span of four years.

(2) Rabbittransit Bus Facility—$250,000

Account: FTA, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: York County Transportation Authority (d.b.a. Rabbittransit)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1230 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA 17404

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: The York County Transportation Authority (Rabbittransit) is the public transportation provider for York County. Rabbittransit would use this funding to relocate its facility to a location that could house all 86 buses in its fleet. The current location can only house 65 buses. Due to rapid growth over the past decade, Rabbittransit has been providing increasingly valuable service to the community. However, because of the growth, Rabbittransit is completely out of parking space and the bus facility has become over crowded. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project would provide Rabbittransit with the ability to continue to meet the needs of the community.

(3) West Manheim Township Park Facilities Improvements—$250,000

Account: HUD, EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board Address of Requesting Entity: 15 Waterview Road, Hanover, PA 17331

Description of Request/Justification of Funding: West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit organization dedicated to the planning for and funding of a 113 acre recreation park in West Manheim Township in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The Board would use this funding to outfit two regulation-sized baseball fields with backstops, bases, scoreboards, specialized infield dirt, field drainage systems, and fencing. The funding would also be used to purchase two sets of restroom facilities. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facilities in the park will provide a safe outlet for the activities of the local youth population. The West Manheim Recreation Park will be a premier destination for Southern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland residents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDTT. 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. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JEAN SCHMIDT

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Requesting entity: Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, 175 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio, Suite 150, Batavia, Ohio 45103; and

Summary: $900,000 provided to continue SAFETEA–LU High Priority Project (Ohio #3234) and FY08 and FY09 appropriations to improve IR275–SR32 Interchange in the Eastgate area. Improvements (Local Network Improvements-Segments IV and IVa) include Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Studies (PE/EIS) and related activities to develop and construct projects consistent with appropriate federal project development and ODOT requirements.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO SUPPORT CITIZEN ACCESS TO INTERNET

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the number of bloggers and democracy activists who have been imprisoned in Vietnam for distributing their peaceful views over the Internet. The Government of Vietnam continues to restrict websites and blogs that promote democracy, human rights, and speak against the actions of the government.

It has become evident over the past several months that the human rights situation in Vietnam continues to deteriorate. Today, I will be introducing a house resolution calling on the Government of Vietnam to not only release imprisoned bloggers but to also respect the people's right to internet freedom.

This resolution urges the Vietnamese government to support the right of citizens to access websites of their choosing, and to repeal statutes like Circular 07 and Article 88 which restrict the internet in Vietnam. It is time for the Government of Vietnam to become a responsible member of the international community and to respect an individual's freedom of speech, press and political association.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI–

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, The Departments of Transportation–HUD Appropriations Bill for FY 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Springfield MO Transit Related Improvements for National Avenue, Monroe Street, Brick City, and John Q. Hammons Parkway

Amount: $500,000

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: Missouri State University, an authorized recipient of transit funds, will make needed transit related improvements to make accessing transit safer and more convenient in order to increase transit use and reduce vehicle traffic in and around campus. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as decreasing vehicular traffic by increasing transit usage will have a significant impact on safety and the environment.

Priority Name: MODOT Reconstruct I–44/Range Line Road Interchange in Joplin, MO

Amount: $550,000

Account: IM—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 East 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this request would fund the redesign and reconstruction of the functionally obsolete and structurally deficient cloverleaf interchange at Interstate 44 and Range Line Road in Joplin. The project would eliminate weaving movements traffic must now perform, and it also would eliminate two structurally deficient bridges.

Priority Name: City of Springfield, MO—West Wye Rail Line Relocation

Amount: $500,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: The funding would be used to fund the design and construction of a new West Wye that will allow relocation and reconfiguration of freight rail traffic. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because completion of the project will have a large impact on safety.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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 Appropriations Act 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Federal Highway Administration

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington DC, 20590

Description of Request: I have secured $500,000 for I–69 with Federal Highway Administration. For more than 15 years, the I–69 Corridor has been under development and has been consistently recognized by Congress as a national transportation priority. Funding for this project in Texas will help expand interstate highways 77, 281, and 59, to support local, interregional and international traffic. It will provide direct access to the Port of Houston and relieve congestion for the communities all along the route, providing the most direct route from Mexico and Canada for major commercial centers in the U.S., easing traffic on I–35. Funds will also ensure FHWA and in turn the resource agencies with responsibility for environmental clearances—US Fish & Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers—have additional staff to expedite the environmental reviews of projects along congressionally designated High Priority Corridors, including I–69 in Texas which is defined by statute as US 59, 77 and 281. Without such resources, the ongoing delay of environmental clearances will continue to significantly increase the cost of construction of I–69 and other High Priority Corridors. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL and Congressman MIKE ROSS

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texarkana Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Airport Dr., Texarkana, AR 71854

Description of Request: I have secured $750,000 for Texarkana Regional Airport Fire Station Project with the Texarkana Regional Airport. Funding for this project will be used to construct an aircraft rescue fire station to save lives in the event of an aircraft accident. This project would complete an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station that has been constructed in four phases using incremental funding (continuing resolutions). Without the remaining funds, the facility is not useable. Until recently, airport firefighters shared an off-airport station with city fire crews. Response times to the airfield from the city station did not meet FAA standards for a commercial service airport. The ARFF crews have been temporarily relocated to a maintenance hangar to meet response timing, but the hangar does not meet FAA standards for an ARFF station. The hangar is located in an area where taxiing aircraft may delay ARFF response and aircraft engine noise limits the firefighters' training, rest and ability to hear the crash phone. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION–

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education & Other Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient information: $1 million, Southeast Georgia Health System, Carlton DeVooght, 2415 Parkwood Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31522

Description: This program will establish a full spectrum of pediatric and adolescent care, including preventative immunizations and well care for Medicaid and uninsured patients in Glynn, Camden, Brantley, McIntosh and Wayne Counties. This pilot project will allow the system to cut costs of the ER, keeping health care costs down across the system.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request Information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient Information: $100,000, Coastal Medical Access project, Pat Kota, 2605 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520

Description: This program will expand clinical care and add new services at CMAP's

Brunswick clinic, including chronic disease management and dental and vision care. Program expansion meets the needs of many uninsured residents in Glynn and McIntosh County who cannot access health services.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293 Department of Education, Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Recipient information: $457,000 Armstrong Atlantic State University Cyber Security Foundation, Randy Grubb, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419

Description: The goal of the Cyber Security initiative is to provide subject matter expertise to students in cyber and homeland-security issues as they relate to academic curriculum, training, and special research and development projects.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient Information: $993,000, Bacon County Hospital, Cindy Turner, 302 South Wayne Street, Alma, GA 31510

Description: The equipment purchase will help the hospital decide whether to retain the patient in Bacon County or transfer to a trauma care center quicker and more accurate. As a result, healthcare dollars will be saved, patient's lives improved, and resources utilized more efficiently.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families

Recipient information: $300,000 The Marcus Autism Center Farah Chapes 1920 Briarcliff Road Atlanta, GA 30329

Description: The Marcus Autism center will use the federal funding to develop a statewide service delivery system supporting children with Autism and related disorders. Funds will link existing academic/research and clinical models together providing a cohesive continuum of care for the patient population.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration

Recipient information: $350,000, Atlanta Christian College, Dean Collins, 2605 Ben Hill Road, East Point, GA 30344

Description: ACC will use these funds to help supplement the development of a satellite campus in Savannah to bring college to working adults. This satellite campus will help ACC to equip working adults to obtain employment and/or advance to higher wage jobs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. 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. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State University Channel Islands

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

Description of Request: This request of $195,220 is to enhance nursing education and practice and improve health care quality by addressing technological competency in pre-licensure nursing education. Three areas of education are highlighted: faculty development, curriculum integration and infrastructure support. First, this project will strengthen faculty preparation in using health information technology through an intense week of training immersion prior to each fall semester and regularly updated thereafter. Second, health information technology theory and practice will be integrated into multiple courses and all levels of the nursing program and supported as a basic practice skill in the simulation lab under the direct supervision of an instructor. Lastly, the existing regional simulation laboratory will be augmented by twelve computerized hospital information systems work stations equipped with information systems used in local facilities. Health information technology integration throughout the curriculum will enable beginning students to tackle technology in their introductory courses and labs and then increasingly use health information technology throughout their nursing educational experience. By integrating health information technology into the nursing program curriculum, CSUCI is ensuring that future nurses will be able to access and retrieve electronic data necessary for technological advances in patient care. The bill provides $195,000 in funding for this project request.

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This request of $750,000 is for the formation by the County of Ventura Human Services Agency of a multidisciplinary "expert team" to comprehensively address the diverse needs of victims of elder abuse. The team will be comprised of experts and would provide new perspectives in working with the elderly and the training of social workers, mandated reporters, the medical community and all other types of organizations that interface with seniors and the aged community. The unified expert team concept is a practical approach for the development of empirical data and outcomes regarding service strategies, intervention and assessment tools, training, and public awareness information. Existing systems that service the aged population largely rely on intergovernmental partnerships, service referral networks, and community organizations. However, this proposal brings diverse services together under a unified mission to more fully realize the best practice models of expert teams. The bill provides $654,000 in funding for this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #555 (On agreeing to the Price of Georgia amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #556 (On agreeing to the Emerson of Missouri amendment to H.R. 31 70), "aye" on rollcall vote #557 (On agreeing to the Blackburn of Tennessee amendment to H.R. 3170, "aye" on rollcall vote #558 (On agreeing to the Broun of Georgia amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #559 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #7 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #560 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #8 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #561 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #9 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #562 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #10 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #563 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #11 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #564 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #12 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #565 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #13 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #566 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #14 to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #567 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #15 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #568 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #16 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #569 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #17 to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #570 (On Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #571 (On passage to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #572 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H. Res. 476).

Madam Speaker, unfortunately I also missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 17, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #573 (to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair), "no" on rollcall vote #574 (on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 653), "no" on rollcall vote #575 (on agreeing to H.Res. 653), "aye" on rollcall vote #576 (on agreeing to the Hastings of Washington part B substitute amendment to H.R. 1018), "no" on rollcall vote #577 (on passage to H.R. 1018), "aye" on rollcall vote #578 (on agreeing to Heinrich of New Mexico Part A Amendment No. 9 amendment to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #579 (on agreeing to Cao of Louisiana Part A Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #580 (on agreeing to Blackburn of Tennessee Part A Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #581 (on agreeing to Campbell of California Part B Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #582 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #583 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #584 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 3183), "aye"

on rollcall vote #585 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #586 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #587 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #588 (on agreeing to Hensarling of Texas Part D Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #589 (on agreeing to Hensarling of Texas Part D Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #590 (on agreeing to Hensarling of Texas Part D Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 3183), ''no'' on rollcall vote #591 (on motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3183), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #592 (on passage to H.R. 3183).

Madam Speaker, unfortunately I also missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, July 20, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall vote #593 (On approving the journal), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #594 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 607), ''aye'' on rollcall vote #595 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2245).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. COLE. 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 of 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Title I

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 N.E. 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used by ODOT to widen 1–35 to six lanes from the 1–35/SH–9 West Interchange to North of Main Street.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Title I

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 N.E. 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used by ODOT to reconstruct access for safety reasons from 1–44 and US–62 to Fort Sill Artillery Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Title I

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Transit Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 1141 N. Robinson, Suite 101B Oklahoma City, OK 74820

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,400,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to meet the vehicle needs for the two section 5307 systems in Oklahoma: CART/University of Oklahoma; and Lawton area Transit System.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Title II

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ada Public Works Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 231 South Townsend Ada, OK 74820

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $400,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to construct a 1 million gallon water storage tower.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Title II

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma City Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7777 South May Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $200,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to prepare the necessary asbestos abatement and remodeling and retrofitting of the space.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2010:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—POLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER BUILDING RENOVATION

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL–12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiative

Project Funding Amount: $200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: Funding to be used for renovation improvements to the Polk County Agricultural Center, which also serves as an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for Polk County. Originally constructed in 1948, the facility plays a central role in the Polk County community, contributing to the region's economic strength and well-being. Renovations are needed to meet fire and safety standards, enabling its continued benefit to the area. Substantial contributions are being made by the state and local government.

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL–12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Project Funding Amount: $500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: Funding to be utilized for improvements to U.S. Highway 98 to reduce existing traffic congestion and improve mobility along the corridor, which links Bartow to Lakeland, FL one of the largest metropolitan areas in the region. Specifically, funding would be used for right of way acquisition and construction of a continuous 6–lane corridor between SR 60 and SR 570 (Polk Parkway), two intersecting Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facilities.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS REPLACEMENT AND FACILITY MAINTENANCE, FL

Requesting Member; Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL–12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Funding Amount: $200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: To continue to provide vital transportation bus service to several regional locations. For the replacement of aging buses and security technology upgrades.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—WINTER HAVEN/POLK COUNTY BUSES, FL

Requesting Member; Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL–12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Funding Amount: $200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: To continue to provide vital transportation bus service to several regional locations. For the replacement of aging buses and security technology upgrades.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA–9)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS PROJECTS

Project Name: Building acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of Lower Fairview

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Nehemiah Project

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Valley View Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $100,000 for building acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of Lower Fairview

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of buildings in the Lower Fairview neighborhood in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on blight elimination and reconstruction efforts to improve the quality of life for residents living in the Lower Fairview area and to spur economic development.

Project Name: Coalport Borough streetscape project

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Coalport Borough Council

Address of Requesting Entity: 961 Forest Street, Coalport, PA 16627

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $150,000 for Coalport Borough streetscape project

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for streetscape improvements in Coalport Borough, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on downtown revitalization efforts within the Borough's historic and central business districts to improve the quality of life for residents and spur economic development.

Project Name: Bedford County business park development

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bedford County Development Association

Address of Requesting Entity: One Corporate Drive, Suite 101, Bedford, PA 15222

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $250,000 for Bedford County business park development

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the development of a business park in Bedford County, Pennsylvania to facilitate regional economic growth and development. The project is expected to focus on the creation of high tech, light industrial, office, and warehouse distribution.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is estimated that completion of this project would create approximately 500 new jobs.

Project Name: Improvements to 1–81, Franklin County, PA

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Township of Antrim

Address of Requesting Entity: 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA 17225

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $750,000 for Improvements to 1–81, Franklin County, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for improvements to Interstate 81 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. These upgrades will address existing traffic movement deficiencies and create capacity for planned economic development. Franklin County is one of the fastest growing counties along the eastern corridor.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to economic development while also improving safety and relieving congestion on the Interstate.

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $4,000,000 for Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA

In 2002, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who courageously gave their lives to protect their fellow citizens. Funding for this project would be used to pay for the federal share of the infrastructure needs to accomplish Phase IA and 1B of the project as described and approved in the park's General Management Plan. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a national memorial for all citizens to memorialize and reflect on the tragic event of September 11th and to provide the heroes of Flight 93 with a proper resting place.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2010:

I originally requested $2 million in this legislation for the Improvements to State Route 52 East/West project through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation & Community & System Preservation account. It is my understanding that $400,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), located at 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, California 92101.

This project seeks to add Managed Lanes and extends the freeway to greatly improve traffic flow in East San Diego County on SR52 from 1–15, east to SR67, including a freeway exchange at SR52 and SR67, allowing for traffic flow to be reversed during peak periods. This project has been identified as ''high-priority'' by local and state transportation agencies as it will provide residents living in East County better access to employment in the western part of the region while also relieving congestion on existing freeways and local arterials. For example, the completed project is expected to reduce traffic on Interstate 8 by as much as 20%.

I also originally requested $2 million in this legislation for the Bradley Ave/State Route (SR)–67 Interchange project through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation & Community & System Preservation account. It is my understanding that $400,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Diego, located at 5555 Overland Avenue, San Diego, California 92123.

The Bradley Ave/SR–67 Interchange experiences heavy congestion during the morning and afternoon commute and currently operates at a failing level of service during peak traffic hours. This project will provide congestion relief for the residential neighborhoods east of SR–67, the businesses west of SR–67 and regional commuters by widening 0.75 miles of Bradley Avenue from two lanes to four, add lanes to the SR–67 on-ramps and off-ramps and replace the narrow existing 2-lane Bradley Avenue bridge over SR–67 with a 6-lane bridge. New bike lanes and sidewalks will also be incorporated into this project on Bradley Avenue.

Bradley Avenue is a key part of San Diego's Regional Arterial System and is classified as a Major Road. Improvements to this interchange will address local accessibility and regional mobility, all joint goals of County of San Diego, Caltrans, SANDAG, City of El Cajon and City of Santee, substantially alleviating congestion and improving traffic flow through the area. This is particularly necessary during commuter hours, but essential during disasters and evacuations which have occurred twice in the past five years.

Finally, I requested, and the Subcommittee appropriated, $250,000 in this legislation for the East County Boys & Girls Club Teen Center project through the Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiatives account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys & Girls Club of East County Foundation, Inc., located at 8820 Tamberly Way, Santee, California 92071.

The East County Boys & Girls Club Teen Center project focuses on the rehabilitation of the 48-year-old Boys & Girls Club building and conversion of the Wells Park Fieldhouse into a facility that can service young adults. With the rehabilitation of both facilities, the number of El Cajon youth that can be served will increase from 230 to 400 per day. The Boys & Girls Clubs of East County have provided a number of recreational, cultural and leadership programs that promote good behavior, active lifestyles and a positive alternative to the streets. By converting the existing Clubhouse to a center for 6–10 year olds, and relocating the 11–18 year old population to the new Teen Center, the Boys & Girls Club will enhance learning environments for both populations resulting in improved academic achievement, citizenship, decreasing police contact and vastly improving health through childhood obesity and athletic programs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. 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 Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thousand Oaks

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Description of Request: This request of $500,000 is for a project to widen the US–101 and SR–23 Interchange from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road (US–101) and Hillcrest Drive (SR–23). The proposed improvements include the extension of existing auxiliary lanes in both directions, conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes, addition of a northbound lane, realignment and widening of ramps at the interchange, and the construction of soundwalls and retaining walls. The improvements are necessary to relieve congestion along the 101 and 23 Freeways in the City of Thousand Oaks. The California Department of Transportation recently began the three-year project to widen the Route 23 Freeway connecting to the 101/23 Interchange. Completion of the improvements is crucial to achieve the congestion benefits of the project. The Ventura County Transportation Commission considers both improvements as two integral parts of a single congestion relief project. Since the freeway widening is now underway, the interchange improvement needs to move forward without delay. The bill provides $500,000 in funding for this project request.

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Grade Crossings on Designated High Speed Rail Corridors

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SCRRA–Metrolink

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: This requests of $2,000,000 will be used for an important project that enhances safety at highway-rail grade crossings through the construction of grade crossing safety improvements, including median barriers, four-quadrant gates at crossings, fencing at strategic points, traffic signal system upgrades, additional traffic signage, and street striping improvements. These safety enhancements will take place at crossings in the Simi Valley and Moorpark areas in Ventura County. The objective is to reduce the opportunity for accidents in the corridor.

Within my congressional district, there are fourteen highway-rail crossings needing funding along the Ventura County Line, with two projects currently underway. In 2005, Metrolink, in partnership with cities throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, developed the Sealed Corridor program to improve safety at highway-rail grade crossings. The first in the nation, the Sealed Corridor program takes a systematic approach and performs on-site diagnostics to identify grade crossing enhancements to reduce and eliminate accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians. Grade separation costs range from $20 to $70 million and with 464 at-grade crossings on the Metrolink system, funding to grade separate all crossings is unlikely. The Sealed Corridor approach is a cost-effective alternative that will improve rail safety through a comprehensive strategy to enhance the safety of trains, passengers, motorists, and pedestrians in the areas serviced by Metrolink. The bill provides $750,000 in funding for this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. 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. 3293, the FY2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Unit 169; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,000,000 to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for equipment, supplies, and production at the Center for Cancer Immunology. This Center is utilizing innovations in immunotherapies and vaccinations to cure cancer.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Foundation, 9401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1200; Houston, TX 77074

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $250,000 to the Memorial Hermann Children's Autism Program. This request will support comprehensive health care for children and families affected by autism. Clinical staff will conduct full assessments of patients, coordinate initial referrals for hospital outpatient testing, and conduct follow-up visits with patients and families to provide ongoing monitor of patient progress.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, 6411 Fannin; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,000,000 to the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System for upgrades to the Critical Level 1 Trauma Care Center. The purpose of this request is to purchase equipment at the Level 1 Trauma Center and expand existing adult and pediatric trauma care facilities. This equipment is critical to the Center's ability to serve its patient volume, which is the highest in the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Rice University, 6100 Main Street, MS 603; Houston, TX 77005

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $150,000 to the Rice University BioScience Research Collaborative. This request is to purchase equipment for the BioScience Research Collaborative, dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of human disease through biomedicine and drug development.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 7000 Fannin, Suite 1550; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $150,000 to the Center for Translational Neuroinformatics at the University of Texas Health Science Center. The Center conducts innovative research to prevent and treat developmental and neurodegenerative diseases including autism, Alzheimer's and brain injury.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Hospital District, 2525 Holly Hall; Houston, TX 77054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $300,000 to the Harris County Hospital District for CHP Digital Radiology. The purpose of this request is to purchase direct-capture digital imaging devices. This equipment will enhance clinical work flow, patient treatment and increase the productivity of imaging technologists.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Unity Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 89 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY 14611

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $800,000 to develop a set of clinical applications to support the goal of enhancing both the quality and the delivery of care within Unity Health System. Will also expedite the implementation of a practice management and ambulatory electronic record system that enables connectivity between the Unity Medical Group physician offices.

Of the total project amount, approximately 100 percent is for implementation of information technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293 Account: Department of Education—Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Niagara County Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $275,000 to provide additional and updated technology for the Learning Commons project, including SMART classrooms and individual workstations. Of the total project amount, approximately 100 percent is for equipment. By establishing the Learning Commons, the project will improve student success and create an educated workforce by improving access to technology, enhancing learning, and providing a relevant education for graduating students across all disciplines. NCCC has seen increased enrollment, a number of whom are economically disadvantaged, who need this new technology for success in college.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293 Account: Department of Education—Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Monroe Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $325,000 to establish a Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) program at the community college. Will establish the curriculum, move it through accreditation process, and recruit its first students.

Of the total amount, $272,025 (83.7 percent) is for personnel; $4,550 (1.4 percent) is for supplies; $28,600 (8.8 percent) is for equipment; $1,625 (.5 percent) is for travel; and $18,200 (5.6 percent) is for minor renovations.

The establishment of a curriculum to prepare Medical Lab Technicians for licensure to meet new New York State requirements to enter the medical profession.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kaleida Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $300,000 to create a new academically-oriented medical, the Global Vascular Institute, to integrate key programs and personnel of Buffalo General Hospital and Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital pursuant to recommendations of the Berger Commission.

Of the total amount, 100 percent is for equipment.

The project will relocate important clinical services and programs from Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital to the Global Vascular Institute (GVI) at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. This will greatly strengthen and improve the quality of health care services in Western New York and provide an important center for medical research and education for physicians.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education Legal

Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York at Geneseo

Address of Requesting Entity: Erwin 218, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY 14454

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for the purchase of a Fourier Transform Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer for SUNY Geneseo's Integrated Science Center.

Of the total amount, 100 percent is for purchase and installation of equipment.

This instrument will replace an aging spectrometer at the College thus allowing Geneseo to continue attracting competitive research grants, training students in critical fields of science and technology, and contribute to economic development efforts in the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education Legal

Name of Requesting Entity: Canisius College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $400,000 to help with equipment costs for the new science center and office complex for Canisius College. The new center will include interdisciplinary research laboratories to enable the college to develop new programs in bioinformatics, quantitative science, cellular molecular biology, analytical chemistry and neurosciences. The project will partner with the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Of the total amount, 100 percent is for renovation and equipment. As part of the college's master plan, the establishment of the science center will allow the college to consolidate all its science programs in one building. This important capital project will add the community investment at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and help Cansius College, which is recognized as one of the top universities for its undergraduate science programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education/National Projects—Innovation and Improvement/Reach Out and Read authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read National Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $4,965,000. Reach Out and Read is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantage and poor children and families. Through fifteen years of peer-reviewed and published research, an extensive body of documentation now clearly demonstrates the importance of promoting early language and literacy skills so that children have the essential reading skills to begin school successfully. Yet today, a large number of children do not receive the necessary support and assistance to develop these skills and begin kindergarten read to learn.

To close this gap, the federal government provides funding for a variety of literacy programs and strategies that reach children and parents, and the professionals who interact with them. ROR has proven to be among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together.

Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's proven strategies, and more than 3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25 percent of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY–26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education/National Projects—Innovation and Improvement/Reading is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $24,803,000. RIF enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA; 98101

Description of Request: Provide an addition of $150,000 to the WSU College of Nursing to fund distance learning technologies, simulation technology and novel e-network which will increase their capacity to educate and graduate nurses. In order to address the identified nursing shortage and the need to help facilitate workforce development, the funding will increase the ability to utilize existing resources to attract high-quality faculty which will in turn result in the production of more high-quality nurses.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence St. Mary Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 West Poplar Street; Walla Walla, WA; 99362

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 for new image-guided radiation therapy treatment systems that acquire 3D images of every patient, every day, allowing the clinicians to check a tumor's size and shape and adjust the treatment beam accordingly to provide more precise treatments. The project will bring significant improvements to cancer treatment at St. Mary's and will have a positive impact on the area's economic status by providing ongoing treatment for patients in their local environment. Patients will have access to daily treatment close to their homes and work, allowing them to continue working throughout their radiation treatment series.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gonzaga University

Address of Requesting Entity: 502 East Boone Avenue; Spokane, WA; 99258

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 for expansion and upgrades of the Gonzaga School of Nursing's resource and simulation center. An upgrade and additional equipment are needed to support university nursing students and hospital staff nurses as they utilize simulation opportunities for education and training. Funding is critical in the nationwide effort to address the nursing shortage.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inland Northwest Health Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 West First Avenue; Spokane, WA; 99201

Description of Request: Provide $350,000 for the Regional Disease Surveillance and Early Event Detection project. This project will utilize anonymous health data to capture all inpatient and emergency room data, all laboratory and imaging data, and a significant percentage of ambulatory data for an entire region. Special pattern recognition software will be applied to the data allowing rapid detection of patterns that may indicate a need for public health and emergency response action. Because public health authorities are seeking methods for detecting diseases as early as possible, this project has the potential to transform disease surveillance in this country. This can be accomplished by analyzing data from a wide variety of sources and enable the user to see patterns and relationships that otherwise would be missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LANCE. 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 FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Project: Route 22 Sustainable Corridor, Somerset County, NJ

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Amount: $1,250,000

Recipient: Somerset County Business Partnership, 360 Grove Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The Route 22 Sustainable Corridor Plan would redefine an 8-mile section of Route 22 in Bridgewater Township and Somerville Borough, the main business districts of Somerset County, New Jersey from a high-speed arterial highway into a suburban boulevard design. The $96 million project 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 of New Jersey. For this reason, it is has been authorized through the Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) and been appropriated funds through past Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Affairs Appropriations bills.

This project will provide benefit to the 7th District of NJ by improving safety on one of the most dangerous corridors in New Jersey. Additionally, this project is a key to relieve congestion. There are several factors that also indicate that congestion along the corridor will worsen in the absence of significant regional improvements. The forecasted population growth rate in Somerset County is 17 percent through 2010. Somerset County's labor force is projected by the New Jersey Department of Labor to be the fastest growing county in the central region through 2008. Therefore, alleviating congestion on Route 22 is critical to maintaining economic viability and improving quality of life for hundreds of thousands of local residents and workers.

Project: Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements (Final Phase), Borough of North Plainfield, NJ

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Amount: $300,000

Recipient: Borough of North Plainfield, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

The funding would be used to complete streetscape and pedestrian improvements in the downtown business district of North Plainfield which were first begun in 1998. The project will consist of sidewalk, lighting, and landscape improvements consistent with the existing design for the remainder of Somerset Street. Somerset Street is the main road in the business district, providing access to the Municipal Building/Emergency Services Complex, a grade crossing of US Route 22, and to schools and train station.

Project: Affordable Housing Site Preparation, Township of Clinton, NJ

Agency: Housing and Urban Development

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Amount: $250,000

Recipient: Township of Clinton, 1225 Rt. 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833

The funding would be used to prepare sites for construction of affordable units in Clinton Township, NJ. Specifically, funds will be used for demolition and installation of infrastructure in preparation for the construction of 85 affordable housing units.

Project: Irvington Branch of Lightning Brook Retaining Wall Replacement, Union Township, NJ

Agency: Housing and Urban Development

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Amount: $250,000

Recipient: Township of Union, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

The funding would be used for the costs related to the design, permits, land acquisition, demolition, construction and contract administration, and inspection for 2,700 lineal feet of retaining wall replacement for stabilization and rehabilitation of the eroding banks of the Irvington Branch of Lightning Brook.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FLEMING. 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 "Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010." I have requested funding for the following projects in Fiscal Year 2010:

I–49 North (I–220 in Shreveport to AR Line), Account: Federal Highway Administration/

Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for right-of-way, utilities, and construction for I–49 N, from I–220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas line. The I–49 North project forms the southern segment of Congressionally designated High Priority Corridor I running from Shreveport, LA to Kansas City, MO. As defined by ISTEA and TEA–21 ''this corridor is intended to complement the existing Interstate system, integrate regions of the country, improve safety and efficiency of travel and commerce, and promote economic development.'' I–49 North represents Louisiana's part in completing this critical corridor connecting Canada and Mid-America to the deep water ports in New Orleans.

I–69 (Texas state line to Arkansas via Shreveport, LA), Account: Federal Highway Administration/Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for design and environmental work for sections SIU14B, SIU15, and SIU16A from the Arkansas state line to the Texas state line via Shreveport, LA. The I-69 corridor accounts for over 63 percent of the nation's truck borne trade with Canada and Mexico and has the nation's busiest border crossings on both the Canadian and Mexican borders. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports, 13 inland waterway ports and 15 of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports are directly served by I–69. The corridor traverses over 150 counties and hundreds of municipalities, directly serving over 25 million people. Completion will increase transportation efficiency by reducing fuel consumption, travel time and costs, while facilitating trade, providing intermodal connectivity, relieving congestion and promoting economic development.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: (1) is not directed to an 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 other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark, and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Anderson County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 South Main Street, Anderson, SC 29622

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide $400,000 for the Parker Bowie Road Bridge in Anderson County, SC. Built in 1962, the Parker Bowie Road Bridge's current sufficiency rating is only 28.9 out of a possible 100, and a recent SC DOT Inspection Report rated the bridge as basically intolerable, requiring a high priority of replacement. Requested funding would be used to replace and widen the bridge to 34 feet curb-to-curb allowing for two lanes with safety shoulders. It would also raise the height of the bridge and its approaches in order to minimize current waterway obstructions from flooding. These changes would allow emergency service vehicles and school bus traffic, which cannot currently use the bridge, to access it.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greenwood County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Monument St., Laurens, SC 29646

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide $400,000 for the Widening of SC Highway 225 in Greenwood, SC. At present, SC Highway 225 is a four-lane highway excect for a 4.36 mile stretch at the southern end. In this stretch, approximately 1.4 miles from where the four lanes narrow to two, SC Highway 225 intersects with Alexander Road. Due to the addition of a new development, including a public school, healthcare entities, and industry, this intersection has become a major safety concern. During peak traffic times, SC Highway 225 and Alexander Road become very congested, and may be backed up for 1.5 miles.

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's fiscal future and for the passage of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009, H.R. 2920.

During my time in Congress, I have always strived to be a good steward of taxpayer money. In fact during a previous session of Congress, the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan fiscal watchdog group, presented me with its Fiscal Responsibility Award for my votes to maintain fiscal discipline, reject irresponsible tax cuts, and eliminate corporate welfare.

In 2007, I was pleased that the House of Representatives restored the ''pay-as-you-go'' principle in the House rules when Democrats regained control of the House in the 110th Congress. This simple rule ensures that every new dollar of spending is offset and will not worsen the deficit. The House's pay-go rule requires that legislation affecting direct spending or revenues must not increase the deficit (or reduce the surplus) over a six-year or eleven-year period. I strongly supported these efforts. While a PAYGO rule is a good first step, H.R. 2920 goes further by applying automatically to legislation and provides an automatic enforcement mechanism to ensure Congress follows fiscal discipline.

Fiscal discipline served us well in the past. In the 1990's with pay-as-you-go as the law, we turned the massive deficits of the 1980's into a record surplus under President Clinton. When President Bush came into office in 2001, he inherited a projected ten-year, $5.6 trillion budget surplus. Over the first six years of the Bush administration, however, the President and Republican-controlled Congress turned that surplus into a projected ten-year, $2 trillion deficit and allowed the statutory PAYGO requirement to lapse in 2002. This was followed by 6 years of unrestrained spending under President Bush and the federal debt held by the public doubled.

The most instructive gauge of the federal deficit is the federal debt as a percentage of our total economy or Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the budget surpluses and fiscal discipline of the 1990's reduced the debt from 49.4 percent of GDP to 33 percent of GDP by 2001. During President Bush's two terms, that figure rose back to 41 percent of GDP.

PAYGO is only one tool, but it is a strong one to return our Nation back to fiscal stability. The PAYGO rule forces Congress to identify inefficient or ineffective programs whose funding can be cut to fund higher priorities, such as health care, education, and clean energy. This rule also sends a message to the American people that the government is committed to putting the country back on stable economic footing. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill:

BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM HARDENING OF FACILITIES

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: BayCare Health System, 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: $1,000,000 is included in the bill for BayCare Health System to harden the acute care/in-patient care facilities by focusing on roofs, windows and e-power generation for climate control. Such infrastructure investments are critical in order to protect patients, staff and the hospital itself during and immediately after hurricanes. No previous federal funding was requested for this project.

CANCER LIFELINK PROGRAM AT THE MOFFITT CANCER CENTER

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Description of request: $700,000 is included in the bill for the Moffitt Cancer Center for its Cancer LifeLink Program, which is an online patient portal technology solution that will provide cancer patients with access to personalized information on the most appropriate medical care available for their specific needs and circumstances, which will maximize clinical outcomes, empower individuals to take control of their care and enhance the health of the entire community through continuous monitoring and support of cancer survivors. The project involves a partnership with providers across the State of Florida and regionally. No previous federal funding has been provided for this project.

FLORIDA BLOOD SERVICES DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Florida Blood Services, 10100 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Description of request: $200,000 is included in the bill for Florida Blood Services to procure the required equipment to be able to maintain its full compliment of blood collection and distribution services during a natural disaster. This would allow for the real-time, uninterrupted management of more than 800,000 donors and provide for the processing of blood for patients at the Tampa Bay areas's major Category I Advanced Trauma Centers. No previous federal funding has been provided for this project.

FLORIDA CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENT/PHYSICIAN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: University of South Florida, College of Education, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620

Description of request: $500,000 is included in the bill for the University of South Florida for its Florida Cancer Clinical Trial Patient/Physician Information and Education Project. This program has developed continuing education and databases for the public on clinical trials for cancer treatments focusing on the nature of clinical trials and how patients might benefit, what trials are being conducted in Florida, the criteria for participation, and contact information. It also has developed an interactive web based program that lists all current cancer clinical trials and allows patients to determine programs for which they might be eligible. Further, it allows patients to share this information with their physicians. Previous funding was provided for this project as follows: FY 2004—$500,000, FY 2005—$500,000, FY 2008—$536,000, FY 2009—$190,000.

FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Description of request: $200,000 is included in the bill for the Florida Holocaust Museum to develop and maintain its collection of Holocaust related material and to make that information available to the public and to student organizations.

GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: $500,000 is included in the bill for Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services to consolidate its operations into one facility to increase the number of patients served, enhance patient privacy, provide a more seamless system of care, and reduce overhead costs. Gulf Coast serves more than 50,000 at-risk children, youth, adults, and elderly. $190,000 was included for this project in FY 2009.

PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Account: Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: $300,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to support the expansion of an integrated, coordinated mental health and substance abuse treatment program for chronic minor offenders. Working in partnership with local mental health and substance abuse agencies, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and other agency law enforcement officers, who have received specialized training to recognize and respond to situations involving an individual suffering from mental illness or chronic substance abuse, direct these individuals into the Community Care Chronic Minor Offender Program as an alternative to the County jail. The expansion of the program will further alleviate Pinellas County's cost of frequent detention of individuals for minor local offenses thus helping to close the revolving door. This program allows such offenders suffering from mental illness or chronic substance abuse to be voluntarily taken to a detoxification or mental health service facility for a thorough assessment in lieu of the County jail. If the individual is cognizant and willing to participate in the program, he/she is referred/transported for housing (family or transitional housing) and for outpatient substance abuse and/or mental health services. Participating agencies have unfunded forensic beds, 24/7 crisis care, medication and outpatient treatment services needed to address the needs of these offenders and reduce the escalating jail population. The program also supports the offenders in their ability to stay close to family and friends and other support networks. 300 individuals are anticipated to be served in FY 2010. The county will provide $383,648 toward the cost of this project. These are the first federal funds requested.

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS WORKFORCE TRAINING

Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: $300,000 is included in the bill for St. Petersburg College to continue work to create a course of study in the area of health care informatics that will meet the needs of the health care industry as it transitions to a system of electronic medical records. The college will develop a new postsecondary health care informatics curriculum, curricular units for secondary students, faculty development, and the marketing materials to recruit high school students and college students into health care informatics careers. The new courses will be designed for on-line learning but they will also be able to be delivered in a blended instructor-led format. Current health care employees will be able to receive individualized or group instruction and with the training will be able to move from entry-level jobs to increasingly responsible positions. A web portal will also be developed to serve as a source of information about health informatics, the college's certificate and degree programs, and related career and training opportunities. Youth will also learn about health care informatics through a structured high school outreach program and through in-school job and career presentations by college faculty. In addition, an online competency-based Introduction to Health Care Informatics tutorial will also be available free of charge to anyone interested in learning about health care informatics. Finally, an annual Health Care Informatics Symposium will bring nationally known subject matter experts to the region and provide a health care informatics forum for communication industry representatives, secondary and postsecondary faculty, and students. $95,000 was included for this project in FY 2009

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ELDER JUSTICE PROGRAM

Account: Administration on Aging, Aging Services Programs

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707

Description of request: $100,000 is included in the bill for the Stetson University College of Law to establish a pilot program to determine the most effective way to educate seniors about mortgage fraud and other financial scams. Through Stetson's Elder Justice Resource Center, this program will focus on ways to communicate with seniors about the inherent dangers from unsolicited offers for home refinancing, reverse mortgages, consumer goods, and financial opportunities. Communications strategies will include a telephone hotline, a web site, onsite visits to senior centers, retirement homes, libraries, clubs, and other places that seniors gather. $95,000 was provided in FY 2009 for this project. Stetson will match the FY 2010 request with $100,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FRA, Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Salem, NJ

Address of Requesting Entity: 94 Market St., Salem, NJ 08079

Description of Request: Received an earmark of $750,000 for the rehabilitation of county owned rail line depended upon by local industry.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Jersey Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 226 North High Street, Millville, NJ 08332

Description of Request: Received an earmark of $250,000 to assist in the construction of facilities at the Aviation Research and Technology Park, an industrial park in Pomona, NJ which will facilitate economic development and provide new jobs to the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Hammonton

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08332

Description of Request: Received an earmark of $250,000 to assist in the acquisition and adaptation of blighted former industrial sites for reuse as a location for new businesses looking to bring jobs to the area.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS WEEK 2009

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of National Youth Sports Week, which is held each year during the fourth week in July. As Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I was pleased to sponsor legislation in the 110th Congress that established this week in order to recognize the vast array of benefits that youth athletic programs offer our children—benefits that improve their general physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being.

In response to the first-ever Report Card on Youth Sports in 2006, I started the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports with the intention to further develop our Nation's youth sports programs, and support the thousands of U.S.-based organizations that work with young athletes every day. The Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports specifically highlights programs that place character development at the forefront of their missions by promoting the values of sportsmanship, civility, respect, health, safety, fun, and fitness among players, coaches, parents, and officials.

Also, I would like to encourage my colleagues in the U.S. House to join me in supporting H. Res. 6, a resolution I introduced at the beginning of this Congress that acknowledges the significant contribution of coaches across the country who volunteer their time and energy to promote sportsmanship, leadership skills, and self confidence to our Nation's youth. H. Res. 6 serves as a reminder of our commitment to the children of this Nation and recognizes the need to encourage adult involvement in youth sports programs across the country. It also establishes that the week of September 13–19 serve as National Coaches Appreciation Week.

The parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends that volunteer their time to coach a team are invaluable leaders in our communities. In honor of National Youth Sports Week, it is important that the U.S. Congress recognizes their contributions and provides them with the resources they need to keep up the critical work they so selflessly do.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

Along with Representative BROWN, I have received $250,000 in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives Account for the Spring Hill Boys and Girls Community Center building construction. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of DeLand, FL located at 120 South Florida Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.

Federal funding will allow the construction of a new facility to house the Spring Hill Boys and Girls Club and Community Resource Center. This facility will house a variety of programs and services, providing opportunities for the safe, healthy and productive development of the Spring Hill youth.

Madam Speaker, along with Representative BROWN, I have received $750,000 in the Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities Account for the AutoTrain Gateway Improvements, located at 300 N. Park Ave., Room 203, Sanford, FL 32771.

Federal funding will improve access to the Sanford AutoTrain Station. The Amtrak Auto Train Station is designated as a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) as well as a SIS passenger terminal and is linked by State Road 46 W to the Interstate, which is designated a SIS corridor. This project is consistent with Florida Department Of Transportation's focus on SIS facilities and initiatives related to improving multi-modal connectivity. Increased Auto Train ridership, lack of roadway connectivity, insufficient access to and from the station, an increased multi-modal presence and future improvement plans define the need for these access improvements. This project is eligible under SAFETA–LU program authorization.

Madam Speaker, I also received $250,000 in the in the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account for the Palatka Riverfront Park Redevelopment project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Palatka, FL located at 201 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, FL 32177.

Federal funding seeks to reinvigorate the economy and provide jobs in an area with more than an 11% unemployment rate. City officials are redeveloping the Palatka Riverfront Park along the St. Johns River. The funds requested to develop this public space will be used for the master planning and development to promote access, build new infrastructure facilities and clean up along the riverfront.

IN MEMORIAL OF C.P. THOMPSON, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of C. P. Thompson, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2009. In his passing, North Carolina lost one of its most outstanding citizens; a man who was instrumental in his community, county, and state.

A native of Four Oaks, North Carolina and a life-time resident of Johnston County, Mr. Thompson was born on August 24, 1941 to Cooper Person and Ella Mae Lee Thompson. Known for his passionate support of Johnston County, he dedicated his life to public service and his community. When he died, he was serving as Johnston County's chief building inspector and the Johnston County Democratic Party's First Vice Chair. His civic involvement eventually led him to run for county commissioner in 2006 and C. P. quickly made himself into one of the party's most reliable and committed leaders. He was truly willing to go the extra mile, as evidenced by the fact that he continued his work even after being diagnosed with lung cancer last summer. Fittingly, one of the last tasks he accomplished was this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. His smile still continued to come easy in spite of the disease that had attacked his body. It is safe to say it never touched his spirit.

Madam Speaker, C. P. Thompson, Jr. had a commitment to excellence in everything he did. He was a father, grandfather and husband who dedicated his life to public service. He was a great North Carolinian and it is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. Rogers of Alabama. 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.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FHA, Federal land (Public Lands Highways) account, $500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Talladega County Commission, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 17 S Tinney Street, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: ''Cheaha State Park Talladega National Forest Tourism Access'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will be used to connect Alabama Highway 21 and County Road 482. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it is intended to create more access to the National Park and a direct public benefit.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, $250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ashland, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 849, Ashland, Alabama 36251

Description of Request: ''Ashland Industrial Park infrastructure improvements'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will get essential infrastructure to the Industrial Park including sewer, water and road improvements. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide private investment and job creation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, $250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Tuskegee, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830687, Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

Description of Request: ''Tuskegee Industrial Park development'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to complete phase one of the development of the Tuskegee Industrial Park. It will encourage economic development in one of the most economically depressed counties in the state and in the black belt region.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, $250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Randolph County Industrial Development Council, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 566, Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Description of Request: ''Industrial Park South infrastructure improvements'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to develop Industrial Park South's infrastructure. Economic development and job creation is becoming more and more important to all taxpayers as the economic condition in the country continues to deteriorate. Efforts such as this one being proposed by the Randolph County Industrial Development Council are being initiated all over the country. The need for this park, so that Randolph County can enter the search for industries and jobs, particularly those associated with suppliers to the new KIA plant, is extremely important.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. Established by Congress in 1974, LSC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. The people who come to LSC-funded programs for help are the most vulnerable among us: women seeking protection from abuse, mothers trying to obtain child support, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures that could leave them homeless, disaster victims trying to obtain federal emergency assistance or insurance payments to rebuild their lives. In fact, three out of four clients are women—many of whom are struggling to keep their children safe and their families together.

LSC's work is more important than ever before, partly because of the impact of the current recession. Economic downturns affect the poor disproportionately and add to the pressures on the nation's public health and safety, child welfare, housing and jobs programs. Ensuring that the poor are adequately represented in the civil judicial system greatly improves their chances of keeping or securing basic necessities—the keys to stability and self-sufficiency. It also helps keep communities healthy. For low-income individuals and families, legal services often represent their only means of access to the justice system.

Nearly 51 million people—including 17.6 million children—are eligible for LSC-funded services. LSC-funded programs close nearly one million cases per year nationwide and provide other assistance to more than five million people. The clients served are at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty threshold, an income of about $27,000 a year for a family of four. An overwhelming demand for civil legal services exists. Based on a 2005 study, 50 percent of eligible potential clients requesting assistance from LSC-funded programs are turned away for lack of adequate program resources. At a time when poor Americans are struggling to keep their jobs, homes, and basic necessities for their families, it is crucial for the federal government to continue to address the civil legal needs of these vulnerable people as a national priority. Fortunately, LSC has broad bipartisan support for a strong federal role in access to equal justice efforts.

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation, I welcome my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the critical role that the Legal Services Corporation plays in helping America live up to its commitment to ensure equal access to justice for all. LSC and its grantees are to be commended for the vital work they do every day on behalf of clients in desperate need of counsel.

CONGRATULATING LITHUANIA ON 1000TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 285, congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the one-thousandth anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. I congratulate Lithuania on this important anniversary and extend many happy returns to the Lithuanian people. I thank my esteemed colleague, Congressman SHIMKUS, for introducing this important legislation.

As co-chair of the House Baltic Caucus I have worked to advance the strong ties that exist between the United States and Lithuania. I look forward to strengthening diplomatic ties through the promotion of democratic values that support both social and economic justice. The Baltic people have a proud history that shows their dedication to these values as well as the values of liberty and democracy. I am proud that our two nations share such a strong commitment to democracy and diplomacy.

Lithuania's history is long and laudable. In recent years Lithuania has advanced its status as an international citizen. Lithuania declared independence from the former Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Along with the other Baltic States, Latvia and Estonia, Lithuania became a member of NATO in March of 2004. Just two months later in May 2004 Lithuania joined the European Union with her Baltic counterparts.

On July 12, 2009, Lithuania made history once again by swearing in their first female president, Dalia Grybauskaite. President Grybauskaite has reaffirmed Lithuania's commitment to our many shared values. Under her leadership, Lithuania continues to show a clear commitment to uphold equality, freedom of speech and human rights.

She has stated her intention to amend a controversial censorship law scheduled to enter force on March 1, 2010. The law has been criticized by gay rights activists and others for discriminating against homosexuals by prohibiting references to homosexuality in media available to children.

I commend President Grybauskaite for her commitment to uphold equality and human rights for all people. I congratulate Lithuania on its one-thousandth anniversary and will continue to celebrate Lithuania's rich history. I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Transportation, Community & Systems Preservation or Surface Transportation Projects

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Ennis

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120

Description of Request: I have secured $500,000 in funding to be used for project design and construction of US HWY 287 from State HWY 34 to 1–45.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)

Address of Receiving Entity: 1600 Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured $750,000 in funding to be used to purchase 12 Compressed Natural Gas fueled coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T's fleet.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: FAA F&E

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Arlington

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram, P.O. 90231, MS 01–0310, Arlington, TX 76004–0231

Description of Request: I have secured $637,000 in funding to be used for construction and installation of a MALSR (Medium Approach Lighting System) at the Arlington Municipal Airport to supplement and enhance the existing Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 34.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Res. 607, a resolution that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing. This resolution honors Neil Armstrong, Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins, and the countless number of individuals and organizations who helped the United States become the first Nation in the world to set foot on the Moon.

I want to thank Congressman RALPH HALL for introducing this resolution, which celebrates the anniversary of one of our country's most important accomplishments. As a former Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I am proud that this resolution recognizes the first human spaceflight along with those organizations, such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Mission Control Center, located in Houston, Texas, whose efforts played an instrumental role in extending our country's reach to new frontiers.

President John F. Kennedy set a goal to reach the Moon by the end of the 1960s. He expressed admiration for this goal during a speech he gave before a joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961. During that speech, President Kennedy said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Nearly 8 years later, on July 16, 1969, the Eagle landed, making Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin the first people to ever walk on the Moon. This accomplishment launched the United States to the top of the science and space world. Armstrong and Aldrin represented not only themselves, but the entire Nation, as the United States became the first country to put men on the Moon.

As we prepare for future space explorations, the Apollo spaceflight will continue to inspire us to push the limits of future missions, especially as we tackle some of our most pressing problems, like climate change. This resolution reminds us that we must once again reach for the stars. And, with the confirmation of General Charles Bolden, the first African American to head the agency, the United States is poised to reaffirm its prominence by boldly pushing the boundaries of space, aeronautics and exploration in the 21st century.

Again, I would like to thank my good friend Congressman HALL for introducing this resolution and I encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, to honor the request of a group of citizens from Burleson, Texas in my district, I rise today to enter into the RECORD the following resolution:

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

When, in the course of human events it becomes necessary for "we the people" of the United States to remind our federal government of it's constitutional limits, duty demands that we communicate our grievances and petition for redress under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

We begin by reaffirming the core values on which our forefathers founded this Constitutional Republic.

We hold these truths to be self evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights our forefathers instituted a limited federal government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed—but the history of our Federal government is one of continual overreaching beyond it's constitutional mandate to secure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

We are therefore peaceably assembled here in Burleson, Texas on this April 15th, 2009 to demand that the Federal government immediately cease it's abridgement of the People's rights, and the state's rights.

We call on our District 17 U.S. Representative Chet Edwards to read this our petition for redress on the House floor so that it may be entered into the official record of the House. We call on our U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to enter our petition into the Senate record. We call on President Barak Hussein Obama to veto all legislation and desist from Executive Orders which contravene the will of the people herein expressed.

Whereas, the encouragement of private and public debt by the federal government has brought America to the brink of financial devastation, and has made us a debtor nation;

Whereas, history proves government spending has never succeeded in curing an economic downturn, but rather serves only to deepen and prolong it, snowballing debt for future calamity;

Whereas, government takeovers of banks and financial institutions move America ever further from the free-enterprise principles that have brought the nation prosperity for 233 years, and bring it closer to Socialism;

Whereas, bailouts of private corporations represent a counterproductive response to what is, essentially, a government-induced crisis, and effectively make the President the CEO of private corporations;

Whereas, the current level of irresponsible government spending is bankrupting this country, burdening our children and great-grandchildren with never-ending debt, and making the United States a servant to lender nations such as Communist China;

Whereas, redistribution of wealth by government for the purpose of achieving "social justice" is immoral and a proven failure:

We hereby demand an end to all further "stimulus" spending, corporate bailouts, "earmarks," pork projects, welfare programs, higher tax rates and attempts to nationalize industries. We reject socialism, no matter how it is packaged. And we pledge to hold accountable any and all elected officials who continue to pursue this course that is rapidly leading America to ruin. We remind the government that we are guaranteed a Republican form of Government in the constitution. (Article 4, Section 4)

We hereby petition Congress to repeal the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 which unconstitutionally delegated to the Executive Branch the spending decision of 700 Billion dollars. We call on the government to immediately divest itself of GM, AIG, and all private corporations, and to provide an exact accounting of all TARP funds spent to date. We demand the repeal of H.R. 1106, which forces American families pay the mortgage for those who received loans they did not qualify for.

We petition Congress to repeal the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (H.R. 1105), and that the budget bill under consideration be killed which has a net tax hike of $1.35 trillion.

We petition Congress for passage of H.R. 450 the Enumerated Powers Act, to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes.

We petition Congress for a final end to the death tax which effectively double taxes every citizen's income and usurps our right to transfer wealth to our posterity. This abridges our constitutional right to be safe in our effects, papers and property.

We reject the cap-and-trade energy tax, which Candidate Obama admitted would "cause electricity rates to skyrocket."

We reject the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009 which will force onerous certification and inspection requirements on family farms and could make private vegetable gardens unlawful and turn the farmers market into a black market. (H.R. 875)

We reject the deceptively named Employee Free Choice Act which takes from the American worker the right to privately ballot whether to organize labor, or not, and makes them subject to union intimidation and bullying. (H.R. 800)

We reject the so called "Ted Kennedy Serve America Act" which forces our youth into involuntary servitude and subjects them to years of indoctrination. This is a violation of the 13th Amendment to our constitution which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude except when duly convicted of a crime. (H.R. 1388)

We reject all encroachment upon our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. An armed populace is the greatest preservative of the Republic against tyrants. We reject all attempts to limit access to ammunition. We reject the reinstatement of the Failed 1994 Gun and Magazine ban.

As Ronald Wilson Reagan has said: ''There are those in America today who have come to depend absolutely on government for their security. And when government fails they seek to rectify that failure [by giving] government more power . . . at the expense of the Constitution. . . . in their willingness to give up their arms in the name of safety, they are really giving up their protection from what has always been the chief source of despotism—government.''

We reject government run Health Care which would give bureaucrats the power to ration health care. This leads to an Orwellian society where government ultimately decides the time and circumstance of every citizen's death.

Finally, we reject the current 'Create a Crisis' method of controlling the people of the United States. As Texas Congressman Ron Paul correctly stated, ''Whenever something terrible happens, people reflexively demand that government do something. This impulse almost always leads to bad laws and the loss of liberty.''

We say that we do not trust in the Nannystate, we choose instead to believe in the Constitution, in our fellow Americans, in the free enterprise system, and in our God.

To these principles we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, and witness our determination by our signature affixed below. We demand that our elected representatives make it their highest priority to address these grievances or face certain expulsion from office, and we strongly suggest they add their signature to ours.

Signed in Burleson, Texas, April 15th, 2009 by WE THE PEOPLE.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce, for myself and for Congressman JOSÉ SERRANO, the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act. I introduce this bill a month after the heartbreaking collision of two Red Line Metro trains here in the District of Columbia that took the lives of nine area residents, seven from the District, including a local hero, Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. I introduced the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act in May of this year, but after the Metro tragedy I said at the Wherleys' memorial service that I would rename this bill in honor of General Wherley, who not only fought for his country, but also never forgot the men and women who served under him at home or at war. Thereafter, Congressman JOSÉ SERRANO, chair of the Appropriations Financial Services subcommittee, was good enough to offer this renaming in his appropriations bill and to appropriate the funds without authorization this year and in prior years.

Under General Wherley's command, the D.C. National Guard deployed several of its units in the Global War on Terrorism. General Wherley himself served courageously in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but at home he spent hours with me figuring out ways to get funds not only for his soldiers, but also for programs for the District's children. He was always successful because he would show up, not only in my office, but wherever he was needed to get funds or to do service.

General Wherley was a full-service leader. He not only commanded the D.C. National Guard; he worked closely with me and with city officials on programs for our city, its disadvantaged youth, and on keeping our Guard competitive as a premier force at home as well as abroad. He became one of us when he and his wife, Anne, decided to purchase a co-op in Southeast, D.C., here on Capitol Hill. Anne, who sadly also was killed in the train collision, was his high school sweetheart. At their joint memorial service, I only half-jokingly said that she did everything with him but run the D.C. Guard.

As I highlighted when I originally introduced this bill earlier this session, the education incentive in my bill serves not only to encourage high quality recruits, but has had the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence because this funding helps equalize an important benefit compared with what is offered by Guards in surrounding jurisdictions.

A strong D.C. National Guard able to attract the best soldiers is especially important, given the dual mission of the D.C. National Guard to protect hometown D.C. as well as the federal presence. This unique responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from any other National Guard.

While the appropriators treat funding for the D.C. National Guard as a programmatic request, under past administrations the Office of Management and Budget has contended that these funds are earmarks, putting them in jeopardy of consistent funding. It therefore is imperative that this important educational incentive be authorized to ensure its permanent sustainability.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PETRI. 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. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fond du Lac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The $400,000 appropriation will be used to expand Fond du Lac County's Save a Smile Program, which provides dental care to Medicaid eligible children. The CMS account provides federal funds for demonstration projects related to one of the core missions of CMS, including improving access to health care and access for low-income and uninsured individuals. The lack of dental care among children is a national problem and the Save a Smile Program is a new innovative approach to remedy the situation that may serve as a model for the rest of the country. The goal of the program is to maximize the dental provider delivery system with public sector intervention to establish a dental home for children with Medicaid who reside in Fond du Lac County. The program removes the major barriers voiced by local dental providers, which include burdensome and frustrated Medicaid billing, increased patient no show rates and inadequate Medicaid reimbursement. Specifically the funds will be used to cover additional eligible children, hire additional staff, and produce educational materials.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeshore Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1290 North Avenue, Cleveland, Wisconsin 53015

Description of Request: The $250,000 appropriation will be used by Lakeshore Technical College to support the development of new programs and certificates in sustainability, renewable energy, energy management, solar power and photovoltaic installation, composites, and other relevant disciplines. These programs will be based on the needs of local industry as determined through program advisory committees, direct business requests, and relevant projections. These programs will expand on Lakeshore's current initiatives to retrain American workers with the skills necessary to succeed in the green workplace. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Specifically these funds will be used to hire additional faculty, curriculum and professional development and to develop and offer community education sustainability workshops.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marian University

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 South National Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The $200,000 appropriation will be used to establish a collaborative abilities-based Master's Program in Nursing Education. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Through this program, Marian University proposes to create the relationships and infrastructure to support collaborative agreements among a group of nursing programs at colleges, universities, and technical colleges within Wisconsin. Although the proposed program would have as its primary focus nursing education, students would

be able to obtain advanced clinical preparation in specialty areas. This venture would be the first in Wisconsin to join private and public colleges in order to create new models that wisely use the scarce faculty resources available. Specifically, the federal dollars will be used for faculty, staff, equipment and travel. This will address a national and state-wide need for nurses as identified by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following information:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Solana Beach

Address of Requesting Entity: 635 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA, USA 92075

I received $440,000 to complete the feasibility study for the Solana Beach-Encinitas Shoreline Protection Project. The protective beaches throughout the Solana Beach area are severely eroded, leaving residences, portions of Highway 101, and public access points susceptible to dangerous wave attack and beachgoers subject to falling rocks as bluffs are destabilized by erosion. This Shore Protection Project will build up the protective beaches along the coast, preserving public access, recreational areas, and as well as public infrastructure and private homes.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations, Miscellaneous

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Address of Requesting Entity: 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093

I received $500,000 for the Coastal Data Information Program/Southern California Beach Processes Study within the Army Corps of Engineers. Through this program, high-resolution wave data and forecasts are disseminated in real time via the Internet to the National Weather Service and to tens of thousands of diverse users each day. Sea state and surf warnings are issued based on this information for the protection of life and property. In addition, beach elevations are monitored and analyzed, and this information is provided to coastal communities online where local governments and engineers use it for making educated policy decisions for protecting and enhancing local beaches. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, which has the federal responsibility for shoreline protection and uses this data for coastal dredging and construction projects. This program is critical to marine safety and operations for the coastal United States and there are no competitive funding sources available.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: UC San Diego

Address of Requesting Entity: 9500 Gilman Drive, San Diego CA 92093.

Description of Request: I received $750,000 for the San Diego Center for Algae Biotechnology (SD–CAB). SD–CAB is a consortium of renowned research institutions—including UC San Diego, The Scripps Research Institute, the Salk Institute, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego State University and other regional entities—that are collaborating with industry partners in a broad-scale research effort to develop advanced transportation fuels from algae. Scientists from these institutions established SD–CAB in an effort to make sustainable algae-based fuel production and carbon dioxide abatement a reality within the next 5 to 10 years. The primary goal of the center is to create a national facility capable of developing and implementing innovative research solutions for the commercialization of fuel production from algae. Algae biofuels have the potential to provide a secure and renewable source of transportation fuel that is at least carbon neutral, and does not compete for land or fresh water resources required to grow food supply crops.

To further establish the SD–CAB as a national research resource for the sustainable development of algae-based biofuels, I made a project request intended to help develop the facilities necessary to the production and culturing of a variety of algae strains. These facilities would be both on campus at UCSD and at an off-site location where existing infrastructure can be readily upgraded, refurbished and leveraged for the SD–CAB research enterprise. A congressionally directed appropriation of $750,000 has been provided in the House FY 2010 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill to help meet these needs.

This advanced research project will provide an important training component for both students and faculty, in this critical emerging field of research. It will serve as a platform for continued collaboration with other universities and key industry partners. It is also a logical continuation of the San Diego region's leadership role at both the state and federal levels in developing and deploying viable alternative energy and transportation fuel solutions. Further, the cutting edge R&D into alternative transportation fuels derived from algae enabled by this project will be reflective of current related policy goals and funding priorities of both the federal government and the State of California.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Indiana University—Purdue University Fort Wayne

Address of Requesting Entity: 169 Kettler Hall, 2101 East Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805-1499

Description of Request: The creation of a Strategic Languages Institute would provide basic through advanced training in Arabic, Chinese and Japanese. IPFW runs a very successful dual-credit program for regional high school students through its Division of Continuing Studies (DCS). The strategic languages would be offered to high school juniors and seniors for dual high school-IPFW credit, as well as IPFW students on campus. The study of foreign languages has long been proven to be imperative for its educational, cultural, economic and strategic benefits. Studies have shown that by learning a new language, students not only gain insight into new horizons but also build a stronger identity. Additionally, learning a foreign language has been shown to greatly benefit reading and writing in one's own language by contributing significantly to the development of individual intelligence. In a globalized world characterized by international links and intercultural connections, linguistic skills are crucial for employment and career. The knowledge of foreign languages increases job opportunities in many careers and can raise the students global competitive advantage significantly.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grace College and Theological Seminary

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590

Description of Request: It is a major academic goal for Grace College to advance the community's standing as the center of medical device research. Working with other companies and with the Lilly Foundation, Grace College has helped make northern Indiana ground zero for the medical device industry. To maintain this standing, especially in light of Memphis, Tenn.'s full press to supplant this standing among orthopedic and medical device companies, Grace College wants to continue to offer these companies a stable of well-educated college graduates—ones who have received specialized training in the field as part of their college education, as well as adult certificate graduates who can also contribute to the industry. The orthopedic industry has grown more complex in recent years through the advancement of technology and market demands. In order for the industry to remain centrally located in north central Indiana, they must establish a workforce pipeline that can continually advance their educational background to accommodate emerging market needs. Grace College seeks to expand the adult and continuing education program to offer unique educational advancement opportunities through curriculum development, technology upgrades, and additional course offerings. Grace endeavors to provide more nontraditional education opportunities for students such as evening and weekend classes and

distance learning courses through technology upgrades and additions. Finally, Grace College wishes to fully utilize the fiber rings offered by the State which connect Indiana colleges and universities electronically.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trine University

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Avenue, Angola, IN, 46703

Description of Request: Trine University will develop and deliver synchronous distance education Master's Degree programs in civil/mechanical engineering utilizing emerging technology. Providing a model for institutions wishing to empower graduate-level engineers who can think critically, solve problems. Students will be served from throughout Indiana and our campuses are in Merrillville, Angola, South Bend. Facility location is in Angola.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Easter Seals Arc of NE Indiana

Address of Requesting Entity: 4919 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Description of Request: Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana, Inc. will expand ES Arc's Production & Work Training Services (PWTS) to: secure longer term contracts for Work Services to provide additional jobs for adults who have disabilities; provide customized Supported Employment services for people with ASD; provide for needed facility, transportation and equipment upgrades related to workforce development; and facilitate a full inclusion workforce to provide new jobs for adults who are not disabled.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USACE, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Charleston District

Address of Requesting Entity: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Dredged material disposal areas at Charleston Harbor, SC necessary to support continued operation of the harbor, which is a critical commercial and military harbor; if dredging does not occur, shippers will either light-load ships (which increases shipping cost) or bypass Charleston for other, deeper ports.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Charleston District

Address of Requesting Entity: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Maintenance dredging and dredged disposal area maintenance necessary for continued operation of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), SC; the AIWW is a protected marine highway and its maintenance ensures that smaller boats do not have to risk going out on the ocean, and in the future a well-maintained waterway will serve as a significant highway for energy efficient freight movement.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Charleston District

Address of Requesting Entity: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Maintenance dredging of Charleston Harbor, SC necessary to support continued operation of the harbor, which is a critical commercial and military harbor; if dredging does not occur, shippers will either light-load ships (which increases shipping cost) or bypass Charleston for other, deeper ports.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USACE, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Charleston District

Address of Requesting Entity: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Maintenance dredging of Georgetown Harbor, SC necessary to support continued operation of the harbor; Georgetown Harbor supports local businesses, reduces shipping costs and congestion.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USACE, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Charleston District

Address of Requesting Entity: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Charleston Harbor Post 45ft Deepening 905(b) Study to examine deepening the harbor beyond its current depth to ensure the harbor can handle deeper ships.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

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

Account: SBA, Salaries & Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Myrtle Beach

Address of Requesting Entity: P. O. Box 2468, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Description of Project: This project will provide for the expansion of the Convention Center to meet the needs of the area. Tourism is the number one industry in South Carolina and the Grand Strand represents the number one attraction in the State. An expanded Convention Center will increase the number of organizations that will consider this area for hosting a convention. Increased tourism will directly result in an increase in jobs in the Grand Strand.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FTA, Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 John Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: Funding will be used in support of CARTA's on-going efforts to replace its current fleet of 36 35-foot commuter buses. The current buses are coming up on the end of their useful life and support a system that serves 40,000 passengers per month.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: HUD, EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Maritime Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 22405, Charleston, SC 29413

Description of Project: Funds will assist the Maritime Foundation as it continues its effort towards expanding the education and leadership development programs for troubled youth aboard the Spirit of South Carolina across the entire state.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education—National Projects Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20009

Description of Project: Funding will be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education—National Projects Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read National Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129

Description of Project: Reach Out and Read is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantage and poor children and families. ROR has proven to among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's proven strategies, and more than

3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments. Program has benefited over 18,000 children in the First District.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: DOE, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trident Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 118067, Charleston, SC 29423

Description of Project: Purchasing simulators and equipment for a nursing simulation lab at Trident's School of Nursing; equipment will allow integration of simulation into every nursing program at the college; the nation and South Carolina is suffering from a nursing shortage, and Trident Tech has one of the most successful nursing schools in South Carolina.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 86 Jonathan Lucas Street, Charleston, SC 29425

Description of Project: Funding will be used to purchase medical and diagnostic equipment to support the research work at NCI-designated Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC. The Center is focused on cancer molecular diagnostics as a path-way to create new cancer screening tools, design of new treatments, monitor treatment effectiveness and predict patient response. Equipment will enhance the Center's ability to partner with other oncology providers across the state to not only improve research but ensure that South Carolina patients receive cutting-edge care.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Roper St. Francis Healthcare

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Description of Project: Purchase of equipment a new hospital operated by non-profit health care provider to serve rural areas that currently lack health care services; by increasing access to health care, project will assist in reducing long-term health care costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican 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, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Centre County Commissioners, 420 Homes Street, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823, in the amount of $750,000. Funding will be used for Safety Improvements along the US Route 322 Corridor in Centre County.

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Thank, you Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairman SPRATT, for introducing this critical bill. As a Member of the House Budget Committee, I rise in support of H.R. 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009. This vote is one of the most important actions Congress can take towards ensuring fiscal discipline and restoring a balanced federal budget.

Our nation faces great challenges in our efforts to get our economy back on track. As we take steps in Congress to address short-term economic problems, we need to do so with an eye on the long-term impact of our decisions. As a former business owner, I know the importance of keeping your books balanced and your budget in order. You can't run a successful business by spending more money than you have and running up huge deficits. Careful budgeting often means making tough choices. But oftentimes the tough choices are the necessary ones. I remember the 1990s, when we turned large deficits into budget surpluses through a disciplined commitment to balancing the budget.

H.R. 2920 requires Congress to pay for any new policy that reduces revenues or expands spending. Under this bill, if the net effect of all new tax and entitlement legislation enacted during a session of Congress resulted in an increase to the deficit, there would have to be a corresponding cut in Federal spending. However, this balanced proposal protects our most vulnerable citizens by preventing cuts in certain designated initiatives like Social Security, Medicaid, and school nutrition funding. H.R. 2920 also represents a realistic approach that would make an exception for emergency spending and several current policies including Medicare physician payments, the Alternative Minimum Tax, middle class tax cuts, and the current estate tax exemption.

While we have heard a lot of rhetoric from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle about fiscal responsibility, all that they offer is "more of the same." In 2002, the Republican-controlled Congress allowed PAYGO rules to expire, which took us from a projected surplus of $5.6 trillion to projected deficits of more than $11 trillion. Their substitute amendment would have replaced PAYGO with discretionary spending limits and deficit targets. Targets are not enough, and have failed us in the past. We need statutory and automatic requirements to comply with PAYGO. The Republican proposal also exempted tax cuts from complying with PAYGO, which is part of how we ended up in the current economic crisis. More of the same will not solve our economic problems.

I cosponsored the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act because it is a crucial step towards returning to fiscal discipline, just as I have worked on the budget committee to pass responsible, disciplined spending plans. This commitment goes back to my first term in Congress, when I crossed party lines to support the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. We need discipline now in order to make sure we can afford our most important priorities for future generations down the road. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to commit to budget discipline and vote in favor of H.R. 2920.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Project Funding Amount: $400,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Southern College

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction costs and to purchase instructional technology and equipment for the nursing skills lab to allow Florida Southern College (FSC) to continue increasing student enrollment in its nursing programs in an effort to address the well-documented, critical shortage of nurses in the State of Florida and the nation. Specifically, accommodating rapidly growing enrollment in Florida FSC's RN-to-BSN, BSN, and MSN programs and to prepare for further growth from their three-year cooperative BSN program with Polk State (Community) College, FSC is constructing a 3,000-square-foot expansion of the Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing Building, which will house a classroom and a high-tech nursing skills lab.

IN TRIBUTE TO REUBEN K. HARPOLE, JR.

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a visionary, veteran, mentor, ambassador for the African American community, and grassroots activist. On September 12, 2009, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) Ballroom, Reuben K. Harpole, Jr. will celebrate his 75th birthday being honored by grateful members of the community for 50 years of service.

Mr. Harpole was born in Milwaukee to parents Mardee Johnson Harpole and Mr. Reuben K. Harpole, Sr. After graduating from North Division High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from UWM. He and his wife Mildred are long time members of All Saints Catholic Church. After his parents' divorce, Mr. Harpole and his three siblings were raised by his single parent mom and his maternal grandparents. Mr. Harpole was close to his Grandfather Johnson who ran numerous family businesses, all while working fulltime at a Milwaukee foundry.

Mr. Harpole worked for 31 years at UWM. When he retired in 1997 he was a Senior Outreach Specialist at UWM's Center for Urban Community Development. Since 1998, he has served as Special Advisor to the President of the Helen Bader Foundation. Mr. Harpole created and managed the Sankofa-Youth Development Program Area for 10 years, awarding more than $5.6 million in grant dollars to small grassroots-oriented youth organizations in Milwaukee's low-income neighborhoods. Mr. Harpole helped initiate Homework First, an educational enrichment program serving low income students in more than 40 Milwaukee Public Schools.

Mr. Harpole received numerous awards including: an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 2005 from UWM, as well as the St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church's 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King Award. He and his wife of 50 years, Mildred were recipients of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund's 2005 Community Service Award, the YMCA's 2004 Lincoln Gaines Award, and the 1993 Vatican II Awards. Mr. Harpole helped found numerous organizations benefitting the greater Milwaukee community. He continues to serve in a leadership role in various community groups including: the Community Brainstorming Breakfast Forum, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Black School Educators, and the United Negro College Fund.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Reuben K. Harpole, Jr. Mr. Harpole's contributions have greatly benefitted the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican 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, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Area Transportation Authority of North Central PA, 44 Transportation Center, Johnsonburg, PA 15845, in the amount of $360,000. Funding will be used for the replacement of four paratransit vehicles that serve 7 counties in rural Pennsylvania.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3293, ''Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.''

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education

Project Amount: $300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryville College, 502 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, Tennessee 37804

Description of Request: The funding will be used to prepare increased numbers of talented students for professional lives as research scientists and educators.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: $350,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: UT Medical Center, 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920

Description of Request: The funding will be used for renovation and expansion of the Family Medicine Building and Clinic at the UT Medical Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: $200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinics of Hope, USA, 1064 Hayslope Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Description of Request: The funding will be used to develop three free medical clinics in Knoxville, Tennessee. The clinics would serve those who are under two-times the federal poverty level. The requested funds will be used for initial start-up of the three clinics and for the first year of operation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010, H.R. 3288.

My Congressional District received $1.25 million for the construction of a child and family services facility at Boys Town, Nebraska. The entity to receive this funding is Boys Town, located at 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town, NE 68010.

This funding will help fund the construction of a new totally comprehensive child and family services facility with increased capacity to serve more then double the population of children and families currently served of approximately 1,000. Boys Town will be providing at least $7.25 million in matching funds towards the requested Federal share of $1.25 million. This multi-dimensional service facility will include the broad range of medical and juvenile justice delinquency services so that at-risk girls and boys (and their families) can have all child related disorders and care provided. Some of the services included, but not limited to, in this facility will include juvenile justice evaluations, services to prevent delinquency and school failure, and parenting skill building services to help parents become more effective at dealing with a variety of child disorders and issues. It is expected that through these services, youth recidivism of criminal behavior will be greatly reduced as will the need for further out-of home-placement, including that of a correctional or prison facility. Youth will be prepared to be productive members of society.

Nationally and locally, Boys Town's continuum of programs now provide direct care to more than 51,000 children and their families and assists nearly 1.4 million children each year through its youth care and health care programs. Boys Town operates programs in a dozen states and the District of Columbia. These programs include: Treatment Family Programs (i.e. Family Home, Assessment and Short-Term Residential Services, Treatment Foster Family Services, Family Based Services, Common Sense Parenting and National Hotline. Treatment modalities range from prevention to aftercare and include in- and out-of-home programs. The Boys Town model, the foundation for all Boys Town programs, has been recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) as a ''Promising Model.'' Boys Town's leadership in treatment and child care technology provide youth with a safe, caring, loving environment where they gain confidence to get better and learn skills to become productive citizens. With at least an 81% success rate, Boys Town alumni have gone on to become successful in all facets of life. This commitment to our nation's youth placed Boys Town on the list of the 100 Best Communities for Young People as named by America's Promise Alliance in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Appropriations Bill, H.R. 3288.

Name of Project: Trunk Highway 610

Amount: $400,000

Account: FHWA

Requesting entity: North Metro Crossing Coalition

Address: PO Box 1180, 12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy, Maple Grove, MN 55311

Description of Project Request: Extension, and completion, of TH 610 from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 81 to Interstate 94 in Maple Grove, MN.

Name of Project: 169/1–494 Interchange Construction.

Amount: $400,000

Account: TCSP or Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting entity: Serge Phillips

Address: 395 John Ireland Blvd.

Description of Project Request: Reconstruction of the existing interchange including grading, surfacing, drainage, utilities, noise barriers, retaining walls, traffic management systems, and bridges on TH 169 and I–494 including the TH 169/Valley View Road interchange.

Name of Project: Interstate 94/Brockton Lane Interchange.

Amount: $700,000

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance

Requesting entity: Doug Anderson, Mayor, City of Dayton

Address: 11260 Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327

Description of Project Request: Funding to move through all elements of the scoping study, preliminary design, environmental review process, right-of-way acquisition and final design of an expanded I–94 corridor complete with a full interchange at Brockton Lane.

I certify that none of these projects has a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican 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, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Deane Center for the Performing Arts, P.O. Box 102, Wellsboro, PA 16901, in the amount of $100,000. Funding will be used for construction and renovation of the Deane Center for the Performing Arts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and that were included in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3288).

Account: Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Project Name: Highway 140, Lake County, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Transportation, 355 Capitol Street NE., Room 135 Salem, OR 97301

Project Location: Lake County, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3288 appropriates $1,250,000 for the Highway 140 (Lake County, OR) project. According to the requesting entity, funding would be combined with other state and federal funds to complete a project that will straighten an existing sharp and dangerous curve on Highway 140, Warner Highway, in Lake County, Oregon. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, this is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety and eliminate existing vehicle length restrictions on Highway 140.

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Project Name: Bear Creek Greenway Crossing at Barnett Road (Medford, OR)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Medford, 411 West 8th St. Modular Building, Medford, OR 97501

Project Location: Medford, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3288 appropriates $500,000 for the Bear Creek Greenway Crossing at Barnett Road (Medford, OR) project. According to the requestor, funds would be used for a grade-separated crossing of the Bear Creek Greenway Trail at Barnett Road. According to the City of Medford, this is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety at the Bear Creek Greenway Crossing.

HONORING ROLAND-WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to officially recognize the new Rolland-Warner Middle School in Lapeer, Michigan, which is named in honor of Doris F. Rolland and the late Ronald C. Warner. The community is preparing to mark this special occasion with a dedication ceremony on August 27th at the site of the new facility.

The process to name the school took nearly two months, and it was anything but simple and easy considering there was an exceptional list of 19 possible candidates to pick from. Any one of these individuals would have been an excellent choice to receive this honor. But in the end, the members of the Lapeer Community Schools, LCS, Board of Education voted unanimously to name the facility the Rolland-Warner Middle School.

Mrs. Doris Rolland truly is an extraordinary person, and I commend her for her dedication and tireless work to educate the youth of Lapeer County. Mrs. Rolland still resides in beautiful Mayfield Township with her husband. Her resume speaks volumes about her commitment and devotion to help children succeed in academics and life, and especially those with special needs. Mrs. Rolland was both a teacher and principal at Woodside School at Oakdale, which coincidentally is the site of the new facility. In addition, she supervised a staff of 300 people who worked in the residential unit, the research unit and the unit that housed students with emotional impairment. Mrs. Rolland also served for 10 years as director of special education that served 750 students and 200 staff. She demonstrated unwavering passion for her work, and never questioned her mission. I thank her for her devoted spirit and willingness to assist the future of Lapeer, and I also want to offer my sincere congratulations on this very appropriate honor.

Mr. Ronald Warner held many positions during his 41 plus years career in the education field that concluded in 1984 when he retired as the Assistant Superintendent for the Lapeer Community Schools. However, Mr. Warner sadly passed away in June of 2008 at a tremendous loss to the community. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. And his family should rest assured that his spirit and legacy continue to live on. Mr. Warner began his career in Almont and held various teaching and administrative positions within the district. Mr. Rolland consistently demonstrated to his students and colleagues an outstanding capacity for leadership and the ability to make a positive difference. He helped countless young people learn and grow by challenging them to expand their minds. His contributions are greatly appreciated, and I could not think of a better way to show this gratitude other than by placing his name on the new school. His family should be extremely proud of this achievement, and I applaud Mr. Rolland posthumously on this wonderful acknowledgement.

August 27th will be a great day for the Lapeer Community Schools District and for the City of Lapeer as they pay tribute to Mrs. Doris Rolland and Mr. Ronald Warner, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to do the same. I want to thank all parties involved for their hard work during the nomination process. The community can stand proud of these two individuals as they have their names remembered forever on the new facility. They are rightfully deserving of this prestigious distinction because they have laid a strong foundation on which to build and expand upon.

In closing, I offer my encouragement and best wishes to all the teachers, students and parents who are a part of the Rolland-Warner Middle School family. The future is bright and your potential is limitless. Go Wolves!

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican 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, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Centre Area Transportation Authority, 2081 West Whitehall Road, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of $300,000. Funding will be used for compressed natural gas powered articulated transit buses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama School of Math and Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 1255 Dauphin St., Mobile, Alabama 36604

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 for curriculum development and training for teachers of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, along with upgrades to server and computer networks for the Alabama School of Math and Science (ASMS). Approximately, $25,000 (25%) will be used for curriculum development and an AP workshop for faculty; $35,000 (35%) will be used for computer lab equipment; $34,000 (34%) will be used for computer upgrades for faculty and staff; and $6,000 (6%) for server upgrades to accommodate new technology. ASMS is Alabama's statewide public school for science, technology, engineering, and math, grades 10–12. ASMS' AP program has been recognized for being in the top ten schools in Alabama for AP scores. A school with the mission of science and technology education must have adequate technological resources to carry out its purpose, and ASMS' computer network is badly outdated and in need of replacement. As STEM education continues to be a national and regional priority, ASMS is working to educate Alabama's future doctors, scientists, manufacturers and engineers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Daphne, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 1705 Main St., Daphne, AL 36526

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 to fund improvements to library equipment at the Daphne Public Library. Of the requested funds, approximately $20,000 (20%) will go to acquisition of fiber optics cable; $20,000 (20%) for server equipment upgrades; $25,000 (25%) for computer hardware and peripheral equipment; $10,000 (10%) for computer software; $10,000 (10%) for instructional computer equipment; $3,500 (3.5%) for a computer lab printing server; $3,000 (3%) for computer lab furnishings; $3,200 (3.2%) for instructional computer materials; and $5,300 (5.3%) for other library books and materials. Daphne Library is a public library serving a rapidly growing city in one of the fastest growing counties in Alabama. Ensuring its citizens have access to relevant and effective information and new technology is an important part of sustaining the county's growth and ensuring the success and stability of the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 65 Government St., Mobile, AL 36602

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 to fund equipment and programs to help teachers teach science and technology curriculum so area children may become more interested in science and its related industries. Approximately, $35,000 (35%) is to develop and produce teacher training modules and science and engineering learning kits that address skills development used in the engineering design process; $25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of computer technology to implement the project; $25,000 (25%) for the acquisition of science and engineering learning kits; and $15,000 (15%) to train teachers on the fundamentals of the engineering sciences. This request aligns with national, statewide and south Alabama priorities for workforce development in support of new area industries. Congress and the administration have also committed to increasing student interest and participation in science and technology education, a need the Exploreum directly addresses.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Infirmary Health System, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5 Mobile Infirmary Circle, Mobile, Alabama 36609

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to assist with the implementation of an Electronic Health Record System through the purchase of hardware and software, along with implementation and training as a part of phase two of Infirmary Health System's adoption of an integrated electronic health records system across four non-profit acute care hospitals and a network of other facilities. Approximately, $75,000 (30%) is for the purchase of computer equipment for use by clinicians in direct patient care areas; $50,000 (20%) for education and training of physicians and other clinical users; $75,000 (30%) for software and networking costs associated with the EHR; and $50,000 (20%) for implementation assistance from certified clinical or software specialists. Electronic Health Records (EHR) improve efficiency and reduce costs by eliminating duplicative, and potentially dangerous, tests and prescriptions. EHR also helps hospitals manage beds and operating rooms more effectively. Transitions to EHR are a priority of the Department of Health and Human Services and are a necessary component in controlling health care costs while improving quality. Infirmary Health System has committed to matching these funds fully.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 6801 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, AL

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to fund components for future installation of 2 generators and a 3000 amp ATS including conduit to future generator location. Of the funds requested, approximately, $22,579 (9%) will be used for a generator to provide temporary power; $8,300 (3.3%) for engineering and permit; $6,000 (2.4%) for concrete pads for equipment support; $120,000 (48%) for materials; and $93,121 (37.2%) for labor. This installation will allow the hospital to use a temporary generator during major power outages at a much reduced cost of installation. The Mobile area has been significantly impacted by 14 hurricanes in the last 19 years, accompanied by widespread power outages. During these storms and others, Providence works with public health agencies to take on patients from many other local and regional facilities. Because hurricane season coincides with the hottest months of the year, reliable air conditioning is necessary for infection prevention, disease control, and sufficient ventilation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Rose Administration Building, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide $355,000 to expand the University of Alabama West Alabama Autism Outreach Center to enhance community services, physician outreach, and education programs serving the needs of rural and underserved west Alabama families, who are among 30,000 people struggling with ASD in Alabama. Funds will be used to implement community education and outreach programs using personal and telemedicine visits. Approximately, $125,000 (35%) will be used for early recognition and screening training within community medical settings; $175,000 (50%) will be used for community-based intervention services in both early intervention and education settings; $55,000 (15%) will be used to evaluate program effectiveness. This program is designed to address a public health crisis in Alabama where autism diagnoses are made one and a half years later than in other parts of the country and where children receive only 4% of nationally recommended early intervention hours.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—(HRSA) Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Springhill Avenue, Mobile Alabama 36604

Description of Request: Provide $2,500,000 for facilities and equipment. Of the requested funds, approximately $1,250,000 (50%) will be used by the Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI) to purchase a triple photon linear accelerator, a piece of advanced cancer treatment equipment for the MCI, the only research state university-based cancer center along the upper Gulf Coast, an area with cancer infection and fatality rates higher than the national average. Approximately $892,300 (35.7%) will be used by the USA National Center for the Study of Medical Disaster Response for demolition and renovation of existing facilities; $89,230 (3.5%) for architectural and engineering fees; $18,470 (.7%) for video projection equipment and associated furniture; and $250,000 (10%) to develop and/or purchase best of breed training simulators and training videos with the overarching goal of establishing a national library for use in training. The University of South Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama, is a public university based in the heart of hurricane country, with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of disaster response. The center provides hospital and health personnel in Alabama and the gulf coast region with disaster management training. The center equips hospitals, first responders, and public safety officials with the necessary information and training to prepare for and manage patients and communities' critical health and safety needs in the event of a disaster.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services (TES)

Name of Recipient: San Jacinto College

Address of Recipient: 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX 77504

Description of Request: $350,000 in funding would be used to purchase equipment to help displaced workers in the Houston area obtain training to reenter the workforce in high-demand positions. The goal of this project would help train new workers and retrain or upskill existing workers to become welders, pipefitters and nondestructive testing personnel for the petrochemical industry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADRIAN SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education/FIE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska Kearney

Address of Requesting Entity: Office of Sponsored Programs, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68849

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $350,000 for the University of Nebraska—Kearney's On-line Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education program. The on-line program will enable in-service early childhood educators to retain their current jobs while earning bachelor's degrees to stay ahead of evolving federal and state professional development standards. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, states are working to close the achievement gap and ensure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency. Schools that do not make progress must provide supplemental services, such as free tutoring or after-school assistance; take corrective actions; and, if still not making adequate yearly progress after five years, make dramatic changes to the way the school is operated. This project will enable Nebraska to stay in compliance with No Child Left Behind, Good Start, Grow Smart, Head Start Regulations, and state Early Childhood Initiatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, an earmark for the Midland Independent School District, Midland, TX for teacher training was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Midland Independent School District (ISD), located at 615 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

Funding for this project will be used for Texas Mathworks. Texas Mathworks is a center for mathematics education formed by Texas State University System to develop model programs and self-sustaining learning communities that engage Texas K–12 students in doing mathematics at a high level. Funding in Fiscal Year 2010 will be used to recruit and train six-to-eight teacher leaders from Midland Consolidated ISD at Mathworks training sites. Training includes observing a camp in the morning and then learning how to teach their own camp in the afternoon. Teachers will conduct their own Math Camp, assisted and mentored by the master teachers. Students will attend the junior summer math camps. During the academic year, the master teachers will pilot Part I of the curriculum, mentored and assisted by a full-time mathematics Peer Coach. These teachers will become part of a professional Math Inquiry Group. The Peer Coach will work closely with the faculty mentor to observe all teachers in their classrooms, give input and guidance and collect data required by the external evaluator.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, an earmark for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), Lubbock, TX for facilities and equipment was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the TTUHSC, located at 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Funds would be used at the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health—Odessa, TX Campus.

The mission of the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health is to cultivate and advance multi-disciplinary science in women's health and to promote the well-being of women through research, education, and community outreach. This initiative will provide resources for tissue banks at TTUHSC dedicated to women's health and research into gender differences in health. This project will accomplish the following: (1) Create a women's health tissue bank on the TTUHSC campuses in Amarillo, El Paso, and Odessa to receive, store, and distribute a full range of biological specimens, such as whole organs, tissues, cells, and DNA. (2) Develop protocol to establish an organized repository of characterized tissues for collection and maintenance useful for a wide range of women's health research studies. (3) Collaborate with the Research Institutional Review Board to assist in the development of standards in methodology, management, and education regarding tissue bank specimens. (4) Develop a priority hierarchy for tissue distribution to assist researchers in fulfilling the purpose of taking research from the laboratory to the patient. (5) Create a reporting standard and method for researchers describing the purpose, process, and evaluation of the tissues used in laboratory research. (6) Improve the knowledge and breadth of research in the field of women's health and gender differences in health.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) account, an earmark for Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC), Lubbock, TX for the West Texas Center for Influenza Research, Education and Treatment was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the TTUHSC, located at 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Funds would be used at the Odessa, TX Campus.

The West Texas Center for Influenza Research, Education and Treatment at the TTUHSC would provide a model of care of the influenza patient using a large network of primary care physicians from around West Texas. It would also develop an infrastructure

for clinical research and the study of new drugs and therapies. The Center would provide education to patients and families in order to limit the spread of disease. It would further establish a clinical approach to pandemic influenza should such an epidemic occur.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. INGLIS. 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. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FAA—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center (SC–TAC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 Exchange Street, Greenville, SC 29605

Description of Request: SC–TAC is the largest general aviation airport in the state of South Carolina, serving the aviation industry as a major aircraft maintenance and modification base. This high priority, taxiway B (North) improvement project would greatly enhance the operational capacity and safety parameters of the airfield, increasing access to current and future airport infrastructure. SC–TAC's 2600 acre aviation park is home to 80 high tech companies and organizations employing over 3,000 local residents. This upgrade project would facilitate SC–TAC's ability to attract additional aviation-related businesses (jobs) to the complex, adding to the $222 Million economic impact of their operation. The amount is $750,000 and it would go to SC–TAC.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FHWA—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Spartanburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 366 N. Church St., Suite 700, Spartanburg, SC 29303

Description of Request: The Fairforest Rd. at N. Blackstock Rd. intersection is directly adjacent to a major Norfolk Southern rail line that is also used by Amtrak for passenger service. Because of the present alignment of the rail line and adjacent roadways, two signals control traffic on either side of the at-grade rail crossing, increasing the possibility of a vehicle becoming trapped on the rail line between the two signals. The present situation presents a severe safety hazard to normal vehicular traffic and school buses which use the at-grade crossing frequently during school hours. The amount is $500,000 and it would go to the City of Spartanburg.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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.

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received $1,000,000 for the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority located at 300 SW 7th Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109.

This funding will be used to repair and replace a water cooling tower and correct drainage problems at historic Union Station. It will also be used to improve the lighting and exhaust systems at the maintenance garage and upgrade the oil and lube room facilities.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LATTA. 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. 3228, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3228, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Agency Administration; Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sandusky County Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 South Front Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Description of Request: $500,000 for the Sandusky County Regional Airport (S24) Approach Lowering project. The first part of the project is the 405 topographical survey that is required before an GPS/LPV approach can be approved. The second item that the Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA) is proposing is to extend its parallel taxiway approximately 1,700 feet providing the Sandusky County Regional Airport (S24) a full length parallel taxiway. The existing 3,800 feet of taxiway, currently named taxiway "b" and "c", was constructed in two separate phases. The preliminary purpose to complete the parallel taxiway is to increase the Airport's level of operational safety. The completion of a full-length parallel taxiway at the Airport would eliminate the hazards of "back-taxiing" on the runway. A full length parallel taxiway makes it possible for a landing aircraft to exit a runway more quickly, allowing other aircraft waiting to land to get on the ground sooner. A full parallel taxiway would enhance airfield safety and reduce the risk of runway incursions. Additionally, the project will have an impact on the overall County's (and surrounding counties') public safety, as it will allow the Life Flight helicopter, which is based at the airport, the ability to return to its pad once critical missions have taken place. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3228, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Board of Fulton County Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 South Fulton Street, Suite 270, Wauseon, OH 43567

Description of Request: $250,000 for the Northeast Fulton County water system project. Northeast Fulton County is a portion of the County that consists of four Townships (Amboy, Fulton, Pike and Royalton), two Villages (Metamora and Lyons) and the Evergreen Local School District. This project, as proposed, consists of installing water mains and facilities to provide for safe drinking water supply to these areas through a connection into an existing regional water system. The route of this water supply system through the four Townships would provide drinking water to 1100 people within both Villages and an estimated population of 1350 people outside both Villages. The Evergreen Local Schools District is one complex for 1400 high, middle and elementary schools students. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saint Xavier University

Address of Requesting Entity: 18230 Orland Parkway, Orland Park, IL 60467

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for Saint Xavier University to develop a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Center on its Orland Park campus to better prepare educators and education students to teach STEM disciplines to pre-school through college-age students. The STEM Education Center will feature a state-of-the-art methods lab that will be used to provide exciting, hands-on science, math, and technology programs designed to increase teachers' knowledge and skills in these areas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010.

Amount: $16,454,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Columbia Basin Project, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used for ongoing operations of the Columbia Basin Project.

Amount: $150,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Washington Investigations Program, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used to support ongoing engineering and planning studies of Bureau of Reclamation projects in Washington state.

Amount: $8,512,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Yakima Project, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used for ongoing operations of the Yakima Basin Project.

Amount: $8,500,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used for ongoing programs of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project.

Amount: $3,000,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Odessa Subarea Special Study, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used to continue efforts to identify solutions and alternatives for local irrigators dependent on depleting Odessa wells.

Amount: $1,500,000

Account: Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: Yakima River Basin Water Supply Study, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, located at 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Description: These funds will be used to support the development of a plan to meet the water storage and supply needs of the Yakima River Basin.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3288—the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

PROJECT 1

Project: Tulsa International Airport, Memorial Drive and Waterline Project

Project Amount: $500,000

Account: Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulsa Airport and Improvement Trust/City of Tulsa

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 581838, Tulsa, OK 74103

Description of Request: Funding will upgrade approximately 1,000 feet of 8″ waterline to 12″ and extend the line an additional 1,800 feet. It will also reconstruct and re-align Memorial Drive south of Port Road, including repairs to about 1,000 feet of existing road and re-alignment of approximately 1,000 feet of road. This work is needed to support re-development of this area from its old, original residential use into an area being prepared for construction of large aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities planned for the North Development Area at Tulsa International Airport.

PROJECT 2

Project: US 60, widen between Bartlesville and Pawhuska, Osage County, OK

Project Amount: $400,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Description of Request: Funding will be used to provide needed transportation improvements to a heavily traveled narrow two lane highway containing both poor vertical and horizontal curves resulting in a high rate of accidents. This road is a key National Highway System route in northeastern Oklahoma, more specifically connecting Bartlesville and Vinita. This critical project is important for widening US 60 from approximately 2 miles east of the US 60/US 75 interchange east approximately 5.5 miles.

PROJECT 3

Project: Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority, bus purchase, Tulsa, OK

Project Amount: $750,000

Account: Federal Transit Administration Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 510 S. Rockford, Tulsa, OK 74120

Description of Request: Continued funding will be used to help Tulsa Transit's aging paratransit vehicle fleet—In the next three years, 26 of Tulsa Transit's full-sized transit buses will be eligible for replacement and all of the 40 paratransit vehicles are now ready to be replaced. Without the flow of capital funding to replace obsolete equipment, it is extremely difficult to maintain levels of service and existing route structure. Ridership has been increasing over the last year due to high fuel prices and the demand for transit service is expected to continue to increase.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I obtained as part of HR 3183, the Education and Transportation bills

1) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: DOT, FHA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baytown

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Market Street, Baytown, Texas 77522

Description of Request: An earmark of $400,000 to fund infrastructure improvements at the Highway 146 and Spur 330 in Texas.

2) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: DOT, FTA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Galveston

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 779, Galveston, Texas 77553

Description of Request: An earmark of $500,000 to fund transit vehicle replacement in Galveston, Texas.

3) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: DOT, FTA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf Coast Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 123 Rosenberg, Ste 6; Galveston, Texas 77515

Description of Request: An earmark of $750,000 to fund a Park and Ride in League City, Texas.

4) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brazosport College

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 College Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Description of Request: An earmark of $200,000 to fund equipment purchases at Brazosport College in Texas.

5) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brazosport College

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 College Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Description of Request: An earmark of $380,000 to fund curriculum development at Brazosport College in Texas.

–EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to list the congressionally-directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3288, the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of Rocks Back Country Byway Relocation, ID

Amount Received: $1,000,000

Account: FHWA/Public Lands Highways

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Recipient's Street Address: 3311 West State Street, Boise, ID 83707

Description: This 16.7 mile long project is located on the popular City of Rocks Back Country Byway in Cassia County, Idaho, which provides the only direct access to the City of Rocks National Reserve. When fully completed, the project will pave a 1.0 mile gravel segment, reconstruct 15.7 miles of deficient roadway, correct deteriorated road and slope conditions, provide a wider road with shoulders and guardrail, and improve the road's alignment by reducing the number and severity of sharp curves and steep grades. These improvements will increase safety for the driving public and provide safer access for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. These improvements will also significantly reduce the amount of on-going maintenance required to keep the route usable.

Project Name: Custer County Economic Development Initiative in Custer County, ID

Amount Received: $500,000

Account: HUD/EDI

Recipient: Custer County, ID

Recipient's Street Address: 802 Main Street, Challis, ID 83226

Description: At almost 5,000 square miles, Custer County is larger than three states yet has just over 4,000 people. Unfortunately, it is burdened with a high proportion of public lands with over 95% of the county's 3.4 million acres administered by federal agencies. The county's tax base, or more specifically the lack thereof, is inadequate to support the services required for such an expansive county. This grossly disproportionate public ownership causes a severe strain on their resources. Funding would be used to construct a community center which would serve a number of purposes for the county.

Project Name: Trail Creek Highway/Forest Highway 66 Reconstruction, Mackay, ID

Amount Received: $2,750,000

Account: FHWA/Public Lands Highways

Recipient: Lost River Highway District

Recipient's Street Address: 213 South McCaleb, Mackay, ID 83251

Description: Trail Creek Highway/Forest Highway 66 runs through the Salmon-Challis National Forest from U.S. Highway 93 west to Sun Valley, Idaho. The road is maintained entirely by the Lost River Highway District and includes 17 miles of unpaved road that is used extensively for commerce and recreational purposes by tourists and homeowners. The high traffic volume (500 cars per day and expected to grow) and poor road conditions cause safety concerns for those traveling along the highway. Funds would be used to complete study and design work and upgrade the road by paving 5.5 miles of gravel road from the end of existing pavement near the West Bartlett Point Road (MP 11.750) to the Copper Basin Turn-off (MP 17.250).

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects I requested that have received funding in the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Little Friends, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 140 N. Wright St., Naperville, IL 60540

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of $200,000 for Little Friends, Inc. to offer evaluation and therapy services at an affordable rate. This funding also will enable Little Friends, Inc., to meet the increasing demand for their services. These early diagnosis and therapy services have been proven to be the most effective treatment in ameliorating the symptoms of children diagnosed with autism.

RECOGNITION OF THE BAINBRIDGE GRADUATE INSTITUTE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, in the first years of the 20th century, Gifford Pinchot fought to protect our nation's forests and rivers from unsustainable logging as the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Nearly a century later, his grandson, Gifford Pinchot III, established the Bainbridge Graduate Institute, or BGI. The Institute, situated on a sustainably-designed 210 acre campus near Seattle, is dedicated to educating the business leaders of the 21st century in sustainable management. I am honored to recognize the Bainbridge Graduate Institute for helping to shape the sustainable leaders of tomorrow.

As we face the new challenges of the 21st century, successful businesses will have to consider environmental and social sustainability. The Bainbridge Graduate Institute offers graduate degrees in Sustainable Business Administration as well as certificates in Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship. The goal of these programs is to change the way companies operate and incorporate sustainability into business decisions.

Although it is a relatively new institution, the Bainbridge Graduate Institute is quickly garnering national recognition. In 2007, Business Week named BGI as one of its top global design schools, joining prestigious institutions such as the Harvard Business School, Rhode Island School of Design, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Last fall, BGI named Jon Strauss, former president of Harvey Mudd College, as its new president. The Institute's distinguished faculty includes graduates of Stanford Business School and Harvard University.

I am pleased that the Institute is also attracting support from the business world. Some companies, including technology giant Hewlett-Packard, indirectly support BGI by paying for their employees to attend its programs. Clearly, sustainable business practices appeal to even the largest companies. I believe that we can simultaneously grow our economy and improve the health of our environment. The Bainbridge Graduate Institute and programs like it give our economic leaders the knowledge needed to achieve both goals, and I am honored to recognize the Institute's achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ''INVESTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT OF 2009''

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the ''Investor Advisory Committee Act of 2009,'' which would establish a permanent advisory committee within the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and give investors a greater voice in the Commission's work.

One of the most significant contributors to our economic downturn was the unraveling of major financial institutions and the lack of adequate regulatory structures to prevent abuse and excess.

Financial innovators produced a huge variety of new and complex financial instruments, but, instead of reducing risk, the markets actually magnified risks that were being taken by ordinary families and large firms alike.

Millions of Americans who worked hard and behaved responsibly saw their savings eroded by the irresponsibility of others and by the failure of their government to provide adequate oversight.

Reforms are needed to encourage sound risk management, long-term growth and value creation—not only at individual firms, but for our financial system and the economy as a whole.

A permanent Investor Advisory Committee will help advance these reforms by providing investors a greater voice within the SEC.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Arkansas College

Address of Requesting Entity: North Arkansas College, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, AR 72601

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to purchase new technology and technology upgrades for 4 computer laboratories, allied health classrooms and laboratories, professional development, and the student center.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health and Facilities Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North West Arkansas Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: NorthWest Arkansas Community College, One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to support an expansion of the current nursing program, including expanding program delivery and curriculum, staff development, purchase instructional supplies/equipment, and provide for facility renovations.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health and Facilities Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. John's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: St. John's Hospital, 214 Carter Street, Berryville, AR 72616

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to purchase a standby generator to provide additional emergency electric generating capacity.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Burcham Hills Retirement Community

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Description of Request: Provide funding of $200,000 to establish a nurse training and certification program in Alzheimer's and Dementia. This pilot program to help train nursing students and those already working in the field to better handle patients and family members going through this disease. Over 4 million people are afflicted with the disease in the U.S., taking more than 100,000 lives annually. This training program will ensure more health care professionals will have the resources to manage this deadly, growing disease. 50% of these funds will be used for classroom facilities and 50% will be used for instructor salaries.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ingham Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 W. Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910

Description of Request: Provide funding of $100,000 to purchase and place into service a digital mammography machine. For women, breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. Digital mammography allows improvement in breast cancer diagnosis. It also improves image storage and transmission because images can be stored and sent electronically. Radiologists also can use software to help interpret digital mammograms. 100% of these funds will be used to purchase a digital mammography machine.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sparrow Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 1215 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909–7980

Description of Request: Provide funding of $300,000 to support hardware and software startup costs for a fully integrated Electronic Medical Record at Sparrow Health System. This project will ultimately benefit patients, physicians and hospitals throughout the Lansing region. This investment into the local economy would protect current employment levels while creating more new, highly skilled IT jobs. In addition, this project would allow more than 850 physicians to deploy a fully integrated EMR in their practices at a fraction of the cost that they would normally incur, creating a truly interoperable health care knowledge network. 100% of these funds would be used to purchase computer hardware and software, as well as network electronics and cabling.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment & Training Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Closing the Digital Gap

Address of Requesting Entity: 835 W. Genesee, Lansing, MI 48915

Description of Request: Provide funding of $250,000 to provide computer training to low-income Lansing residents. Approximately 600 low-income, unemployed/underemployed residents will be provided with computer based job training, Internet access and computers that will enhance their ability to obtain employment as well as to compete in a technology-based economy. 30% of the funds will be used for staff salaries, 40% for computer hardware, 20% for computer software and 10% for other related training materials.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lansing Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 8100A–Administration, PO Box 40010, Lansing, MI 48901–7210

Description of Request: Provide funding of $420,000 to expand employment retraining in the area of alternative automotive technologies. The related regional economic impact of the project is projected to be $50 million. The estimated numbers of jobs created and/or workers retrained would be 2,000. 50% of these funds will be used to purchase equipment, 25% for professional development, and 25% for curriculum development to administer training.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. 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. 3293—the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Substance Abuse Treatment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tuesday's Children

Address of Requesting Entity: 390 Plandome Road, Suite 217, Manhasset, NY 11030

Description of Request: $750,000 will be used to provide mental health counseling for 9/11 first responders and other public safety workers involved in protecting our homeland security.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Francis College

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Description of Request: $650,000 will be used to upgrade its science and information technology facilities in support of the Project Access higher education opportunity program.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Kidney Registry

Address of Requesting Entity: 42 Fire Island Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Description of Request: $177,000 will be used to support an upgrade of the architecture of the (kidney) matching system to enable more transplants to be facilitated.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Columbia City

Address of Requesting Entity: 112 South Chauncey, Columbia City, IN 46725

Description of Request: In 2011, Parkview Community Hospital System will open a brand new, state of the art, hospital facility at the corner of State Road 205 and US 30. In order to accommodate increased traffic flow on State Road 205, around the hospital entrance, and provide safe passage for entering and exiting vehicles, widening the existing State Road is necessary. The proposed project includes improved drainage, align existing drives, relocate utilities, provide deceleration and turning lanes, pedestrian cross walk, pedestrian sidewalks that will link to the existing Blue River Trail at the Morsches Park entrance, a landscaped median, and lighting. This project will benefit not only residents of Columbia City and Whitley County, but also visitors to the City and the new hospital campus. Turning and deceleration lanes, along with the alignment of existing drives will ensure proper traffic flow and safe passage for vehicle traffic. The landscaped median, cross walk, lighting and sidewalks will beautify the local area, as well as, allow for safe foot traffic in and out of the hospital campus area.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Nappanee, IN

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 W. Lincoln St., Nappanee, IN 46550–0029

Description of Request: The City of Nappanee will run new water and sewer service to the new Industrial Park site to provide services for new factory building sites with a new elevated water storage tank.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Syracuse

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 N. Huntington, Syracuse, IN 46567

Description of Request: The purpose of this project will be to attract industry and encourage business expansion to diversify the local economy and generate long-term jobs. This project will add new jobs and encourage expansion.

COMMENDING WILL KEMPTON FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, as the Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Will Kempton, the current Director of the California Department of Transportation. Mr. Kempton was appointed Director in November of 2004, and in that capacity, he manages a $13.3 billion budget for the Department, oversees $10 billion for the improvement of California's transportation network, and a staff of over 23,000 employees, as well as manages the day to day operations of over 50,000 miles of highway in the State.

As Director, Mr. Kempton has provided leadership to the Department on a broad range of issues that impact transportation in the State of California. Some of his many accomplishments over the years include: helping California to rapidly obligate its share of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; overseeing the passage and implementation of Proposition 1B in 2006, which invested $19 billion into the State's aging infrastructure; and leading the Caltrans campaign to deliver 1,088 transportation construction projects valued at $11.5 billion over the last half-decade, and delivered 1,087 of them, or 99.9 percent.

After more than three decades of public service, Mr. Kempton announced that he will be leaving as Director of the California Department of Transportation at the end of July, 2009. He has honorably and effectively served the State of California in various capacities throughout his career, including serving as the Assistant Director of the California Department of Transportation in charge of Legislative and Congressional Affairs. Since joining Caltrans in 1973, Mr. Kempton has served in various management positions in the Department helping him to develop a broad understanding of transportation programs and policies at all levels of government.

Mr. Kempton is a San Francisco native, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco. Mr. Kempton translated his knowledge of transportation programs into the production arena when, as Chair of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority, I helped to hire him as the first Executive Director. During his assignment as Director of the Santa Clara County effort, Mr. Kempton mobilized California's sales tax programs into an effective coalition of "self help" counties. The sales tax program he managed is widely viewed as one of the most successful ever undertaken in California, resulting in the delivery of nearly $1 billion dollars in highway improvements in less than 10 years. He brought in our Santa Clara County "Measure A" program under budget and ahead of schedule.

Mr. Kempton, who now lives with his wife Beverly in Folsom, California, served on the City of Folsom's Parks and Recreation Commission from 1995 until 2003. He also served as the City of Folsom Assistant City Manager for Community Services beginning in January 2003, where he was responsible for overseeing the operations of the City's Community Development, Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation, Utilities, and Public Works departments.

Will Kempton and I have worked in different capacities on California Transportation projects since 1985. I have met no abler a public administrator in my career. He is, simply, the best.

On behalf of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, I would like to thank Will Kempton for more than three decades of public service in the State of California.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WOLF. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: The Hon. FRANK R. WOLF

Provision: Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Aviation Circle, MA–14, Washington, D.C., 20001

Description of Request: Provide $85 million for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. A full funding grant agreement (FFGA) was signed by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, the project sponsor, for this project in March 2009. The FFGA commits federal funding from the New Starts account to the project, which first received federal appropriations in FY 1999. This request reflects the amount designated in the FFGA funding schedule for FY 2010. Metrorail service in the corridor will benefit all corridor users by: improving mobility to serve population and employment growth and increased travel demand; improving access to major activity centers such as Tysons Corner, Reston/Herndon, and Dulles International Airport; supporting air quality and energy conservation goals, and preserving the area's quality of life.

Requesting Member: The Hon. FRANK R. WOLF

Provision: Main Street and Maple Avenue Intersection Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Town of Purcellville

Address of Requesting Entity: 130 East Main Street, Purcellville, VA, 20132

Description of Request: Provides $500,000 for needed updates to the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia. Located in Loudoun County, Purcellville has experienced an 88 percent rate of growth from 2000 to 2007. Increased population and traffic volume has rendered this intersection undersized for its current and projected use. The project would add turn lanes to each leg of the intersection, reduce conflict points, upgrade crosswalks, add pedestrian countdown signals, provide new ADA compliant sidewalks, improve through lanes, upgrade traffic signals, and add bicycle access and landscaping. This project is also part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Six-Year Improvement Program.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. 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. 2847, the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA—Buses and Bus Facilities Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Anaheim

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Anaheim, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., Ste. 733, Anaheim, CA 92805.

Description of Request: Provide $725,000 in FY 2010 to be used for the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). ARTIC will be the premier regional, multimodal transportation hub in Orange County. It is needed to accommodate the travel needs of 45 million annual visitors and will strategically facilitate bus, rail and air travel. The ARTIC project has been federally authorized in two previous transportation bills: 1991 ISTEA and 1998 TEA–21. These authorizations illustrate a federal commitment to the project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Ferry Boats & Terminal Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: $1,000,000 will be used for the construction of a fast ferry boat terminal to connect commuters and tourists from downtown Glen Cove to New York City, La Guardia Airport, and other key travel corridors.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: $500,000 will be used for improvements and repairs to two downtown parking structures integral to multimodal transit on the Long Island Rail Road, the regional bus system, pedestrian walkways, and the planned fast ferry system.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Capital Investment Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 347 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Description of Request: $215,000,000 will be used to continue the East Side Access project which will allow the Long Island Rail Road to terminate at Grand Central Terminal.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. 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. 3293 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside Unified School District (RUSD)

Address of Requesting Entity: 4011 Fourteenth Street, Riverside, California 92501

Description of Request: I have secured $325,000 to provide the time and resources for highly qualified mathematics and science teachers to construct discrete digital learning modules aligned to the California science and mathematics standards, develop inquiry-based activities, and design extended learning opportunities for distribution via the Internet. iSTEM: Virtual Learning in Science and Mathematics is a project of the RUSD Riverside Virtual School that supports the enhancement of learning in science and mathematics through the construction of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related digital curriculum modules for use within traditional classrooms and online courses.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Baptist University

Address of Requesting Entity: 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, California 92504

Description of Request: I have secured $300,000 to purchase specialized equipment for use in equipping engineering students and employees of local industries with the skills and techniques to become the next generation of professionals to deploy new sustainable technologies. In particular, the School of Engineering is developing an emphasis on utilization of engineering skills to engage local business and industry in sustainable design of ''green'' facilities and infrastructure.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside Community College District

Address of Requesting Entity: 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, California 92506

Description of Request: I have secured $600,000 to expand the curriculum of Riverside Community College District's law enforcement and fire academy programs to provide additional Basic Peace Officer and Correctional Deputy academies at the Ben Clark Training Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside Community College District

Address of Requesting Entity: 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, California 92506

Description of Request: I have secured $150,000 to purchase equipment for RCCD's Allied Health Sciences Program. The Inland Empire has California's lowest number of physicians per 100,000 residents, with a projected shortfall of 1,140 physicians by 2015. This ratio also holds for allied health service professionals, making the Inland Empire one of the most medically underserved areas in the nation. The new equipment would expand the Allied Health Sciences Program, enabling RCCD

to graduate 300% more medical professionals over five years.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside County Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 26520 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, California 92555

Description of Request: I have secured $400,000 to expand the emergency/trauma department to increase the number of major trauma treatment rooms, increase the size of current trauma treatment room, increase the number of non-trauma treatment rooms, increase the number of urgent care treatment stations, add a psychiatric emergency unit, add a logical adjacency to the Center for Abuse Services, and create a facility capable of handling mass casualties. Riverside County Regional Medical Center.

RCRMC is the Emergency First Responder for the County of Riverside which has a population of approximately 2 million people. RCRMC is the major trauma center for the county, handling twice as many trauma cases as any other hospital. RCRMC is also the only trauma center in proximity to March Air Reserve Base which is a deployment base for armed forces. In addition, RCRMC is the only pediatric trauma center within the county; and the only hospital with a mass decontamination unit for chemical, biological and nuclear incidents.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, San Clemente, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 654 Camino de los Mares, San Clemente, California 92630

Description of Request: I have secured $150,000 to support the implementation of electronic health record keeping (EHR) at Saddleback Memorial Hospital in San Clemente, CA. With EHR, caregivers can more easily read physician's orders and prescriptions because they are entered into a computer, rather than handwritten. This greatly reduces the possibility of transcription errors or other mistakes. Saddleback's EHR will include security features that make patient information more secure and private than paper charts.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California—Riverside

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 University Ave., Riverside, California 92521

Description of Request: I have secured $3,400,000 to renovate the anatomy lab and biomedical sciences facilities on UC Riverside's (UCR) campus in preparation for the forthcoming Medical School and to provide current biomedical sciences students with state of the art science and medical equipment.

These renovations support the planned School of Medicine at UCR. The UCR School of Medicine will be located in the heart of Southern California's Inland Empire, one of America's most rapidly growing and ethnically diverse regions. Establishment of the medical school will help to address the severe physician shortage in Inland Southern California region by training a diverse physician workforce and by developing innovative research and health care delivery programs to improve the health of medically underserved populations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Boston Heights

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 East Boston Mills Road, Hudson, Ohio 44264 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000 to replace a badly deteriorated 4-lane bridge that spans the Summit County Metro Parks Bike and Hike Trail on Akron-Cleveland Road. The 90-year-old bridge was last renovated 35 years ago, and the Village has had to reduce the load limit by 30 percent due to continued deterioration. ODOT bridge inspection reports identify the bridge, which has more than 10,000 vehicle crossings daily including school buses, as in need of repair. Summit Metro Parks has committed $50,000 toward a preliminary engineering study, and ODOT has committed to fund the construction phase up to $2.5 million. Approximately, $750,000 is for construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Ferry Boats and Terminal Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ashtabula City Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for a ferry service from Ashtabula to Canada. The funds will continue economic development in the Lake Erie region and facilitate travel, transport and recreation between the U.S. and Canada. Approximately, $100,000 is for planning and engineering and $400,000 is for rehabilitation and construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Neighborhood Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Cleveland Institute of Art

Address of Requesting Entity: 11141 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 to construct the Cleveland Institute of Art's new campus facility. The Institute, established in 1882, is one of the nation's premier colleges of art and design, and completion of its new facilities will continue to enhance the region in a host of areas including job creation. The entire amount of project funding will be used for design, engineering and construction of the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cleveland State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 2121 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 to construct a new roadway (400 feet long, 30 feet wide) that will run from Euclid Avenue to Prospect Avenue. The new road will be necessary for a new campus building including a 600-bed dorm, mixed use residence and retail establishments. CSU expects the new road and building to spur additional redevelopment of the E 24th Street artery. Approximately, $500,000 is for roadway construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hiram College

Address of Requesting Entity: Hiram, Ohio 44234 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $100,000 to study the feasibility of turning an abandoned rail line into a bike/hike path that will connect the campus with the college's James H. Barrow Field Station, a renowned, 400-acre biology and environmental studies lab. The path would be used by students and also be available to the public, and the college intends to work with the village, township and Portage County Parks Commission. Approximately, $100,000 is for performing the study.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Geauga Park District

Address of Requesting Entity: 9160 Robinson Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $428,000 to assist the Geauga Park District in purchasing a 200-acre tract of land in Munson Township which would connect two preserves the park district already owns and complete an 835-acre greenway corridor. Additionally the preservation of the property would also protect water quality within Beaver Creek. Land preservation and watershed protection enhance local communities and improve the quality of life for their residents. Approximately, $428,000 is to acquire fee title to the property.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Metroparks

Address of Requesting Entity: 11211 Spear Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 to assist Lake County with the continuation of its Open Space Plan with the

purchase of a portion of Camp Stigwandish. The addition of this land into the public domain would allow for greater public access to open space. Land preservation enhances local communities and improves the quality of life for their residents. Approximately, $500,000 is for land acquisition.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chardon

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Water Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $136,000 to widen and realign Park Avenue at the busy intersection of Wilson Mills Road, and also provide better sight lines for motorists so traffic can move more efficiently and safely. The project has been endorsed by the City of Chardon through its 1990 Thoroughfare Plan and its 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Approximately, $106,000 is for engineering and $30,000 is for surveying.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sagamore Hills Township

Address of Requesting Entity: 11551 Valley View Road, Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $343,000 to make necessary grade and drainage improvements along 4,300 feet of a 12-foot-wide walking and biking loop trail with handicap access to all 50 acres of Sagamore Hills Park, which links to Summit Metro Parks Trail. Sagamore Hills Park is the only public park within the township, and the loop trail includes fitness programming implemented through local schools, business and the YMCA. Approximately, $318,000 is for construction, paving and other affiliated costs; $25,000 is for design and engineering.

HONORING FATHER GREGORY BOYLE, S.J. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring spiritual and civic leader not only in the Boyle Heights community in the heart of my congressional district, but in Los Angeles as a whole.

This year, Father Gregory Boyle, S.J.—best known as Father Greg by all who meet him—is celebrating his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the Society of Jesus. He is also celebrating the beginning of his third decade leading Homeboy Industries, the gang-intervention nonprofit organization that he founded to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth. It is my pleasure to share with you some highlights from his ongoing work.

Father Greg was born in Los Angeles, one of eight children. His father, a third-generation Irish-American, worked in the family-owned dairy in Los Angeles County. Father Greg and his siblings worked side by side with their father in the dairy. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles in 1972 and would later return to his alma mater to teach and serve as a faculty advisor for the student service program called Christian Action Movement (CAM). He also worked with Christian Base Communities in Cochabamba, Bolivia, before becoming an ordained Jesuit priest in 1984.

In 1986, his work in the Boyle Heights community that I am proud to represent began to unfold when Father Greg was appointed Pastor of Dolores Mission where he served for six years.

Homeboy Industries traces its roots to ''Jobs For A Future'' (JFF), a program created in 1988 by Father Greg at Dolores Mission parish. Father Greg and the community developed positive alternatives for gang-involved youth, establishing an elementary school and a day care program, while working to find legitimate employment for young people. JFF's success confirmed that given an opportunity, many gang members are eager to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the ''streets.''

In 1992, Father Greg launched Homeboy's first business enterprise called the Homeboy Bakery. After 17 years, the bakery continues to provide training, work experience, and above all, the opportunity for rival gang members to work side by side. The success of the Homeboy Bakery created the groundwork for additional businesses, thus prompting JFF to become an independent non-profit organization, Homeboy Industries, in 2001.

Today Homeboy Industries' nonprofit economic development enterprises include Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy Maintenance, Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, and HomegirlCafO. Homeboy Industries, now located in Downtown Los Angeles in my district, serves thousands of young people each year, and has become a model for other organizations across the country.

It is currently enlarging its pilot Solar Panel Installation Training Program, where young men and women are trained and certified in this rapidly growing field. Father Greg remains a visionary, tapping into the green jobs and green economy movement and proving once again that we should invest in jobs, not jails.

As Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, Father Greg has become a nationally recognized expert on gangs and intervention approaches. Father Greg and several ''homies'' were featured speakers at the White House Conference on Youth in 2005, and he was a member of the California delegation to President Clinton's 1998 Summit on Children in Philadelphia. Father Boyle is a member of the National Youth Gang Center Advisory Board and was a member of the State Commission on Juvenile Justice, Crime and Delinquency Prevention. Father Greg has received the California Peace Prize, the Lifetime Achievement Award from MALDEF, the ''Humanitarian of the Year'' Award from Bon AppOtit magazine, the Caring Institute's Award, the Civic Medal of Honor from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the James Irvine Leadership Award. The Los Angeles Headquarters Association honored Father Greg this year as one of the city's leading visionaries responsible for changing the face of Los Angeles.

The reach of Father Greg's work also extends to our nation's capital. As recently as March, I had the privilege of meeting with Father Greg in my Washington, D.C. office on a trip he made to lobby members of Congress about the need to support federal efforts to help at-risk youth and former gang members lead crime-free and productive lives.

Madam Speaker, Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the late Father General of the Jesuits, stated that the paramount objective of Jesuit education was to create ''men for others.'' To all who know him, Father Greg embodies this objective as he truly has conducted his ministry and lived his life as a ''man for others.'' I am honored and blessed to be among the many in our community who consider him a friend.

As we celebrate Father Greg Boyle's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in the Society of Jesus and his 21st Anniversary of leading Homeboy Industries, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Father Greg—or G-Dog, as he is affectionately known to his homeboys and homegirls—on these milestones. Above all, we thank him for continuing to call us all to—as he says—stand with those whose dignity has been denied, to embrace the poor and powerless and voiceless, to stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop, and to create a community of kinship.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Warren County Planning Commission, Warren County Courthouse, 204 Fourth Avenue, Warren, PA 16365, in the amount of $350,000. Funding will be used to assist the construction of a building to provide health care services to residents in Warren County.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DOMINIC ''MICKEY'' SGRO

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Dominic ''Mickey'' Sgro of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sgro will be honored as the 2009 Labor Award recipient at the Blair/Bedford County Central Labor Council's 29th Annual Person of the Year Event.

The spirit of labor runs deep for Mr. Sgro and his family. He is a second generation labor leader. His father was a former business agent for the IUE. Over the course of his career, Mr. Sgro has held a number of various

positions in AFSCME Council 83, based in Duncansville, Pennsylvania. These positions include staff representative, member of the Council Executive Board, and member of the Council Steering Committee. In February of 2006, Mr. Sgro became the staff director of Council 83.

In addition to his service to AFSCME Council 83, Mr. Sgro also spent 20 years working for PennDOT as an equipment operator. He also served the Local 2121 as its president and is now a member of the Retired Public Employees of Pennsylvania (RPEP), Subchapter 8306. He also serves on the Board of the Pennsylvania Employee Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF) and the Executive Board of the Central Pennsylvania Area Labor Federation, AFL–CIO (Central PA ALF). He is also an alternate vice president to the AFL–CIO.

Over the years Mr. Sgro has been supported by his wife Jaime and his two daughters Danielle and Michelle.

Madam Speaker, I close my remarks by congratulating Mr. Mickey Sgro for the 2009 Labor Award and for all of his accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozarks Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1100, West Plains, MO 65775

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for equipment in a new and expanded Emergency Department.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, MS 1900: Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $205,000 for the Southeast Health on Wheels (SHOW) Mobile Program. The SHOW Mobile initiative is a health Literacy, health promotional and disease prevention and primary health and dental care program designed to serve Southeast Missouri. The program is administered by the College of Health and Human Services of Southeast Missouri State University.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 to expand the services of Kent Library into a modern Information Commons concept and to link the same technical and support services that this renovation will provide to the students, faculty, and staff on the main campus, to the students and faculty on the River Campus, four regional campuses and the community within the University's service region.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Three Rivers Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2080 3 Rivers Boulevard, Popular Bluff, MO 63901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $215,000 to upgrade the delivery and management of on-line learning system. This enhancement will make it possible to rapidly expand education/training programs, and the initiation of on-line degree programs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 N. Washington St, Box 249, East Prairie, MO 63845

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $250,000 for the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center's Positive Alternative System Strategies to Work, or "Pass to Work," program will provide families with activities designed to emphasize good academic and healthy physical performance for at-risk children. In addition, this program will offer employment training, career counseling, and health behavior advice.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65897

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $250,000 for nursing and allied technology enhancements, specifically to create nursing clinical simulation laboratories at the West Plains campus to support their nursing and allied health programs.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate once again the anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, beginning in 1974, lasting up to the present time. The division of Cyprus has wreaked havoc on the island nation and left its Turkish-occupied section in disarray. It is cruel that the Cypriot people should continue to be subjected to this conflict.

Three summers ago, we were all pleased to see the two sides reach a major breakthrough in the troubled history of this divided island. After years of conflict, both sides committed themselves to the re-unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality. By agreeing to these principles, they recognized the status quo is unacceptable and that continuing it only hurts Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

It is my hope—and I believe my colleagues share in my feeling—that the two sides will soon be able to begin full-fledged negotiations, leading to a final status agreement and the removal of all Turkish troops from the island. Last Congress, this House expressed its support for these efforts by unanimously passing H. Res. 405, of which I was a proud cosponsor.

Madam Speaker, we urge the two parties to move forward in their discussions and, at the same time, we urge the international community to step back and allow the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—to make the decisions affecting their future. No one can force an agreement on them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R.3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Mount Nittany Medical Center, 1800 East Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of $150,000. Funding will be used to support the expansion of its East Wing.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC ATTACK ON THE ARGENTINE JEWISH MUTUAL ASSOCIATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the tragic events that took place at the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association (AMIA) in Buenos Aires. This tragic attack on a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires left 85 innocent people dead and 300 wounded in what remains the largest terrorist attack in Argentine history.

This bombing is a reminder of the very real and dangerous threat of anti-Semitism in the world. In an ongoing investigation, the Argentinean courts formally charged officials in the

Iranian Government, including former President Rafsanjani, as well as militants from their proxy group Hezbollah for plotting and carrying out this attack.

In 2006, Argentina issued arrest warrants for these individuals. The following year, INTERPOL issued arrest warrants, but 15 years after the attack no arrests have been made. Iran and its neighbors continue to offer a safe harbor to these terrorists. These warrants were ignored by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who did nothing to apprehend Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Mohsen Rezaei, two suspected terrorists who attended a conference last June hosted by the Saudi Government. According to a State Department report, Hezbollah and Hamas sympathizers continue to raise funds and support in the border region of Argentina as well.

The people responsible for such a brutal attack on a Jewish community center, as well as whatever government or organizations supported them must be brought to justice. As we mark the 15th anniversary we must continue to condemn these attacks, support its ongoing investigation, and urge the rest of the world to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Elementary & Secondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)

Project Funding Amount: $150,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 1915 South Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to help fund the Polk County Safety Surveillance System Pilot Project, specifically the purchase and installment of alarm systems and surveillance equipment at 27 campuses throughout the school district. Implementation of these security systems would enable school officials and local law enforcement to monitor for and assess invasive acts of violence, theft and vandalism, coordinate effective responses to bring situations under control and protect approximately 20,000 students, teachers and other staff on these campuses. Educators and school administrators alike know that students who do not feel safe in school have difficulty concentrating in class and retaining what is taught and that positive student engagement in the classroom is a key factor in promoting student achievement. The participating pilot schools were selected based on the frequency and volume of theft, vandalism and violent incidents and requests for additional security guards to protect the people attending after-school events at these locations. Selections were determined by the Director of the Department of Safe Schools whose department records and processes these incidents.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

Project Funding Amount: $300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk State College (The legal name of Polk Community College changed to Polk State College following the approval of their Board of Trustees in March 2009, to reflect the addition of baccalaureate offerings at the college. The change took effect on July 1, 2009, the beginning of the new fiscal year).

Address of Requesting Entity: 999 Avenue H, N.E., Winter Haven, FL 33881

Description of Request: It is my understanding that funding would be used to address a skills gap currently hampering the ability of hospitals and clinics in Polk County, Florida to fill critical positions, expand, and adapt to meet the needs of an aging population. Polk State College (PSC) seeks funding to enhance its Nursing, Cardiovascular Technology (CVT), Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), Radiography, and Emergency Medical Technology programs in order to address the critical need for qualified Allied Health professionals in the region. Funding would be used to develop an Echocardiography track in addition to the Cardiovascular Technology Invasive track Associate of Science (AS) degree program, hire additional faculty and staff, and purchase updated training technology. Funding is also requested to equip two classrooms with computer technology necessary for PSC's Educator Preparation Institute's (EPI) teacher-training courses in Technology.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the DuBois Regional Medical Center, 100 Hospital Avenue, P.O. Box 447, DuBois, PA 15801, in the amount of $100,000. Funding will be used for the purchase of a Digital C–Arm.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of H.R. 3293—Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Rapids Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 1331 Franklin Ave. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Description of Request: The bill provides $500,000 for the Central Health Science Campus, a new education redevelopment model that is being advanced by the Grand Rapids Public Schools in partnership with several local colleges, universities, health institutions, and community stakeholders. The purpose is to create a mixed-use campus centered on the health science industry that connects K–12, higher education, and job providers all on one site. The education redevelopment of the Central campus is a valuable use of federal taxpayer dollars as those funds will foster new, innovative public-private partnerships and help to leverage additional private and state resources and support for the betterment of student achievement, workforce development, economic development, and the entire neighborhood. Most importantly, the federal funds will benefit a population of students and a surrounding neighborhood that includes a high percentage of disadvantaged children.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Spectrum Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Michigan Street NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: The bill provides $200,000 for Spectrum Health, a regional leader in orthopedic care. Spectrum Health is developing an Orthopedic Surgical Treatment Effectiveness Registry to track patient health outcomes; this will ultimately help improve the quality of care provided at Spectrum Health and elsewhere. The registry would contain long-term patient procedure and outcome data and use evidence-based clinical standards set by the orthopedics community to measure effectiveness of procedures. Ultimately, a registry like this will enable Spectrum Health to be at the forefront of research and help us ensure orthopedic patients—many of whom are elderly Medicare beneficiaries—receive the most clinically appropriate and cost-effective treatments possible, a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 68th Street SE., PO Box 165, Grand Rapids, MI 49501

Description of Request: The bill provides $200,000 to Pine Rest for an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds since Pine Rest is well-positioned to be a national model for other behavioral health care systems. Pine Rest will demonstrate improved quality of care at a lower cost through its continuum of care, including hospital-based services, a large outpatient clinic network, addictions recovery services and residential treatment settings. Pine Rest will have the ability to connect to the Health Information Exchange, improving communication between providers.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Labor

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Grand Rapids

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave. NW., Suite 480, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: The bill provides $350,000 for Our Community's Children, a public/private partnership between the City, the Grand Rapids Public Schools, and the community. Our Community's Children will work with the Grand Rapids Public Schools Youth Employment program to increase investment in early workforce development. Youth will be trained in 21st century work skills and be given literacy remediation to ensure they are ready for the workforce, a valuable use of taxpayer funds. Businesses in emerging fields will be sought to provide long-term job training and opportunities for youth. Outcomes include increased employment competency of youth, increased graduation rates, improved math/reading scores, and greater investment in the future of our children by the business community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. 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 the earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Richard Russell Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 304 Russell Field Road, Rome, GA 30165

Description of Request: This entire $250,000 will be used to make the Taxiway C configuration consistent with the approved Airport Layout Plan. The realigned Taxiway C will reduce the possibility of runway incursions and back taxiing on the primary runway. In addition, a portion of the closed Runway 14/32 will be converted to usable taxiway pavement, and grading work will also be performed in this midfield area to meet runway safety area standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: #2 Capitol Square, Atlanta, GA

Description of Request: The entire $750,000 will be used for the preliminary engineering of a fully directional interchange at Third Army Road and Interstate 75. This project is critical to Bartow, Cobb, and Paulding Counties as they work collaboratively to address the serious traffic problems in this part of the region. This project will allow residents of three counties access to the interstate without having to travel through Cobb County. At the present time, drivers in this area must travel through Cobb County, significantly increasing traffic congestion on both main thoroughfares and residential streets. This part of the region has accident and injury rates higher than the state average in Georgia. In addition, commute time is increased and air quality is negatively affected. The project falls within the boundaries of the air quality non-attainment area of metropolitan Atlanta.

This project will run through Paulding, Cobb and Bartow Counties reconstructing Third Army Road north of the existing roadway from the interchange to U.S. 41. The existing Third Army Road would remain to facilitate local access to the residential properties in the area. The interstate ramps would extend along I–75 for approximately 1,500 feet. Feasibility and justification reports conducted have indicated that there would be significant improvements in traffic safety, mobility, and congestion in the region if this interchange was constructed.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing & Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Paulding County Industrial Building Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 240 Constitution Boulevard, Dallas, GA

Description of Request: The entire $250,000 will be used to construct the Paulding County Technology Model Building which is a key piece to the development of the Airport Industry and Technology Park, a component of the Paulding Forest Initiative for which the County received the Economic Development Administration's Award for Excellence in Economic Development in 2007. The Airport Industry and Technology Park is in a key location for aerospace and technology development as it is surrounded by the major cities of Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chattanooga and located adjacent to the first new general aviation airport designed to accommodate the Very Light Jet industry. This project is the result of a joint venture between the County, the Cities of Dallas and Hiram, and the Industrial Building Authority.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3288, "Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Project Amount: $750,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount County Highway Department, 441 N. Hall Road, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701

Description of Request: The funding will be used to improve 2.23 miles of Morganton Road in Blount County, Tennessee.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Amount: $1,250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Knoxville Area Transit, 1135 Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917

Description of Request: The funding will be used to replace an aging bus fleet and bus facilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Amount: $500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, P.O. Box 51650, Knoxville, Tennessee 37950–1650

Description of Request: The funding will be used to purchase vehicles in order to provide reliable transportation to the residents of Knox County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R.3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology, 540 North Harrison Road, Pleasant Gap, PA 16823, in the amount of $250,000. Funding will be used for energy related workforce training.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trenton, NJ–

Address of Requesting Entity: Trenton City Hall, 319 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: The $200,000 in funding would be used for capitalizing on the economic potential generated by the new Trenton Train Station. It would help with the City of Trenton's plans to enhance the area around the station to promote private development.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OFFICER W. THOMAS LEE

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true hometown hero. On Tuesday, July 14, 2009, while on patrol, Officer W. Thomas Lee of the Smithfield Police Department in Smithfield, North Carolina, saved a couple and their three children from an early morning house fire.

Officer Lee was on patrol just after 2:00 a.m. when he saw a car burning at 1411 W. Market Street in Smithfield, where Javier Ramirez, Maria Mejia and their children, ages 12 to 18, were sleeping. Lee banged loudly on the front door and on several windows before managing to wake the family. The family was able to exit the structure through a bedroom window to avoid moving about the burning home. Fortunately, no one was injured. The fire had spread to the attic and roof of the house by the time firefighters arrived just before 2:20 a.m., Smithfield Fire Marshal Paul Whitehurst said. The blaze began when the engine of the family's 2003 Ford Mustang caught fire. In a statement the family said, "if it hadn't been for the police officer that saw [the fire], it would have been a very different situation." Madame Speaker, this is an understatement.

It is first-class citizens like Officer Lee who highlight the sense of community and duty shared by all our first responders. These emergency personnel work tirelessly on behalf of our communities and I would like to take this time to recognize their achievements. Officer Lee is truly a hometown hero and I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating his bravery and integrity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Wednesday, July 22, 2009, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 605 (on motion to table the Flake of Arizona Resolution). As a member of the House Committee on Standards on Official Conduct, I must remain consistent with the many other PMA-related resolutions offered by Rep. FLAKE in the past. I intended to vote "present" and would request that the record reflect my vote on rollcall vote No. 605 as such.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH–

OF NEW JERSEY–

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 180 Turning Lives Around Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 Turning Lives Around Inc., 1 Bethany Road Building 3, Suite 45, Hazlet, NJ 07730

Description of Request: The $200,000 in funding would be used to initiate construction of the 180 Safe House domestic violence shelter.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Labor-Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Act.

I have received $700,000 in the in the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-Health Facilities and Services Account for the Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation, Inc. Daytona Beach, FL located at 214 Loomis Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Federal funding will allow the construction of the Vince Carter Sanctuary, a 100-bed substance abuse treatment, education, and research center to be located in Bunnell, Florida (Flagler County) on land donated for this purpose by the Flagler County Commission. This request seeks to assist in the total financing of this $8 million project as 80% of the total funds have been generated from local philanthropic contributions. The Vince Carter Sanctuary will impact the economy of the region and create 75 new jobs to operate the facility. These new positions will have an average salary of $32,500, thus reflecting over $2.5 million in direct salary expenditures. The Sanctuary will have a $56 million impact from the construction funds and an annual $17 million from operations, for a total of $73 million for the first year. These funds will have a significant impact upon the local Northeast Florida economy.

Madam Speaker, I also received $100,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for the Florida Hospital Altamonte, Altamonte Springs, FL located at 601 East Altamonte Drive Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

With infant abductions a growing concern in hospitals (256 infant abductions in the US since 1983), federal funding for the HUGS Infant Security Initiative would provide a defense against this matter. Funding will be used to purchase and implement the HUGS Infant Security Electronic System for Florida Hospital Altamonte OB and MIU departments in order to prevent unauthorized transportation of infants and abduction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $750,000 for the Santa Clarita-Los Angeles Gateway Improvement Project. This funding would provide a portion of the $7.5 million needed for construction level design drawings needed to extend the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Interstate 5 (I–5) from the State Route 14 (SR14) Interchange to Parker Road and to incorporate truck climbing lanes from the SR–14 Interchange to Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue. The project would provide improved goods movement along this nationally strategic artery to Mexico and Canada from some of our nation's largest ports. Additionally, this project would improve air quality, reduce congestion, and improve safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Clarita, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $300,000 for the McBean Regional Transit Center's (MRTC) park-and-ride facility project. This effort is a vital expansion of an intermodal, transportation hub that serves hundreds of local bus riders, commuters, carpools, and vanpools every day. This funding would be used to help construct a permanent park-and-ride lot (300 parking spaces), provide passenger loading areas, bus bays, and the infrastructure to service passengers using multimodal travel. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the additional demand for transit service into the City of Los Angeles (a ridership that has increased 31% over the last six years), increase safety and efficiency, cut emissions, and provide economic development opportunities within the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling $200,000 to assist the City of Palmdale's efforts to expand the Transportation Center's train platform to accommodate the additional Metrolink train cars. The project provides this extension to conform to current Metrolink standards, which were adopted after construction of the center. This project is vital to ensuring continued public transit access into Los Angeles from the Antelope Valley.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH–

OF NEW JERSEY–

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence–

Address of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence, 812 E. County Line Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: The $250,000 in funding would be used to help in the construction of a new 52,000 square foot facility to accommodate the increased need for special educational services. The facility, located on a 13-acre wooded campus, will provide services for New Jersey's severely disabled and underprivileged children.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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 the 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill: 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Lincoln Land CC

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Land Community College at 5250 Shepherd Rd. Springfield, IL 62794.

The funding will be for the LLCC HIRE Education Program to allow for pre apprenticeship training in energy production fields and construction trades to meet regional demand.

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is located in Edwardsville, IL 62026.

The funding will be for a high tech simulation laboratory for advance practice nursing students to help address a nationwide nursing shortage.

The Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—The Hope Institute for Children and Families

Requesting Entity: The Hope Institute 15 E. Hazel Dell Lane Springfield, IL 62712

The funding will be for equipment, for training and a conference center, and dental clinic at the Children's Healthcare Partnership, Noll Medical Pavilion.

The Account: Innovation and Improvement—Reading is Fundamental

Requesting Entity: The point of contact for Reading Is Fundamental is Stephen Leach and the address is 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009.

The funding would be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Hamilton Memorial Hospital

Requesting Entity: Hamilton Memorial Hospital is located at 611 S. Marshall McLeansboro, IL 62859.

Hamilton Memorial serves a very poor, rural area of Illinois and is in need of capital to convert this EMR project to better serve their patients. The funding will be to assist electronic file management and forms, computerized physician order entry, and a new HIS server to support electronic file conversions.

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1018. Current practices by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to maintain the population of our nation's wild horses and burros have been ineffective, inhumane and expensive.

This bill will significantly curb the costly and inhumane practice of rounding up our nation's wild horses and burros into crowded short- and long-term holding pens. In their report, "Effective Long-Term Options Needed to Manage Unadoptable Wild Horses," the Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed that the bulk of budget shortfalls faced by the Bureau of Land Management have resulted from current management methods that move wild horses and burros from Herd Management Areas (HMA) to long- and short-term holding areas. The report affirms that BLM will face budget shortfalls if long-term corrections to current management practices are not put in place.

In the past, I have advocated for significant changes to current herd management practices to ensure that long-term reduction of wild horse and burro populations on public lands is not achieved by slaughter. Such concerns were expressed by the public and Members of Congress alike as recently as last summer.

The slaughter of these animals is an unacceptable solution that jeopardizes public trust and undermines congressional intent. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has never exercised its authority to slaughter wild horses and burros. Financial shortfalls are not sufficient reason to end the BLM's good record. As such, I strongly support the effective and humane actions this bill has taken to replace current practices.

Under this bill the Bureau of Land Management will identify appropriate public lands and sanctuaries for our nation's wild horses and burros. With passage of this bill, most of the beautiful and treasured wild horses and burros currently in holding pens will be released to roam on public lands. Additionally, the BLM's adoption program for wild horses and burros will be strengthened to improve efforts to increase adoption by qualified individuals. Furthermore, the bill wisely includes a provision that will help protect threatened and endangered species by requiring BLM to ensure a "thriving natural ecological balance" on public lands designated for wild horses and burros.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities & Equipment

Legal Name of Recipient: Hazard-Perry County Airport Board—Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 420, Hazard, KY 41701

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of $500,000 for an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport in Hazard, KY. for precision azimuth and elevation guidance signals to aircraft. For the 12-month period ending September 21, 2006, the airport had 10,200 aircraft operations, an average of 27 per day: 85% general aviation, 14% air taxi and 2% military. This project will make a more secure environment for military and civilian operations and provide safer landings at this regional airport.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunity Council (Gray, KY.)

Address of Recipient: 5448 US 25 East, Gray, KY 40734

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of $250,000 for the construction of a health and wellness facility in Barbourville, KY., an area with a long history of high unemployment and high poverty. No such facility currently exists in the region, and this project would help combat serious health issues faced by residents as a result of the pervasive problems of obesity and diabetes—thereby greatly increasing the quality of life for local residents. This facility is being constructed through a partnership between the City of Barboursville, KY., Union College and KCEOC Community Action Agency.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Blood Center

Address of Recipient: 3121 Beaumont Centre Circle, Lexington, KY 40513

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of $500,000 for the construction of new donor center along US–27 in Somerset, Ky., which would allow for storage of a large volume of blood components. The Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) currently leases a smaller space, which has proved insufficient to accommodate the growth in blood donation and staffing in the area. According to the American Association of Blood Banks International Task Force on Domestic Disasters, the single greatest risk from a disaster is not a lack of blood—but a disruption of the blood delivery system. The new Somerset Center will allow KBC to develop a regional approach in meeting blood donation needs, increasing preparedness for a disaster or blood emergency. The project has already undergone development and design, and can be under construction within 90 days.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Recipient: LKLP Community Action Council—Hazard, Ky.

Address of Recipient: 398 Roy Campbell Drive, Hazard, KY 41701

Description of Request: Through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery, provide funding of $1,000,000 for Hazard-based LKLP Community Action Council to construct a transit facility in West Liberty, Ky. A parking and transit structure would enhance the basic downtown infrastructure to support commuters and businesses, and this new transit facility will serve as an economic catalyst and hub for downtown revitalization in Morgan County, Ky. LKLP operates a number of federal Public Transportation programs including Section 5311, Section 5310, Section 5316 and Section 5317.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Address of Recipient: 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $750,000 to expand US–25 to 4 lanes near Corbin in Laurel County, Kentucky, which will greatly decrease congestion and increase safety in the area. Highway spending yields a 32% annual return on investments measured over decades, which far exceeds most other public or private investments. This important project is included in Kentucky's 2008 Highway Plan, as approved by the 2009 Kentucky General Assembly.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Address of Recipient: 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $750,000 to for continued construction of the Somerset Northern Bypass (I–66). Upon its completion, I–66 will provide a vital connection between Southern and Eastern Kentucky and the nationwide road system. This is crucial to providing Appalachian Kentucky residents with better access to health care, opening up communities to tourism, and supporting additional supply lines for new businesses. The highway will also improve safety for people traveling in and around the area. Highway spending yields a 32% annual return on investments measured over decades, which far exceeds most other public or private investments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH–

OF NEW JERSEY–

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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: Making Appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and other Agencies for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hamilton Township

Address of Requesting Entity: Hamilton Township, 2090 Greenwood Ave., PO Box 0150, Hamilton, NJ 08650

Description of Request: The $350,000 in funding would be used to provide sidewalks and bike paths to Hamilton Township schools, allowing over 800 school age children with safe walking and biking paths to get to and from their schools.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Atlantic Health System located at 475 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $750,000 in funding which will be used to expand and upgrade Atlantic Health System's Emergency Department (ED) to ensure that the ED continues to provide the very best possible emergency and trauma care while meeting an ever increasing influx of patients.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Somerset Medical Center located at 110 Rehill Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $600,000 in funding which will be used to help improve patient safety through its information technology initiatives. Somerset Medical Center is a pioneer among hospitals nationwide in the implementation of electronic medical records. Over the past seven years, the medical center has spent more than $36 million to implement an electronic health record system in order to become more efficient, reduce the cost of patient care, enhance patient safety and improve the overall health of the community it serves.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity:—The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Clare's Health System located at 140 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $600,000 in funding which will be used for facility renovations and upgrades to the Emergency Department (ED) at the hospital. The renovations and upgrades will address patient access, way-finding, triage and processing, bereavement accommodations, as well as modifications to public areas to support the '30 Minutes Door to Doc' commitment. The end result will enable emergency physicians and staff to better respond to the demands of the ED for their patient community by reducing waiting times, improving overall efficiency, ensuring privacy and public safety, and helping to reduce anxiety and stress for all patients and families who seek their care.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Caldwell College located at 120 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $550,000 in funding which will be used to develop a curriculum and training programs for an on-campus Autism Clinic that will house a model demonstration classroom for teachers of children with autism, in accordance with Caldwell College's Ph.D. program in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Caldwell College is in the final stages of planning and implementing their Ph.D. program in ABA to train professionals to work with children with autism. In addition to providing training for Ph.D. students, the clinic will operate a range of education and outreach programs for parents and other caregivers of children with autism.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Farleigh Dickenson University located at 285 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $500,000 in funding which will be used to expand access to the Latino Education Pipeline. Federal funding would be used to further build the curricula for Puerta al Futuro and the Latino Promise Program, train additional educators in order to offer the program to students at more locations in New Jersey, and facilitate the conversion of the curriculum to online and distance education delivery.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Morris Museum located at 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes $300,000 in funding which will be used to upgrade its science education program to increase science learning access for persons with disabilities. The educational resources that are created will eliminate barriers to learning, enabling thousands of students from northern and central New Jersey, including those in underserved communities, to become more engaged in science learning and more productive. This funding will establish a national model, demonstrating that science learning for school-aged children who have disabilities, be they mental or physical, can be improved in an informal learning center through enhancements such as adaptive technology, hands-on inter-actives and universal design components.

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009, which recommits the Congress to the fiscal restraint and deficit reduction that produced budget surpluses and shared prosperity during the 1990s.

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act, or ''PAYGO,'' requires Congress to offset the costs of tax cuts or increases in entitlement spending with savings elsewhere in the budget. This proposal is enforceable and it is realistic because it allows Congress to maintain a select number of policies without offsets such as Medicare physician payments and the Alternative Minimum Tax that Congress votes overwhelmingly to extend every year.

H.R. 2920 is similar to the PAYGO law Democrats enacted under President Clinton to reverse the huge deficits created by the Reagan and George H.W. Bush Administrations. Unfortunately, another President Bush and a Republican-controlled Congress allowed these rules to expire in 2002 with devastating results. Reckless tax cuts for the wealthy and an Iraq war financed with deficit spending transformed a projected budget surplus of $5.6 trillion into a projected deficit of $4.5 trillion in only a few short years. The Bush Administration's uncontrolled deficit spending and total failure to regulate the financial sector produced an economic meltdown that pushed the U.S. economy to the brink of collapse by early 2009.

Thankfully, responsibility is again in fashion in Washington. President Obama and the Democratic Congress are focused on economic recovery and modernization. Statutory PAYGO is a crucial step to restore fiscal discipline, force difficult choices on taxes and spending, and begin reducing the deep deficits left by the previous Administration. As a member of the House Budget and Appropriations Committees, I know that deficit reduction will enable the Congress to make needed investments in priorities such as health care, education, and clean energy in the coming years.

I urge my colleagues to vote with me to pass the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act and make the Congress live with the same reality every Minnesota family faces: you cannot spend money you do not have.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bordentown Township–

Address of Requesting Entity: Bordentown Township, One Municipal Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Description of Request: The $250,071 in funding would be used to help develop the area around a proposed New Jersey Transit Light Rail Line stop, opening up an area that would provide access to the Delaware River front in Bordentown Township and serve as a gateway to the community off Route 130.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Peter Prince Airport Runway Hold Bays Construction

Agency/Account: FAA—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Rosa County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, FL 32570

Description of Request: $500,000—Peter Prince Airport Runway Hold Bays Construction. This project will provide construction of aircraft hold bays on runways 18 and 36 of the Peter Prince Airport to allow incoming aircraft to safely pass outbound aircraft as they are performing run-ups. Funding for this project would provide a critical safety measure at the airport. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: U.S. Highway 90 Capacity Improvement

Agency/Account: FHA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Escambia County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 Palafox Place, Suite 420, Pensacola, FL 32502

Description of Request: $500,000—U.S. Highway 90 Capacity Improvement. This project will support improvement of capacity on Nine Mile Road (U.S. Highway 90) from Pine Forest Road to Highway 29 by construction of a four lane highway from a two lane highway. This project is a continuation of an existing four lane U.S. highway system. This project will improve not only capacity and level of service, but provide an alternative freight corridor to the existing interstate system. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: PJ Adams Road Improvement, FL

Agency/Account: FHA—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Okaloosa County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Description of Request: $250,000—PJ Adams Road Improvement, FL. This project will provide for the permitting, design, engineering and construction of Phase I of PJ Adams Road in Crestview, Florida. PJ Adams Road serves as a bypass around the heavily congested downtown area. Funding will provide for drastically needed widening, resurfacing and storm water improvements. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. 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.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Amount: $500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010

Description of Request: The requested funds will be used to provide to the City of Sioux City to help it meet required funding obligations to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the relocation of utilities that will be required for IDOT to complete the reconstruction of Interstate 29 through Sioux City.

The Iowa DOT has included the much needed reconstruction of Interstate 29 through Sioux City in the 2009–2012 State Transportation Improvement Plan. The goal of the I-29 improvement project is to enhance the safety and operation of Interstate 29 through Sioux City. A project of this magnitude has many challenges, including the need to relocate utilities existing within the Interstate 29 right-of-way, a very confined area in which to work, as the bluffs border the east side and the river borders the west side, as well as the challenge of staging a interstate project of this size. This project has been a priority for the region for many years. A needs study was jointly completed by the Iowa DOT, SIMPCO, and the City of Sioux City in 1997. The same three entities as well as the City of South Sioux City, NDOR, Dakota Dunes, and the SD DOT have participated in the current planning study started in September of 2004. The project has been identified in Iowa in Motion, Iowa's 5-year program, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) MPO TIP, Iowa STIP, SIMPCO ITS Architecture, and the past/present SIMPCO LRTPs.

The City of Sioux City will incur costs in relation to the much needed reconstruction of Interstate 29. These costs include utility relocation, relocation, connections to the local street system, and aesthetic improvements. The total estimated cost for the project is approximately $250 million. Of this total amount, the City will likely be responsible for approximately $30 million.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Amount: $750,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010–

Description of Request: The requested funding will be used to continue construction of four-lane US 20 in northwest Iowa. The Iowa Department of Transportation continues to devote significant funding toward completion of the final 90 miles of this expansion project. Activity ranging from grading to environmental study and design is taking place on each of the 90 miles, with nearly half of those miles in the IDOT's Five Year (Construction) Plan. The requested funds will assist in this critical project to increase traveler safety, economic development and stem population loss in one of the state's most productive regions by providing funding for the continued construction of four-lane highway 20 west of highway 71 in western Iowa.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 3288.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Bus and Bus Facility Program (Section 5309)

Requesting Entities and Addresses: Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority, 1202 N. Mitchell St., Cadillac, Michigan 49601; Benzie Transportation Authority, 12762 Honor Highway, Honor, Michigan 49640

Description of Request: Provide $300,000 for Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority for the purchase of replacement transit buses and improved transit facility and provide $200,000 for Benzie Transportation Authority for the purchase of replacement transit buses. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Bus and Bus Facility Program in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Community Development Fund/Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Valley State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 740 West Shoreline Drive, Muskegon, Michigan 49441

Description of Request: Provide $500,000 in funding for the renovation of the field station to incorporate new lab and office space that will position Annis Water Resource Institute to train future water resource scientists and identify new solutions to critical problems facing the Great Lakes.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration/Surface Transportation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 425 West Ottawa St., Lansing, Michigan 48909

Description of Request: Provide $500,000 in funding as requested by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the design, right of way and construction for M–231. This is included on Michigan Department of Transportation's highway plan and is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Surface Transportation Program in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, EERE—B&B

Recipient: University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research, 2450 Research Park Drive, Lexington, KY 40511

Description of Request: Provide $1,000,000 to the University of Kentucky to work directly with agricultural and energy producers across the commonwealth to improve the research and development of biofuels production.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. 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, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency/Account: Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, Transportation Planning, Research, and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 2385 Irving Hill Rd., Lawrence, KS 66403

Description of Project: I have secured $350,000 for the University of Kansas Engine Test Cell Upgrade project. One of the education components of the University is the School of Engineering. The School of Engineering promotes and teaches interdisciplinary research learning. Engineers and computer scientists from different disciplines work together to provide innovative solutions to challenges around the world. Funding will be used to purchase equipment including an AC dynamometer. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency/Account: Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oberlin Municipal Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 1832 Highway 83, Oberlin, KS 66749

Description of Project: I have secured $500,000 for the Oberlin Municipal Airport Runway

Realignment and Lengthening Project. Recently the FAA has required a 500 foot displacement on the south end of north/south runway 17–35 at the Oberlin Municipal Airport. Shortening of the runway and lack of expansion to the north further hinders usage of the current alignment. Decatur County is currently not being served by air ambulance. Eagle Med sets runway requirements the pressure altitude of 2705, Oberlin, Kansas on an 85 degree day with a 10 knot head wind of approximately 4,200; this requirement increases about 100 feet for every one degree of temperature. The current north/south runway is less than 3,900 feet.

Funding will be used for construction of this proposed new runway which will solve the aforementioned issues. The new runway, while providing utility for the existing users, will offer growth and expansion for several companies that use aviation, all of which are hindered by the poor runway conditions. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency/Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Great Bend

Address of Requesting Entity: 1209 Williams, Great Bend, KS 67530

Description of Project: I have secured $400,000 for the Broadway and Kansas Avenue Repair Project in Great Bend, KS. The Broadway/Kansas Avenue Repair and Rehabilitation Project is designed to repair two roadways of economic importance to the Great Bend Community. Both roadways serve as major traffic arterials for commercial and residential traffic alike. Because of the sheer amount and the kind of traffic both these routes receive, the condition of both roadways is in rapidly increasing disrepair. The high traffic levels along with age of concrete sections on both routes have caused these sections of roadway to deteriorate faster than the typical roadway. The nature of businesses located on both of these routes makes repair action increasingly important. Funding will be used to help repair these roads. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency/Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Junction City

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 North Jefferson, P.O. Box 287, Junction City, KS 66441

Description of Project: I have secured $500,000 for the Rucker Road at US–77 Project in Junction City, Kansas. The development of housing and business operations on the west side of Junction City has created a need for additional traffic signals at Rucker Road and US–77. Funding will be used for the addition of traffic signals and turn lanes on US–77 and Rucker Road, which will ease the congestion and reduce the potential for accidents at this busy intersection. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Transportation/HUD, H.R. 3288:

Earmark: Interstate 70 Viaduct Realignment, Topeka, KS

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration/Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,000,000 to assist with the completion of a planning report to address deficiencies, increase safety standards along this stretch of I–70 Highway and determine the best and safest route through the heart of the City of Topeka. To make this stretch of I–70 safer, the road needs to be widened and straightened out—without the sharp curve.

Earmark: U.S. Highway 69 Corridor Study, Bourbon and Crawford Counties, KS

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration/Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 to continue the work of planning, engineering, design and environmental studies to widen U.S. Highway 69 to a 4–lane divided highway linking the Kansas City area (Johnson County) to Interstate 44 in Oklahoma. Highway 69 is a critical connecting link between Kansas City and I–44. The Crawford County and Bourbon County section is one of the busiest two-lane highways in the State of Kansas and has a very high rate of accidents and fatalities. Widening of this highway is also essential to the continued economic vitality of Southeast Kansas. Funding is needed for completion of environmental assessments and other preliminary engineering work that must be completed prior to actual construction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, EERE—B&B

Recipient: Western Kentucky University Research Foundation, 1906 College Heights Blvd., #11016, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide $500,000 to the WKU Research Foundation to continue research on a one-step biodiesel production technology that produces flexible, renewable,

and alternative transportation fuels using 100% green feedstock.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 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. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: $600,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Melbourne, Florida.

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Melbourne, Florida, 900 E. Strawbridge Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the City of Melbourne, FL for construction associated with the northern 1–95 interchange at the Palm Bay Parkway in Melbourne, FL. The parkway is a major new arterial roadway that will provide congestion relief to other crowded federal, state, and local roads, including 1–95. The northern section of the Parkway will allow Melbourne International Airport (MIA) to connect directly with 1–95. Lack of direct access to 1–95 limits the use of MIA, a facility in which millions of federal dollars have been invested. The road will provide interregional connectivity to the rapidly growing Brevard, Indian River, and Osceola County areas. This project is the top priority for the Brevard Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Melbourne.

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.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: $600,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palm Bay, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Palm Bay, Florida, 120 Malabar Rd., Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the City of Palm Bay for construction associated with the Southern 1–95 interchange at the Palm Bay Parkway in Palm Bay, FL. The Parkway is a major new arterial roadway that will provide congestion relief to other crowded federal, state, and local roads, including 1–95. The road will provide additional hurricane evacuation capacity for more than 100,000 residents of Palm Bay. The road will provide inter-regional connectivity to the rapidly growing Brevard, Indian River, and Osceola County area. This project is the top priority for the Brevard Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Palm Bay.

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.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the follow:

Project Name: Downtown Development Authority Streetscape—Dahlonega, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Dahlonega, Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Dahlonega, 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Description of Request: Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks one of my municipalities received as part of Bill 3288, the "Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010." Any federal funding received would be used to design and implement a master plan that will increase pedestrian safety and improve access while preserving the historic nature of the Downtown Development Authority District. Funding would appropriate sidewalks, greenery, period lighting, and signage will be utilized to enhance tourism and economic development.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHERYL YVONNE WALLACE BOYD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Cheryl Yvonne Wallace Boyd whose passing on Monday, July 13, 2009 at the age of 53 is a loss for the community of Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Boyd began her career in public service as counsel on the Senate Commerce Committee, and worked over fifteen years with the Environmental Protection Agency where she served in various positions with the utmost distinction. Ms. Boyd was a public servant in the truest sense, and for those who knew and worked beside her, she was described as nothing short of an extraordinary woman who was devoted, charitable, kind and a tireless advocate.

Beyond her talents in government, Ms. Boyd was a fixture in the Dallas community. She was an active member in the Junior League of Dallas, an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Ms. Boyd was also very involved in one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations, The Links, Incorporated. As a member of the Dallas chapter she was part of an extraordinary group of women committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Ms. Boyd's legacy of service and giving is an example for all those who wish to serve their communities. Although she has passed, her legacy of service and devotion to community will continue to benefit the City of Dallas for years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009–

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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 and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration

Recipient: City of Bardstown, 220 N. 5th Street, Bardstown, KY 40004

Description of Request: Provide $100,000 to replace a water line to further economic development.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

My first request, totaling $750,000, will come from the Transportation & Community & System Preservation account of the Federal

Highway Administration to widen Rakow Road in McHenry County, Illinois. This road project will help relieve traffic congestion by adding capacity to Rakow Road between Ackman Road to Illinois Route 31 within the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Lake-in-the-Hills by adding two or three through lanes in each direction and adequate turn lanes at the intersections. Rakow Road is designated by the Illinois Department of Transportation as a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) and is also part of the National Highway System. McHenry County is still one of the fastest growing counties in Illinois and continues to experience severe traffic congestion. Federal funding is continued to be needed in order to help address the regional transportation congestion in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The McHenry County government has also passed a bond program that raises $50 million to be dedicated to local road improvements such as the Rakow Road widening project to match state and federal investments. Previously, this project received $570,000 in Fiscal Year 2009. The entity to receive funding for the Rakow Road widening project is the County of McHenry, Illinois located at 2200 Seminary Avenue in Woodstock, Illinois 60098.

My second request, totaling $500,000, will come from the Economic Development Initiative account at the Department of Housing and Urban Development Date (HUD) for the City of Rockford, Illinois, for various public infrastructure improvements in the West Side neighborhood. Rockford, Illinois is experiencing one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, which reached 14.5 percent in May. To address this problem, the local government of the City of Rockford plans to make improvements to public infrastructure (roads, sewer, storm-water, and water) to the west side of the city to support improvements to an area designated for commercial development. There is a great need for federal funding assistance to help develop the infrastructure in this area of the city of Rockford in order to attract and support new commercial and industrial employers. The City is also committing funding to this project as well as attracting significant private investment. This project will not only benefit the west side of the City of Rockford but the entire northern Illinois area by attracting more employers to Rockford. The entity to receive funding for the Rockford West Side Economic Development Initiative is the City of Rockford, Illinois, located at 425 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois 61104.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the Chairman of the Transportation & Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative JOHN OLVER, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative TOM LATHAM, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include these two critical requests in this spending bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. UPTON. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON

1. Allegan County Facility Improvement and Bus Replacement, MI

Department: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Allegan County Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3255 122nd Avenue, Suite 200, Allegan, Michigan 49010

Description of Request: This request is for the replacement of eight eligible transit vehicles. The requesting entity, Allegan County Transportation, will be meeting the required level of matching funding.

Amount: $383,000

Financial Breakdown: Funding will be used to purchase eight public transit vehicles—six buses and two ADA vans. Allegan County will provide their required 20% match.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This funding is consistent with the mission of the Federal Transit Administration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

Recipient: Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 for the purchase of a new fuel-efficient, hybrid bus to meet the campus' transportation needs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION FOR ROLLCALL VOTE 621

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 621, I was present on the House floor and voted immediately before and immediately after this vote. I was in the chamber in front of the wall, sought recognition by the Acting Speaker to vote. Despite my presence and my request, in the clear view of the Acting Speaker, my request was not recognized. While the High Speed Rail project addressed by the Amendment could potentially affect the 15th District of Illinois, the $3 billion cost is also a significant factor in consideration thereof.

Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee County and Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1112 Avenue West, Bradenton (FL) 34205, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota (FL) 34236.

Description of Request: I secured $500,000 for the Intelligent Transportation (ITS), also known as Advanced Traffic Management System, project in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

The counties are upgrading their signal system in order to deploy a more advanced traffic management system. This project also complements a programmed State of Florida project to deploy ITS for the purpose of incident management on 1–75. It is expected to reduce vehicular delay by 9.5 million hours per year and reduce fuel consumption by 3.8 million gallons per year.

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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sarasota

Address of Requesting Entity: 1565 First Street, Sarasota (FL) 34236.

Description of Request: I secured $150,000 for the revitalization of the Robert L. Taylor Community Center as part of the Newtown Redevelopment Comprehensive Plan. The Robert L. Taylor Community Center is the only government sponsored/owned recreation center in Newtown and is the most heavily used recreation center in the City. Its renovation will provide modern recreation facilities for the youth of Newtown.

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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of North Port

Address of Requesting Entity: 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port (FL) 34286.

Description of Request: I secured $100,000 for a new Family Services Center in the City of North Port.

This facility will house the city's Social Services Division as well as 12 other community agencies. This Center will bring a variety of health and human services to the citizens of North Port.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 3288, FY 2010 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: Federal Transit Administration/Buses and Bus Facilities

Amount: $200,000

Requesting Entity: City of Abilene, P.O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79601

The City of Abilene operates a bus system that provides the community with 12 fixed bus routes, ADA paratransit service, and demand-response evening service. The overall system had 583,000 passengers in FY 2008. Given the importance of the bus system to the community, Abilene has developed a comprehensive plan to improve the facilities, including Transfer Facility Rehabilitation, Bus Stop Improvements, Maintenance Facility Improvements, Bus Facility Security, and Bus Stop Signage.

Agency/Account: Federal Transit Administration/Buses and Bus Facilities

Amount: $750,000

Requesting Entity: City of Lubbock/Citibus, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457

Citibus currently has six low floor hybrid electric buses on order and expects delivery of the buses in November 2009. Citibus still has a need to replace thirty buses that are twelve years old and in need of replacement to better serve the Lubbock community. Citibus would like to purchase eight buses per year until all of the buses that have exceeded their useful life have been replaced. By purchasing hybrid electric buses, Citibus will be more environmentally friendly, and be less dependent on oil products. The funding will be used for a Section 5309 request to cover bus purchases that would replace the existing bus fleet with hybrid busses.

Agency/Account: Housing and Urban Development/Economic Development Initiatives

Amount: $300,000

Requesting Entity: City of Abilene, P.O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79601

This funding will assist the Development Corporation of Abilene, the economic development arm of the City of Abilene, which is building a Life Sciences Accelerator, a biotech facility that will contain laboratories, research equipment, and office space to be "time shared" by biotech company tenants. This Accelerator is part of a much larger biotech initiative designed to diversify the regional economy by attracting high-paying jobs. The building is under construction with completion targeted by December 2009. The Accelerator needs the specialized equipment to make it a world class facility and to bring additional jobs to the region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD/EDI

Recipient: Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to assist the business accelerator in their mission to help students, local entrepreneurs, and emerging small businesses access technology to begin their businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, AK for educational programming and outreach

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Alaska Native Heritage Center, 8800 Heritage Center Drive, Anchorage, AK 99504

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Educational programs to increase understanding of cultural diversity and multicultural communication. Their programs and message affect individuals nationally and internationally, reaching hundreds of thousands of students and visitors each year.

Appropriated Amount: $150,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel $150,000

Project Name: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Anchorage, AK for facilities and equipment

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, P.O. Box 201849, Anchorage, AK 99520

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Implementing digital radiography to better serve underserved patients. This is a federally qualified health center under section 330 of the Public Health Act.

Appropriated Amount: $100,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Equipment $100,000

Project Name: Chickaloon Native Village, Chickaloon, AK for facilities and equipment

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Chickaloon Health Center, P.O. Box 1105, Chickaloon, AK 99674

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Improve the health status of medically underserved residents by establishing a community health center. This area has been declared underserved by HHS and there is a demonstrated need for a community health center in this region.

Appropriated Amount: $250,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel and equipment $250,000

Project Name: Providence Health and Services, Anchorage, AK for a physician recruitment and retention initiative

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Providence Hospital Residency Program, 3200 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to address the critical physician recruitment and retention problem in Alaska. The state is facing a shortage of physicians who will accept Medicare patients and this program is one of only a handful in the state that will see new Medicare eligible patients.

Appropriated Amount: $350,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Personnel and training $350,000

Project Name: Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Programs for activities authorized under the Higher Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: U.S. Department of Education, AK Native and Native Hawaiian Institutions, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor Washington, DC 20806

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to strengthen Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Programs for activities authorized under the Higher Education Act.

Appropriated Amount: $12,158,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $12,158,000

Project Name: Reading is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Reading Is Fundamental, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is

justified: Funding will be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Appropriated Amount: $24,803,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $24,803,000

Project Name: Alaska Native Educational Equity for activities authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: U.S. Department of Education, AK Native Education Equity Act, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to meet the unique education needs of AK Natives and to support supplemental education programs to benefit AK Natives.

Appropriated Amount: $33,315,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $33,315,000

Project Name: Close Up Fellowships Program for activities authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Close Up Foundation, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Fellowships to economically disadvantaged students and their teachers to participate in Close Up Washington civic education programs as authorized under No Child Left Behind Act. Program in Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement account 36460. All grant dollars pay for tuition for economically disadvantaged students and their teachers to participate in Close Up Washington civic education programs. Tuition is all inclusive including transportation, accommodations, food, instruction, administrative, etc.

Appropriated Amount: $1,942,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $1,942,000

Project Name: Reach Out and Read authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Reach Out and Read National Center, 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantaged and poor children and families. ROR has proven to among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's proven strategies, and more than 3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Appropriated Amount: $4,965,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $4,965,000

Project Name: Center for Civic Education for two programs—We the People and Cooperative Education Exchange—that are authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education program

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: The Center for Civic Education, 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The Education for Democracy Act programs are among the most cost effective programs supported by the federal government. They effectively promote among students a profound understanding of and commitment to the fundamental values and principles of American constitutional democracy as expressed in such seminal documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the Gettysburg Address. They also promote students' capacities to participate competently and responsibility in the political life of their communities and the nation.

Appropriated Amount: $35,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming $35,000,000

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3288, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative account for the Revitalization of the South Villa Corridor in Villa Park, Illinois. The entity to receive the $250,000 in funding for this project is the Village of Villa Park, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to provide aesthetic enhancements and redevelopment opportunities to promote and attract increased economic development activity. This funding will help the village move toward economic growth and recovery even in this climate, fulfilling a great need for the village and the region.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3288, Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Alternatives Analysis Program account for the Pace J-Route Bus Rapid Transit Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Suburban Bus, 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to complete the federally-required alternatives analysis for the Bus Rapid Transit project. The alternatives analysis study will determine the preferred mode (bus/rail), specific alignment, design and capital and operating costs. Once constructed, this project will create a high-speed transit option for commuters between Schaumburg, O'Hare Airport, Oakbrook and Naperville. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), if selected as the preferred mode, is based on signal priority for buses at traffic signals along arterial routes, roadway improvements like exclusive bus lanes and "queue jump" lanes, real-time travel information signs at significant stops along the route using the Intelligent Bus System already installed on all Pace buses, and dissemination of real-time travel information to passengers, dispatchers, planners, and customer relations staff using a variety of electronic media. The project will provide a much-needed new transit option for residents, commuters and workers in DuPage and northern Cook Counties. The service would allow faster, more reliable service on congested suburban streets.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Project Name/Amount: Hampton Roads Transit Bus Acquisition, $1,450,000

Intended Recipient of Funds: Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, 3400 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23661

Project description and explanation of the request: This funding would be used for the purchase of four hybrid electric buses which will reduce harmful emissions and increase energy savings, while providing vital public transportation for the Hampton Roads area. These buses are needed to replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful lifespan as defined by the FTA.

Project Name/Amount: Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission Western Maintenance Facility, $1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds: Prince William County, 1 County Complex, Prince William, VA 22192

Project description and explanation of the request: This funding would be used for a PRTC Western Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility on the western side of Prince William County. Buses maintained and stored in this facility will provide commuter bus service in the I-66 corridor to the West Falls Church Metro Station or Downtown DC and local neighborhood service in Western Prince William County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

REQUEST NUMBER 1

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Vincent College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Amount: $150,000

Description of Request: Saint Vincent College is currently engaged in a capital project to expand and renovate facilities for mathematics and science education as part of a $42.5 million campaign to strengthen the Boyer School. The expansion of academic programs, combined with an increasing student enrollment and active faculty and student research agenda, have created a critical need for new science center facilities, particularly interdisciplinary research laboratories. Federal grant funds, if awarded, would be applied to these costs and may include, for example, specialized instrumentation for a biochemistry laboratory, including the acquisition and installation of a NMR and GC mass spectrometer, equipment for a materials science laboratory, and a planetarium projector.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The state-of-the-art laboratory and teaching facilities for the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computing appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 2

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Family Hospice and Palliative Care

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Moffett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Amount: $100,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used to staff and purchase materials for on-going educational programs on end-of-life care for patient families, general public, volunteers and healthcare professionals within Family Hospice and Palliative Care's Center for Compassionate Care, in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Through hands-on training in medical equipment used for homecare, confidence-building seminars, workshops with clinical staff and colloquiums to increase certification in hospice and palliative care among healthcare professionals, the goal of Education Outreach is to enhance the quality of life for persons entering their final months.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Center for Compassionate Care Education Outreach appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 3

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mario Lemieux Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Abele Road, Suite 100, Bridgeville, PA 15017

Amount: $100,000

Description of Request: The Mario Lemieux Foundation, in conjunction with UPCI, recognizes the need for additional community awareness and education. With increased funding for patient and community education, outreach and awareness activities, MLF's Hodgkin's Disease Patient and Public Education Outreach Initiative could do the following: Create a Self-Teaching Continuing Medical Education module, expand the ''Reason to Hope'' lecture series to an additional twenty sites, develop educational materials, provide consumer education in local libraries, community centers, hospitals, churches and other venues, purchase new books on Hodgkin's disease and related issues (fertility, age appropriate information for patients' children and teens, nutrition, coping and inspirational stories), develop educational community events at UPMC Cancer Centers sites on various aspects of Hodgkin's disease including a speaker series to appeal to all age groups, genders and interests.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Hodgkin's Disease Patient and Public Education Outreach Initiative appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 4

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY and Congressman JOHN MURTHA

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Monongahela Valley Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1163 Country Club Road; Monongahela, PA 15063

Amount: $400,000

Description of Request: In the coming year, Monongahela Valley plans critical new acquisitions to continue its ongoing effort to serve its patients more effectively. Specifically, the hospital must replace three key pieces of diagnostic equipment that are vital to hospital operations but that have all come to the end of their useful lives. Such equipment is absolutely essential to the hospital's continued ability to serve its community. This advanced digital diagnostic technology will allow health care providers to detect diseases earlier and to share those findings more quickly and across greater distances, which is important in an area like the Monongahela Valley. Earlier detection of diseases improves the quality of life for patients, even saving lives, and saves money because when diseases are discovered in earlier stages, they are easier and less expensive to treat and are treated more successfully.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Diagnostic Radiologic Equipment appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 5

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Seton Hill University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

Amount: $500,000

Description of Request: Orthodontics improve oral health, function, esthetics and most importantly quality of life. However, significant disparities exist regarding access to orthodontic services for low-income families. Orthodontists have particularly low participation rates in Medicaid programs. Reasons for this include low fee reimbursement, negative perceptions of Medicaid patients and high rates of noncompliance. Access to orthodontics care continues to worsen as the weak economy has left many more families without health and dental insurance. This problem has been exacerbated in Southwestern Pennsylvania as the only area orthodontics clinic (at Westmoreland Hospital) that treated the indigent population closed its doors two years ago. FY10 would be used to develop the Advanced Certificate in Orthodontics at Seton Hill University and help outfit the required clinic facilities, which will also serve indigent families' clinical care.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Orthodontics Program at Seton Hill University appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 607. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Springfield Rail Relocation, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Federal Railroad Administration: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Department of Transportation, located at 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to design, engineer, and acquire land for rail line relocation in Springfield, Illinois.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, this week, we commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. We are at a critical juncture in the pursuit of peace and prosperity for all Cypriots, and I urge all parties to move toward a peaceful resolution and reunification effort that will build a more united and prosperous Cyprus.

There is a strong view that any solution to the Cyprus problem must include a bicommunal, bi-zonal federal State of Cyprus. The international community has stressed that this should include a single sovereignty and a single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising two politically equal communities as described by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

I welcome the renewed interest in the efforts for a lasting solution. Under initiatives undertaken by President Christofias since his election in 2008, there is a movement which I hope will finally lead to a comprehensive solution to the problems facing Cyprus.

The leaders of the Greek and Turkish-Cypriot communities have demonstrated a strong commitment by holding more than 35 rounds of direct talks starting on September 3, 2008, and continuing on a regular basis. These ongoing reunification talks between the two Cypriot leaders offer real opportunity to advance peace and work toward a just and lasting reunification. If there is commitment to establishing one prosperous Cyprus in which all people benefit from good relations with the international community and membership in the EU, we must resolve to do everything we can to make this goal a reality.

I am confident the Cypriots' desire to reunify their country, to bring peace and prosperity throughout the region, and ultimately to stand up for what they believe in, will prevail. I sincerely hope a solution to reuniting the island of Cyprus will be reached under a government that safeguards basic human rights and democracy and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kern County Roads Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 M Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California 93301

Description of Request: $400,000 was included for the Kern County Roads Department to help fund construction of a six-lane overpass along Seventh Standard Road at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing. Seventh Standard Road is located in the northern Bakersfield metropolitan area, and serves as a major goods carrier route and east/west corridor in the community. This grade separation project will produce local jobs and reduce congestion and air pollution from idling vehicles as more than 50 high-speed trains cross Seventh Standard Road at this railroad crossing daily.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the FY10 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Project Name: Sioux City College Center

Amount: $100,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Wayne State College located at 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Nebraska

Description: To adequately address the higher education and workforce development needs of Dakota and Thurston Counties, Nebraska higher education institutions Wayne State College and Northeast Community College are collaborating with the city of South Sioux City to build and equip the South Sioux City College Center to offer academic programs specifically designed to meet the needs of Nebraska and the tri-state region. The new College Center will serve the area by creating a ''one-stop'' consolidated service center offering community and economic development resources in addition to providing educational opportunity for area residents at an affordable price. This funding would assist with the purchase of distance learning equipment, nursing/health/science lab technology and equipment; business and industry training technology equipment; and general classroom equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Name: University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Initiative

Amount: $150,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska Medical Center located at 986380 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska 68198

Description: The funding would be used by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to create a biomarkers database of rural diseases to assess environmental influences on the development of diseases by collecting health information from at least 50,000 Midwesterners. Currently most information about the relationship between disease and the environment is generated by major databases located in large urban areas on the east and west coasts which tend to be regionally specific and generally not applicable to rural areas. This database would be the first research cohort in the Midwest to study the relationship between rural populations, the environment, and disease development. This project could reveal environmental factors responsible for birth defects or lymphoma, a cancer with high incidence in Nebraska. The data will provide valuable information on the factors influencing development of deadly diseases like cancer and position UNMC Eppley Cancer Institute to be designated a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Center. This high distinction will allow for the most advanced patient care and research to be available in Nebraska. UNMC is the ideal institution to spearhead this database with its numerous resources, well-established statewide hospital network to collect data, a state-of-the art cancer research team and facilities, and comprehensive database capabilities to collect and assess acquired data from this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Project Name: Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital First Hope Initiative

Amount: $250,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital located at 5401 South Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Description: The First Hope Initiative is a technology and research initiative aimed at increasing the functional independence, quality of life, and outcomes of patients with severe disabilities arising from such conditions as stroke, brain injury and spinal cord injury. The First Hope Initiative creates a model program that can be implemented at other rehabilitation facilities around the country including VA and military hospitals to ensure improved outcomes and independence for individuals recovering from catastrophic medical events.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education (Includes FIE)

Project Name: Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games, Lincoln, Nebraska

Amount: $350,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games, 7600 North 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68517

Description: The 2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics will be taking place July 18–23, 2010, in Lincoln, Nebraska. This will be the largest sporting event, to date, in the state of Nebraska and offers a great opportunity to make an economic, humanitarian, and educational impact upon Nebraskan communities as well as on the national landscape.

Special Olympics offers year-round sports training and competition opportunities for both children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and become integrated and valued members of our society. There will be 3,000 athletes, 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers, and an estimated 15,000 family and friends in Lincoln and Omaha during the week of the games. The games are projected to generate $40 million in local economic impact and an additional $5 million in tax revenue alone.

For six days there will be vigorous, Olympic-style sporting competitions for the athletes. In addition, there will be a number of non-sporting events, including a leadership program and free health screenings and services.

The estimated budget for these games is $9 million dollars with the expected revenue coming from several designated areas including Federal and State appropriations, as well as local community support. From the time the athletes arrive in Nebraska, the Games Organizing Committee is responsible for all costs including the athletes and coaches' accommodations, meals, transportation, and security. In addition, funds will go to promoting the games, building out venues for competitions, renting venues, and for communication needs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN–04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Elizabeth Regional Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 1501 Hartford Street, Lafayette, IN 47904

Description of Request: Provides $300,000 for St. Elizabeth Regional Health's Adult In-Patient Psychiatric Unit which provides short term, intensive, and specialized care to patients who have an acute mental illness. Project ensures community will continue to have access to mental health services in an appropriate setting. Funding ensures continued improvement of mental health services in our nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN–04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hendricks Regional Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

Description of Request: Provides $550,000 to address the health concerns of our nation by providing for comprehensive prevention and wellness programs which seek to improve the overall health of the community and ultimately to decrease health costs. Hendricks Regional Health will build central Indiana's first fully integrated YMCA and hospital collaboration. The hospital will provide physical and occupational therapies, cardiac rehabilitation, complete lab and x-ray services, new medical practices, sports medicine and other hospital outreach services such as nutrition counseling and diabetes education. Additionally, the project is projected to create 300 new jobs.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN–04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clarian Health and Riley Hospital For Children

Address of Requesting Entity: 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Description of Request: Provides $400,000 for project to renovate outdated burn unit in hospital. Once the project is complete, Riley Hospital will be able to treat children with moderate and severe burns in a more efficient and effective way. Riley Hospital houses and runs the only pediatric burn unit in Indiana and serves children throughout the entire state. Improving the facility will help children make quicker recoveries and should decrease overall health care costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kern County Roads Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 M Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California 93301

Description of Request: $400,000 was included for the Kern County Roads Department fund completion of the environmental designs related to the widening of State Route 119 in Taft, California, between Cherry Avenue and Tupman Road. These environmental designs are a requirement as part of the National Environmental Policy Act, and this funding will enable the Kern County Roads Department and Caltrans to complete these studies. State Route 119 is not only the primary commuter road between the Cities of Taft and Bakersfield, but is one of the major transportation corridors in the Central Valley that provides access to Los Angeles, the coastal cities, and northern California.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD/EDI

Recipient: City of Bradfordsville

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 to renovate a vacant school for the purposes of a storm shelter, senior center, and community center.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE ANN ARBOR NEWS FOR THEIR 174 YEARS OF FINE JOURNALISM

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute in honor of The Ann Arbor News, which has shut its doors after 174 years of service.

Since 1835, the Ann Arbor News and its employees served Washtenaw County creating a forum for educated discussion, thoughtful articles, and current events. I want to thank the employees and journalists of The Ann Arbor News for their fine work, and I wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

The Ann Arbor News lived to see its town of only 1,000 expand to a city of 110,000 and has watched the University of Michigan become one of the finest universities in the world. It predates the Civil War and covered that historic struggle during the 1860s. In the 1950s it covered the announcement of the groundbreaking polio vaccine in Ann Arbor. The News also spread word of two landmark Presidential programs, Kennedy's Peace Corps and Lyndon Johnson's Great Society, also unveiled in Ann Arbor. Later on, the News was recognized as one of the best small newspapers in the country out of a field of about 1,350 papers with daily circulations of 50,000 or less (about 85 percent of all daily papers in America).

I am pleased that some of the News' fine journalists will be joining a new venture, AnnArbor.com, which will serve many similar functions as the News, and will guide the Ann Arbor community into the age of digital web information. I would like to offer my tribute to the thousands of people who worked at The Ann Arbor News and established its fine journalistic tradition from 1835 until its close.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Luis Obispo County Community College District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8106, San Luis Obispo, California 93403

Description of Request: $100,000 was included for the San Luis Obispo County Community College District's (Cuesta College) Department of Nursing & Allied Health SLO & NC to fund upgrades to nursing program training rooms and purchase new medical training equipment to create modern hospital settings for teaching students. Though hospital settings remain the best laboratory for student learning, it is high-risk. This funding will provide Cuesta College nursing students with state-of-the-art, hands-on learning in a low-risk environment, which helps ensure future nurses from Cuesta College have the skills and training to save lives in hospitals and emergency rooms in the region and beyond.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND REGULATORY ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, today the Republican leadership of the House and the Financial Services Committee joined me in introducing H.R. 3310, the Consumer Protection and Regulatory Enhancement Act, to comprehensively modernize and streamline the regulatory structure of the financial services industry.

The legislation will ensure that (1) the government stops rewarding failure and picking winners and losers; (2) taxpayers are never again asked to pick up the tab for bad bets on Wall Street while some creditors and counterparties of failed firms are made whole; and (3) market discipline is restored so that financial firms will no longer expect the government to rescue them from the consequences of imprudent business decisions. The Republican plan seeks to return our regulatory system to one in which government policies do not promote moral hazard, and insolvent financial firms do not become wards of the state.

The Obama administration and many Democrats in Congress have insisted that the financial crisis was caused by a lack of regulation and a failed free market philosophy, requiring government intervention on the scale of the New Deal to "re-regulate" finance. H.R. 3310 is premised upon a belief that it was misguided government policies to allocate credit and government intervention to prop up failed financial institutions that helped precipitate, and later exacerbate, the crisis, which suggests that what is needed is smarter—not more—regulation. The bill fundamentally rejects the command-and-control approach that has characterized the Obama administration's and congressional Democrats' stewardship of the economy.

The Administration's regulatory reform proposals would empower the Federal Reserve as a new "systemic risk super-regulator." Rather than massively expanding the Federal Reserve's mission and further enshrining a failed government policy of rescuing "too big to fail" institutions, H.R. 3310 scales back the Fed's authorities so that it can focus on conducting monetary policy and unwinding the trillions of dollars in obligations it has amassed during the financial crisis. When combined with the administration's reckless "borrow-and-spend" fiscal policy, the vast expansion of the Fed's balance sheet in recent months arguably represents a far more significant source of "systemic risk" to our nation's economy than the failure of any specific financial institution.

The guiding principle of H.R. 3310 can be summed up in one sentence: no more bailouts. By putting an end to ad hoc, improvised and unprincipled bailouts designed to spare big Wall Street firms and their creditors from the consequences of their mistakes, our legislation offers a clear alternative to the limitless and unconstrained "bailout authority" that Democrats want to confer upon those very regulators that failed to anticipate the current crisis that almost wrecked our financial system. The Democrats want to hide the consequences of regulatory and private sector mistakes by giving regulators the authority to bail out large financial institutions, their creditors, and their counterparties, without any accountability whatsoever. Even worse, the Democrats have not yet figured out who is going to pay for this limitless bailout authority, administered by bureaucrats for the benefit of a handful of large financial institutions.

Our legislation also rejects the call for a government-run economy that depends upon the omniscience and omnipotence of government regulators who have shown themselves unable to anticipate crises, let alone do anything to prevent them. Republicans believe that the financial system works best when individual participants are free to keep the gains yielded by their efforts, but are forced to bear the costs of their failure. By adhering to the principle that no firm is "too big to fail," Republicans will ensure that responsibility for monitoring the stability of the financial system is placed exactly where it needs to be: with the individual market participants who have the self-interest and the expertise to monitor their exposure to the financial system, and who are in the best position to take the necessary action to protect themselves, their investors, and their creditors from the risks that are endemic to the financial system.

Rather than asking government to spare participants from the consequences of their mistakes by imposing those costs on others, our legislation calls for the resolution of insolvent non-bank institutions—no matter how large or systemically important—through the bankruptcy system.

The key to making bankruptcy work as an alternative is to make credible and clear the government's commitment to restructuring, reorganizing, or liquidating troubled financial institutions at the expense of their creditors and counterparties. This commitment requires a firm rejection of the current status quo, in which the decision whether to rescue a specific firm and insulate its creditors and counterparties from losses is left to the discretion of regulators accountable to no one but themselves. This commitment also requires the rejection of the possibility of any bailout, no matter how that bailout is described. Without this firm commitment to ending bailouts, too-big-to-fail financial institutions and those who do business with them have every incentive to pursue short term gains, knowing that the costs will ultimately be borne by others if things go wrong. By making credible the government's policy that losses will be borne by those responsible, the government makes the financial system stronger by encouraging creditors to be more vigilant in assessing the creditworthiness and business practices of the parties to whom they are extending credit. And

by making clear that the government will not step in to bail out a failing institution or its creditors, the government can remove the uncertainty and confusion that roiled the markets last September when market participants could not anticipate the government's actions.

The relatively smooth bankruptcies of Drexel Burnham Lambert, Enron, and WorldCom demonstrate that the bankruptcy system is more than capable of resolving and liquidating large, complex institutions. The failure of Lehman Brothers last September is often cited by proponents of a new systemic risk resolution authority as an example of why bankruptcy ''won't work.'' In truth, the shock to the markets from Lehman's collapse was the result of dashed expectations of market participants that the government would ride to Lehman's rescue just as it had in the earlier Bear Stearns and GSE episodes, not of any inadequacies in the bankruptcy process. Nevertheless, Republicans believe that bankruptcy can be made more efficient and better tailored to resolving large non-bank financial institutions. The legislation, therefore, proposes a new chapter to the Bankruptcy Code to deal with the unique characteristics of financial institutions that will make ''orderly failure'' a practical solution for resolving troubled firms. Among other things, this new chapter will provide for better coordination between the regulators of these institutions and the bankruptcy system, so that regulators can provide technical assistance and specialized expertise about financial institutions. In addition, this new chapter will give bankruptcy judges the power to stay claims by creditors and counterparties to prevent runs on troubled institutions, thereby helping to alleviate the panic that could strike the financial system if a large institution finds itself facing difficulties.

Rather than establishing the Federal Reserve as the ''systemic risk regulator,'' and identifying in advance those firms that are systemically significant (i.e., ''too big to fail''), the legislation creates a Market Stability and Capital Adequacy Board, chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of outside experts as well as representatives from the financial regulatory agencies responsible for supervising large, complex firms. This panel would be charged with monitoring the interactions of various sectors of the financial system, and identifying risks that could endanger the stability and soundness of the system. The panel's mandate would include reviewing financial industry data collected from the appropriate functional regulators; monitoring government policies and initiatives; reviewing risk management practices within financial regulatory agencies; reviewing capital standards set by the appropriate functional regulators and making recommendations to ensure capital and leverage ratios match risks regulated entities are taking on; reviewing transparency and regulatory understanding of risk exposures in the over-the-counter derivatives markets and making recommendations regarding the appropriate clearing of trades in those markets through central counterparties; and making recommendations regarding any government or industry policies and practices that are exacerbating systemic risk. In order to address current regulatory gaps, each functional regulator would be required to assess the effects of their regulated entities' activities on macroeconomic stability and review how entities under their regulatory purview interact with entities outside their purview. This panel would not have independent enforcement or supervisory authority over individual firms, but would instead meet on at least a quarterly basis and periodically report its findings to Congress and the relevant functional regulators (the cops on the beat) so that policymakers and regulators could act upon them to contain risks posed by specific firms, industry practices, activities and interactions of entities under different regulatory regimes, or government policies.

To modernize the financial regulatory structure, the legislation streamlines the current framework of overlapping and redundant Federal financial regulatory agencies by centralizing supervision of deposit-taking entities in one agency while preserving charter choice (e.g., credit unions and State charters) as well as the dual banking system (the regulator would have two divisions—one would oversee federally chartered banks and thrifts, and one would serve as the primary federal regulator of state-chartered, state-supervised banks). The legislation immediately combines the OCC and OTS into one agency and shift the supervisory functions of the Federal Reserve and FDIC to that agency, including responsibility for overseeing bank and financial holding companies. It establishes an Office of Consumer Protection within the new agency to streamline in one place responsibility for rule promulgating and enforcing the Federal consumer protection laws applicable to depository institutions, eliminating the confusion created by the existence of five different Federal regulatory agencies which currently share consumer protection responsibilities. Consumer protection rules will be reviewed and updated regularly with rule promulgation consisting of extensive consumer testing. In addition, Republicans will provide the Office of Consumer Protection with the authority to redesign and improve consumer disclosures so that they are transparent to all interested parties and written in plain language to enhance understanding by all consumers and investors.

The legislation simplifies and streamlines the complaint process for consumers and investors who believe they have been wronged by abusive industry practices, by establishing a single, toll-free number and Web site—to be administered by the Office of Consumer Protection—to field consumer inquiries and direct them to the appropriate regulatory or enforcement agency.

The legislation ensures that institutions engaged in similar activities and serving similar functions will be regulated similarly, limiting the potential for competitive distortions and a ''race to the bottom'' among firms seeking the most lenient regulatory treatment. It promotes simplicity and consistent enforcement. It guarantees accountability and transparency. And it enables the Federal Reserve and the FDIC to concentrate on their most important responsibilities: formulating monetary policy and protecting the deposit insurance fund, respectively.

The extraordinary market interventions conducted by the Federal Reserve since the onset of the financial crisis have added trillions of dollars to the government's balance sheet and taken it far afield from its core mission of conducting the nation's monetary policy. The Republican legislation re-focuses the Fed on its monetary policy mandate by relieving it of current regulatory and supervisory responsibilities, reassigning them to other agencies. Reallocating these duties will eliminate the Fed's current incentive to prop up the economy through an accommodative monetary policy to prevent firms under its regulatory purview from failing. The legislation makes the Federal Reserve more transparent and accountable to taxpayers by enabling the Government Accountability Office to conduct more extensive audits of the central bank. In addition, to send clear signals to markets, the legislation requires the Fed to have an explicit inflation target, and would narrow the Fed's authority under section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act, which currently provides the Fed with nearly unlimited powers during periods the Board of Governors deems ''unusual and exigent,'' as follows: (1) require the Secretary of the Treasury to officially sign off on all actions taken by the Federal Reserve pursuant to section 13(3); (2) allow Congress to block any Federal Reserve action undertaken pursuant to its section 13(3) authority within 90 days of such action by passing a congressional resolution of disapproval, in which case the Fed would have 90 additional days to unwind the relevant facility; (3) place all expenditures to date pursuant to section 13(3), and those taken in the future, on Treasury's balance sheet; and (4) eliminate the Federal Reserve's ability to use its 13(3) authority to intervene on behalf of a specific institution, allowing the powers to only be used to create liquidity facilities that would be broadly available to a market sector.

H.R. 3310 also brings needed reform to the GSEs. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's government-subsidized model has cost taxpayers tens of billions of dollars. The legislation phases out taxpayer subsidies of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac over a number of years and ends the current model of privatized profits and socialized losses. It sunsets the current GSE conservatorship by a date certain, placing Fannie and Freddie in receivership if they are not financially viable at that time. If they are viable, once the housing market has stabilized, the plan would initiate the process of cutting their ties to the government by winding down the federal subsidies granted through their charters and transitioning Fannie and Freddie into non-government backed entities that compete on a level playing field with other private firms. The legislation addresses the need to reduce Fannie and Freddie's portfolios, re-focus Fannie and Freddie on promoting housing affordability, and require SEC registration and the payment of taxes.

To restore market discipline and promote greater investor due diligence, H.R. 3310 discourages blind reliance on ratings supplied by the major credit rating agencies that has had such disastrous consequences for investors and the economy as a whole. For too long, the government has adopted policies that bestowed a ''Good Housekeeping'' seal of approval on the rating agencies and their products, which perpetuated a rating agency duopoly that contributed significantly to a mispricing of risk and a subsequent collapse in market confidence. Designating certain agencies as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) and hard-wiring references to their ratings into numerous Federal statutes and regulations are the two most egregious examples of this implied government blessing. The legislation addresses these market distortions by changing the NRSRO designation to ''nationally registered

statistical rating organizations'' and removing all references to ratings throughout Federal law and regulation. These changes will promote greater competition among rating agencies and less reliance on their ratings among investors. To further mitigate over-reliance on third-party credit analysis, functional regulators will be required to more thoroughly examine governance, risk management and enterprise management policies and procedures.

To restore investor and consumer confidence and better protect financial markets, H.R. 3310 enhances the ability of the financial regulatory agencies to enforce Federal consumer protection and securities laws. Regulators need more tools in their arsenal to proceed administratively and judicially against alleged violators. The legislation increases civil money penalties in government enforcement actions; maximizes restitution to victims of fraud; improves surveillance of bad actors who exploit gaps in the current regulatory regime to continue preying upon innocent consumers; and reauthorizes the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), authorizing an additional $15 million to combat financial fraud.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 3310 will bring smarter, not more, regulation of our financial services industry, and I urge my colleagues to join me as a cosponsor of this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State University, Bakersfield

Address of Requesting Entity: 29 Romberg Nursing Education Center, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, California 93311

Description of Request: $150,000 was included for the California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) to fund purchases of new classroom equipment, technical resources, and medical equipment for CSUB's nursing program. This funding is to bring CSUB's nursing program to a level of technological and environmental sophistication that is comparable to other nursing departments across California in order to meet the national and regional nursing shortage that is predicted to increase over the next decade, which would negatively affect patient care.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Arab City School District, Arab, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 750 Arabian Drive, Arab, AL 35016

Description of Request: ''For an education technology initiative, including purchase of equipment'', $150,000

The funding would be used to improve the quality of technology resources available to the students. This funding will help ensure that students are better prepared to compete in a 21st century global marketplace. These funds would allow students in Arab to learn in a 21st century environment, thus preparing them for future opportunities in the global marketplace. The full amount of these funds will be spent on computers and related technical equipment.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE) Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cullman County Schools, Cullman, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 1st Street, NE Suite 100, Cullman, AL 35056

Description of Request: ''For a mobile laboratory initiative, including purchase of equipment'', $150,000

The funding would be used for mobile computer labs which can be moved, serving more students. This project will assist all students, at-risk to gifted, by providing technology and skills needed in 21st century workforce. Additionally it will assist with credit/grade recovery, and ACT prep. The full amount of this funding will be used to purchase equipment, including laptop carts, laptops and wireless access points for schools in the county.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Franklin County Schools, Russellville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 610, Russellville, AL 35653

Description of Request: ''For an education technology initiative, including purchase of equipment'', $935,000

The funding would be used to upgrade a network by providing secure and robust access to educational resources both internally and externally via the Internet. Funds will be used to provide schools with modern switches, services, and equipment to replace the obsolete. Project will enable FCS students to utilize contemporary technology that will assist them in not only achieving a high school degree, but also aid them in preparing for specialized workforce skills and postsecondary endeavors. The U.S. Department of Education made STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education a top priority. The funding will all be spent toward the purchase of equipment that includes infrastructure such as switches, and fiber optic uplinks, servers, end-user computers, LCD projectors, and wireless interactive pads.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 227, Gadsden, AL 35902–0227

Description of Request: ''For technology upgrades'', $100,000

The funding would be used to provide and enhance technology in the classroom and technology infrastructure between Cherokee, Etowah, Cleburne and Calhoun Counties. This funding will provide quality education across rural areas of the state and for students to have access to technology for workforce development purposes. The entire amount of the funds would be used for the purchase and installation of equipment for technology enhancements and infrastructure.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cullman Regional Medical Center, Cullman, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 1912 AL Hwy 157, P.O. Box 1108, Cullman, AL 35056

Description of Request: ''For facilities and equipment'', $1,000,000

The funding would be used for construction, renovation and equipment for Cullman Regional Medical Center's (CRMC) emergency department. CRMC is the only trauma ER along 1–65 from Huntsville to Birmingham, a vital regional corridor with a significant number of emergencies. Approximately $750,000 will assist in modifying and expanding the facility's infrastructure and $250,000 will help provide additional staff necessary to manage the increase in volume.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DCH Health System/Fayette Medical Center, Fayette, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 1653 Temple Avenue N., Fayette, Alabama 35555

Description of Request: ''For facilities and equipment'', $200,000

The funding would be used to replace the outdated MRI system, originally purchased in 1997. As the sole community provider for emergency care in Fayette and Lamar, the 60,000 patients served annually (including a large number of elderly, uninsured, and underinsured), will greatly benefit from this upgraded, more efficient MRI system. The projected breakdown for the project is as follows: Purchase of GE 1.5 Tesla MRI, $1,300,000.00; preparation for installation $100,000.00; lease for mobile MRI to be used during de-installation of old MRI and installation of new MRI, $48,000.00.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT
Bill Number: H.R. 3293
Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center, Jasper, AL
Address of Requesting Entity: 1100 7th Avenue, Jasper, Alabama 35501
Description of Request: "For facilities and equipment", $200,000
The funding would be used to renovate property to house a community-based mental retardation Day Habilitation program, and expand to serve more individuals/families in a multi- county region. The program prepares consumers for increased community participation. This will help provide considerable savings realized by providing adult day care mental health services and programs as opposed to institutional care. Approximately $80,000 will be spent on labor costs and $120,000 will be spent on construction materials and specialty items for this mental health facility.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.
Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY
Bill Number: H.R. 3293
Account: Department of Education—National Projects, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Center for Civic Education
Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, California 91302
Description of Request: $35 million was included for the Center for Civic Education to fund the Education for Democracy Act We the People and Cooperative Education Exchanges programs. These national programs are designed to increase local students' understanding and appreciation for the constitutional democracy system of government, and provide them the knowledge base to be actively involved in local, state, and federal government and public policymaking. In addition, this funding, authorized more than 15 years ago, would go to local schools to help students obtain a better understanding of America's Founding Documents, ensure students can effectively participate in state and local government, prevent school violence through positive engagement and group problem solving, and reinforce democratic values in new and emerging democracies around the world through exchange programs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.
Project Name: Airport Apron Expansion, Wasilla, AK
Bill Number: H.R. 3288
Department of Transportation
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: City of Wasilla, 290 E. Herning Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654
Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified:
This project will add apron space for 20 aircraft tie-down spaces and 2 lease lots for hangar space. This project has been designed and is ready to bid. This project follows a series of apron extensions over the last 4 years to improve general aviation service to the area, in accordance with the City's Airport Master Plan that has been approved by the FAA.
Appropriated Amount: $500,000
Detailed Finance Plan: Construction: $500,000
Project Name: Anchorage People Mover
Bill Number: H.R. 3288
Department of Transportation
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Municipality of Anchorage 3650A E. Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99507
Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified:
This project will provide renovation, construction and improvement capital needed to improve reliability and efficiency of public transit within the Municipality of Anchorage. People Mover provides more than 4,000,000 annual passenger trips, transporting people to work, medical appts, school, and recreation.
Appropriated Amount: $750,000
Detailed Finance Plan:
Capital Renovation, Construction and Improvements: $750,000

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:
Rep. WALTER B. JONES
Project: To extend 10th Street from Dickinson Avenue to Stantonsburg Road in Greenville, NC
Recipient: North Carolina Department of Transportation
Account: Federal Highway Administration—Transportation & Community & System Preservation
Amount: $500,000
Explanation: The project will extend 10th Street from its current terminus at Dickinson Avenue to Stantonsburg Road at Memorial Drive. This will significantly reduce traffic congestion in the downtown Greenville area. It will also provide a major east-west thoroughfare to meet the demands of cross-city traffic, as well as a direct route from US–264 to downtown Greenville and East Carolina University (ECU). It will also provide a direct connection between ECU and its medical school. Congress recognized the importance of the 10th St. Connector by authorizing it for $7.1 million in SAFETEA–LU, P.L. 109–59.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madame Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.
Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY
Bill Number: H.R. 3293
Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement for Post Secondary Education
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Luis Obispo County Community College District
Address of Requesting Entity. P.O. Box 8106, San Luis Obispo, California 93403
Description of Request: $350,000 was included for the San Luis Obispo County Community College District (Cuesta College) to purchase equipment to train students in vocational technical education fields at the Trades/Technology Complex. This initiative focuses on training students so they are prepared for local and regional jobs in the fields of viticulture, small engine mechanics, welding, engineering, construction technology, and solar and other alternative energy training. This program will help ensure San Luis Obispo County has skilled workers to help meet local job demands.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CAO. 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. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010:
As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for Dillard University, in conjunction with Tulane University and EXCELth. This is in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention account in the amount of $300,000. This funding will go toward developing a new community health center to be located in the Student Union building on the Dillard University campus to enhance community wellness.
As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for PACE Greater New Orleans. This is in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid—Research and Demonstration account in the amount of $500,000. This funding would help expand and develop additional PACE services on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish as well as Monroe and Alexandria to make the non-profit more able to provide the elderly with an alternative to institutionalized care.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for City of New Orleans for facilities and equipment associated with the replacement of Methodist Hospital. This is in the Health Resources and Services Administration (Health Facilities and Services) account in the amount of $450,000. This funding would help the City of New Orleans and the Orleans Parish Hospital Service to re-establish acute care hospital services in New Orleans East.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for the Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corporation in New Orleans. This is in the Health Resources and Services Administration (Health Facilities and Services) account in the amount of $400,000. This funding would help build a community owned health care center to serve the African-American, Latino, Vietnamese and Non-hispanic White community.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for the Xavier University of New Orleans. This is in the Health Resources and Services Administration (Health Facilities and Services) account in the amount of $350,000. This funding will go toward the Xavier University Pharmacy Renovation that will complement the College of Pharmacy building expansion. With the addition and renovation, Xavier's pharmacy facilities will include new state of the art teaching labs, classrooms, lecture rooms, additional teaching and research laboratories, a mock pharmacy skills lab, a drug information center, and a multi-purpose auditorium equipped with the latest technological equipment.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3293—the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for the Tulane University of New Orleans. This is in the Employment and Training Administration (Training & Employment Services) in the amount of $250,000. This funding will go toward the establishment of a Community Health Worker Training Institute as a component of the Tulane/RAND Center for Health and Society in Louisiana. The Institute will serve as a regional resource for training with the mission to improve health and reduce disparities in communities through community health worker education and cost-effective programming and will train 100 CHWs annually to engage in individual- and community-level health efforts including health outreach, patient care management, and health advocacy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Program

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Requesting Entity: Pulmonary Hypertension Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910

I have supported strengthening Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) education for over ten years; and for this reason and for the third year in a row, I have requested funding to strengthen and continue a successful partnership between the non-profit Pulmonary Hypertension Association and the Centers for Disease Control. PH is a serious and often fatal condition where the blood pressure in the lungs rises to dangerously high levels. In PH patients the walls of the arteries that take blood from the right side of the heart to the lungs thicken and constrict. As a result, the right side of the heart has to pump harder to move blood into the lungs, causing it to enlarge and ultimately fail.

This request will allow the partners to continue to develop a pulmonary hypertension awareness program to better educate the medical community and the public about the disease, and lead to earlier diagnosis and longer life spans.

The $250,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to continue two components in the fight against pulmonary hypertension: the PHA Online University, a curriculum-based website for medical professionals, and a significant expansion of PHAware, a grassroots media campaign.

I also appreciate the Committee's support through report language encouraging further collaboration and research efforts on pulmonary hypertension within government agencies. The efforts of these organizations on issues including lung transplantation, the establishment of a PH Clinical Research Network and the increase in pulmonary hypertension diagnoses related to the abuse of methamphetamine will further our understanding of this disease.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

Recipient: Audubon Area Community Services, 1800 W. Fourth Street, Owensboro, KY 42304

Description of Request: Provide $1,350,000 for a facility to maintain the bus fleet in order to ensure continued services to the region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2010:

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Beaufort Harbor, NC

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Wilmington District

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Amount: $250,000

Explanation: The funding will allow for maintenance dredging of Bulkhead Channel, which is the main waterway entrance to the Town of Beaufort from the Morehead City Harbor Federal Navigation Project and the Atlantic Ocean. The Harbor is used annually by thousands of commercial fishing vessels, sport fishing vessels and recreational boaters, and its continued operation is critical to the regional economy.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Bogue Inlet, NC

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Wilmington District

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Amount: $325,000

Explanation: The funding will allow for maintenance dredging of Bogue Inlet. The inlet is used by commercial and charter fishing vessels, recreational boaters and the U.S. Coast Guard. Without dredging, the inlet will shoal up and become impassable, with dangerous consequences for the local economy and the safety of watermen.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Manteo (Shallowbag Bay), NC

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Wilmington District

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Amount: $3,945,000

Explanation: The funding will provide continued maintenance dredging of Oregon Inlet. Without dredging, the inlet channel would quickly become impassable to many of the Coast Guard and commercial and recreational fishing vessels that depend on it for access to the Atlantic Ocean, and the local economy would be hurt severely.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Morehead City Harbor, NC

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Wilmington District

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Amount: $9,500,000

Explanation: The funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging to the minimum width within the entrance channel, which is critical for maintaining safe navigation for the commercial and recreational vessels that use the channel to access Morehead City Port. Dredged material would be placed along the adjacent shorelines of Ft. Macon St. Park and Atlantic Beach, which would protect communities from future storm events. The funds would also be used to continue the Dredged Material Management Plan, which is necessary in light of new information concerning the harbor maintenance project's impacts to adjacent coastal environments articulated in

the Corps' Section 111 report (2001) and a separate report prepared for Carteret County by an independent coastal engineering firm.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: New River Inlet, NC

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Amount: $700,000

Explanation: The funding will be used to provide for continued maintenance dredging of New River Inlet, whish is the only waterway connecting New River to the Atlantic Ocean. The inlet is in the heart of Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, and proper maintenance of the channel is essential to Marine Corps training and operations. It is also important to Eastern North Carolina's commercial fishermen and recreational boaters.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the FY10 Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3228, FY10 Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Project Name: Antelope Valley Project Transportation Improvements

Amount: $750,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Lincoln located at 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Description: The City of Lincoln is committing significant resources for road and pedestrian improvements associated with Antelope Valley. Some of the important projects that remain in the $125 million transportation component of Antelope Valley Project include: construction of 3.35 miles of roadway (including the Antelope Valley Parkway from Vine Street to Capitol Parkway) to improve traffic in the City's central core and Northeast Lincoln; reducing through traffic congestion on the University campus and on downtown streets; eliminating two dangerous mainline at-grade rail crossings, and providing a new overpass (16th Street Overpass) to the State Fair Park, Devaney Sports Center, state military areas, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, FY10 Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Project Name: Boys Town Building Construction

Amount: $1,250,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Boys Town located at 14100 Crawford Street, Boys Town, Nebraska 68010.

Description: Boys Town, Nebraska (a non-profit, non-sectarian organization) would use this funding to increase the number of at-risk girls and boys, and their families, served at the Boys Town USA home campus in Omaha, Nebraska. The funding would help fund the construction of a new totally comprehensive child and family services facility with increased capacity to serve more than double the population of children and families currently served of approximately 1,000. Boys Town will be providing at least $7.25 million in matching funds towards the requested federal share of the project. This multidimensional service facility will include the broad range of medical and juvenile justice delinquency services so that at-risk girls and boys (and their families) can have all child related disorders and care provided. Some of the services included, but not limited to, in this facility will include juvenile justice evaluations, services to prevent delinquency and school failure, and parenting skill building services to help parents become more effective at dealing with a variety of child disorders and issues. It is expected that through these services, youth recidivism of criminal behavior will be greatly reduced as will the need for further out-of home-placement, including that of a correctional or prison facility. Youth will be prepared to be productive members of society.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, FY10 Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Project Name: CEDARS Children's Crisis Center Building Construction

Amount: $200,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., located at 620 North 48th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504.

Description: The funding will be used for construction of a new Children's Crisis Center for abused, homeless, and runaway youth in Southeast Nebraska. CEDARS Youth Services plans to build a children's crisis center to provide short-term emergency shelter, immediate professional assessment of each child's needs, intense family-centered therapeutic services, and an environment that inspires a rapid return to stable and enduring family living. The 18,000 square foot facility will not only provide immediate safety and protection for vulnerable children and youth across the Midwest, but also a comfortable family-friendly setting for them to begin reunification or to meet prospective foster parents in a safe, professional supervised setting. While primarily helping persons from the Midwest area, the Center has recently served youth from the states of Tennessee, Georgia, California, Michigan, Texas and others. CEDARS is the only emergency shelter provider for children and youth in Southeast Nebraska, and this children's crisis center will expand the current service capacity by as many as 12 children each day. This is a 50% increase.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement for Post Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kern Community College District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301

Description of Request: $250,000 was included for the Kern Community College District (KCCD) to purchase wind, solar, and other renewable energy equipment for training renewable energy technicians and engineers, and for institutionalization of curriculum for the Renewable Energy Regional Workforce Training program at KCCD affiliated schools (Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, and Porterville College), as well as Taft College. Kern County produces over 30% of wind-generated electricity in California and 5% in the nation, as well as ranks 4th in California in potential solar power generating capacity. As more emphasis is placed on renewable and clean energy, estimates indicate there will be a need to fill several thousand new jobs in the region over the next 5 years to meet industry need. This KCCD training program will help ensure the U.S. workforce has the skills to fill today and tomorrow's renewable energy jobs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART 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 H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Thomas University

Address of Requesting Entity: 16401 NW 37th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $300,000 to offer a professional development program to advance the teaching of

science and technology in elementary schools in Miami-Dade County. To carry out this program, STU proposes to evaluate existing instructional technology in science and computer education and formulate a special and systematic development for elementary teachers, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families-Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33161

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $300,000 to support the Center for Community Services Initiatives (CCSI) to enhance opportunities for external individuals and groups to participate in on-campus programs. The Center will serve as an educational resource to community organizations, including health providers. Barry service-learning opportunities support local community clinics, helping to improve the quality and accessibility of health care, including behavioral health care.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Healthcare System

Address of Requesting Entity: 1901 SW 172nd Avenue, Miramar, FL 33029

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $250,000 to construct six additional operating rooms for Memorial Hospital Miramar. Memorial Healthcare System (also known as South Broward Hospital District) is a public, not-for-profit organization, and serves as the largest provider of care in South Broward. Memorial Hospital Miramar is experiencing double digit growth in admissions, outpatient visits, emergency services, deliveries and surgical procedures. Admissions have increased 23% year-to-date. Annual surgical cases continue to rapidly increase up from 5200 cases last year, to a projected 5700 cases or 9% increase this year. Surgical cases are expected to exceed 5,900 in the next five years.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 SW 62nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33155

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $450,000 to construct two new hybrid pediatric cardiac suites under the Miami Children's Hospital Congenital Heart Institute. These adjoining hybrid suites will feature: full cardiac operating room capabilities including cardiopulmonary bypass, dedicated pediatric cardiac anesthesia, state of the art hybrid cardiac surgical/interventional table, low-dose digital flat panel imaging technology and operating room ventilation and temperature control. The goal of CHI is to achieve 100% survivability for children with congenital heart disease, and to improve their health status throughout their lives. This mission is entirely consistent with the goals of HRSA and HHS, and better medical interventions at the early stages of the disease lead to better quality of life for patients, shorter hospital stays, and fewer hospital admissions over the lifetime.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Jewish Home and Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 5200 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33138

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $500,000 to develop a PACE Center in Hialeah, Florida. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is an innovative long-term care model that allows frail elders to remain at home. The goal of PACE is to deliver high quality, cost-effective care while managing participants' complex medical, functional, and social needs. PACE integrates financing and delivery of acute and long-term care services. PACE enables older individuals who are eligible for nursing home care to continue living in the community with a full spectrum of medical, social and rehabilitative services. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) meets three important objectives in providing long-term care services: a) it allows long term care in operate in a managed care environment, b) it integrates Medicare and Medicaid into a seamless and transparent funding source, and c) it allows nursing eligible older adults to remain at home.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA—Mental Health

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Spectrum Programs, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11031 NE 6th Avenue, Miami, FL 33161

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured $200,000 to demonstrate the effectuality of a mental health and substance abuse treatment continuum that integrates research, best practices and emergent treatment methodologies across the spectrum of mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders in a continuous improvement model, making the processes and procedures of behavioral health treatment more effective, the timelines to improved behavioral health shorter, and the gains more sustainable, substantially reducing the catastrophic personal, family, and societal consequences of historically disaggregated treatment approaches. The funding will establish the Florida Center for Excellence in Emerging Behavioral Health Strategies.

PHYSICIAN-OWNED HOSPITALS AND OTHER JACKSON-LEE PROPOSALS ON HEALTH CARE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, tonight, I come before you representing Texas' 18th Congressional District in Houston. As some of you know, my hometown of Houston is the 4th largest in the country. Houston is home to some of the nation's largest oil companies: Citgo North America, Conoco Phillips-North America, El Paso Corp., Halliburton, Kinder Morgan Energy, Marathon Oil Company, and Shell U.S. Oil Division. Yet as the economy has declined and the nation has begun to shift towards greener fuels, the petroleum business in my District and throughout Texas has also seen a decline.

Today, my state of Texas is facing an unemployment rate of around 7.5%, the highest it has been since in the past 16 years. Additionally, Texas lost 40,600 jobs last month alone. Thus, the six figure jobs common to Houston that have attracted people to my District from all over the country are being slashed. And as my constituents, many of them well-to-do middle income and upper income Americans, have lost their jobs and their businesses, they have also lost their health care.

Truly, Madam Speaker, this issue of health care is not a poor people's problem it is an American problem. And thus, I rise today with my fellow members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus to urge all of my colleagues to get behind this health care bill and pass it before we leave for the August recess next week. Today, while I stand as a representative of Houston, I believe I represent hard working men and women, young and old who can't wait till after recess for health care. They risk bankruptcy and even the poor house because of the rising costs of health insurance. Some of them have cancer, some of them have diabetes, and some of them have simple tooth decay that requires a root canal. However, root canals are not covered by most basic health insurance plans. As such, some of them are now finding that their teeth have become infected and the infection has entered their blood stream and some of them now face terminal illness—all because they lack the health care that many of us in this body take for granted.

Madam Speaker, my colleagues on the Republicans side have partnered with some insurance companies to misrepresent the facts about health care and are now using scare tactics to prevent the health care bill from being voted out of the Energy and Commerce Committee. These forces have pressured conservatives in the Democratic ranks to stall the process. The other side holds up the process of change while over 47 million Americans remain uninsured, while Americans with health care pay as much as $207 billion excess in

health related taxes, and while hospitals and clinics around the country continue to shutter their doors.

A brighter future is on the horizon with the health care bill now stalled in committee. Central to this bill is its public insurance option, which as the President said, is designed to keep the large insurance companies honest. And as my friend Michael Moore documented in his acclaimed film ''Sicko'' we cannot always trust our insurance companies. The Public Option, similar to Medicare, will provide a publicly driven health care system, unique to the U.S. and separate from what is in place in any other country. The program will ensure: (1) Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment; (2) Case management for chronic diseases; (3) Dental and mental health services; (4) and even language access services.

Though this health care plan solves many of our nation's health care woes, there are still more improvements that are needed. And I believe that the Democratic leadership is open to good ideas to improve this legislation, improvements from the Progressive Caucus, from the Blue Dogs, from the New Dems, and even from the Republicans.

One of the ideas that I hope to work with Chairman RANGEL, Health Subcommittee Chair STARK, Chairman WAXMAN and our leaders to address are ways to allow for the spread of good serving physician owned hospitals, many of which are caring for those with little to no insurance who would otherwise go underserved populations. And just what is a physician owned hospital . . . as its name implies, it's a hospital that has been started by, purchased by, or in some cases invested in by physicians. While some fear that such hospitals will allow physicians to skim off high end treatment and ignore routine procedures, I believe these concerns focus on only the few bad apples and not the lot of physicians who believe in their oath not to harm and to place people over profit.

So where do we stand today with physician owned hospitals. Under the current version of the health reform bill, 104 physician owned hospitals under development, 42 of which are scheduled to come on line by the end of 2010, will have to shut down. These 104 hospitals at risk represent more than 20,000 new jobs which will be lost in 21 states, over 40 in my home state of Texas. At least $5 billion in current investments will be lost. It will also affect hospitals that were built to serve working men and women with little or no insurance. I and other Democrats and Republicans urge the leadership to change the bill by eliminating the retroactive date in the bill and ''grandfather'' all the existing hospitals with physician ownership, including the 104 hospitals under development.

In addition to threatening physician owned hospitals under development, the current bill also limits growth of existing physician owned hospitals. Of the 223 physician hospitals now in operation in 32 states, only three would qualify to apply to the Secretary of HHS for permission to expand. The remainder of the hospitals would have future growth frozen and would likely close because they could no longer be responsive to the medical needs of patients, the community and physicians.

My solution is to eliminate the conditions for growth in section 1156 and the HHS application process, and allow ''grandfathered'' physician owned hospitals, including projects under development that qualify for the grandfather provision, to expand and respond to the expanded needs of the communities they serve.

Finally, the current bill repeals the whole hospital exception in the Stark law, thus prohibiting physicians from investing in new hospitals that were not grandfathered. This provision aims to discourage entrepreneurship and risk taking in health care. However, I believe that there are doctors who can do good and do well at the same time. As such, I urge the leadership to amend the exception to allow physicians to invest in acute general care hospitals, hospitals that serve a significant population of the uninsured, or hospitals on the verge of bankruptcy where physicians are the only interested investors.

Such was the case for St. Josephs Medical Center in my district. St. Joseph Medical Center is the first and only hospital in Downtown Houston—a metropolitan area that has grown to over 4 million. In August 2006, over 80 medical staff members out of the 500 on staff, elected to purchase a stake in the hospital to keep it from closing. Because of this partnership, St. Joseph Medical Center remains today as a viable institution, caring for hundreds of thousands of patients each year through the various services of this general, acute care, inner-city hospital. Nearly 5,000 new Houstonians are born annually at this hospital—the first maternity hospital in Houston.

St. Josephs remains the only hospital in Downtown Houston, and without it hundreds of thousands of individuals each year would not have a convenient place to go for their inpatient and outpatient care. With two medical towers adjacent to the campus, physicians' offices are close by, making this a one-stop shop for many who come downtown for their healthcare. Bus lines, rail lines, and two major freeways run right past the hospital, making it even more convenient for the populations that surround it—many of whom have limited or no transportation options.

This model of physician partnership works and in addition, adds 1,800 full time jobs to the Houston economy, pays millions in taxes and provides 40 million dollars of uncompensated care each year, and continues the traditions of the Sisters of Charity—to provide quality healthcare for all. This model saves hospitals in underserved areas and is part of the solution to the health care system problems, not the cause of them. Only to serve as ''buyers of last resort'' in communities that have a critical access problem and are otherwise providing good care to patients across the country. Thus, I look forward to working with the leadership to reward, not punish, such physician owned hospitals.

Other good proposals that I'm recommending are:

Grants to high schools and middle schools to increase health care professionals, particularly those in underserved communities;

Providing incentives for the development of Community Health Care Centers that are housed in healthy green buildings;

Tax credits for employers who not only offer good health care benefits but encourage their employees to utilize these benefits;

A pilot program to study and demonstrate the benefits of proven alternative medical techniques and medicines; and

A program to study this ongoing problem of people who seek to address depression or enhance athletic performance by abusing prescription drugs.

Madam Speaker, I believe that these are good proposals and if adopted will improve the outstanding work done by our leaders. Furthermore, while I seek changes in the health reform bill, I'm not at all about to stand in the way of change, my goal is to inspire change. Moreover, I'm not going to succumb to scare tactics aimed to put politics over people, people who deserve health reform now, not next week, next month, or next year.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 2050 Villanova Dr., Reno, NV 89520.

Description of Request: $500,000. This funding will be used for the Meadowwood Interchange project that will mitigate severe current and future traffic congestion occurring on I–580/US 395 and the adjacent surface arterials in the primary commercial retail district for the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nevada Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: $1,000,000. This funding will be used for the U.S. 50 State Realignment project. This project involves the Realignment of U.S. Highway 50 in the Stateline, Nevada Corridor. The project will look to provide operational improvement and pedestrian and transit improvements in the heavily congested Stateline corridor

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities and Equipment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2001 E. Plumb Ln., Reno, NV 89502

Description of Request: $263,000. This funding will be used for the acquisition and installation of an Approach Surveillance Radar (ASR–11) at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The Reno-Tahoe International Airport and five other airports in the region are all served by an existing Approach Surveillance

Radar (ASR–8) that has been in place for 16 years and is two generations old. The existing radar is located at the absolute lowest point of the valley which reduces its airspace coverage for all six airports in the region. An FAA study identified a site north and at a higher elevation than the existing radar site which would allow air traffic controllers to track aircraft movements longer and at lower altitudes than currently possible

Requesting Member: Congressman Dean Heller

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 2050 Villanova Dr., Reno, NV 89520

Description of Request: $250,000. This funding will be for the Washoe County bus and bus facilities project which includes the replacement and expansion of the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) transit fleet including standard coaches and paratransit vehicles and the construction of additional park-and-ride facilities. New buses must be purchased to replace worn-out vehicles in the existing fleet, increase service on existing routes and initiate new service. These replacement vehicles will help the RTC to increase schedule reliability, reduce the cost of vehicles and increase transit ridership and fare box revenue.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago today, millions of Americans and other people around the world, sat tuned in to the most advanced media device of the day, the television. Millions more, gathered around radios. While still others simply raised their heads and fixed their eyes to a common sight—the moon. Yet, on this day, 40 years ago, the moon was markedly different. For on that day, mankind, represented by a young 38-year-old American, Neil Armstrong, set foot on the moon.

On this day, 40 years ago, the country and the world were divided along many fronts. This country was reeling following a spate of high profile assassinations that took the lives of John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy. The world was divided by ideology, separated into blocs of countries aligned with the Soviet Union and those aligned with the west. Finally, this country was in the midst of a bitter conflict in Vietnam that robbed this country of the lives of thousands of young men and women.

Yet, despite these divisions, the nation and the world was united, united in the celebration of an achievement for mankind. And while the world had not yet seen the internet, the I-phone, or Twitter, we were all connected, connected by a single feat.

Today, forty years later, while there are still some sources of division, the world stands today connected in a variety of ways. The step onto the surface of the moon left more than a mere foot print in the moon sand, it created a technological movement that has resulted in many of the devices that define our life today.

This feat happened because of the combined determination and diligence of an entire country. From the inspiration of a young President who challenged us to set our sights on the moon, scientists developed new materials, engineers manufactured innovative equipment, and factory workers assembled cutting edge transport crafts. Together, these Americans proved that by working together, toward a common purpose, there is nothing beyond our reach. It was true then, I have no doubt that that fact will remain true today.

President Obama has convened a commission to chart our next steps into space. The President is confronted with several choices. With soaring deficits facing our states and the looming costs of health care reform and energy reform before the nation, some may argue that we cannot afford such a risk.

Yet others realize the gains of that small step. Gains that created new innovations in agriculture, architecture, and even health care. The pacemaker is just one of the many life saving technologies that has resulted from that same small step.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Obama to follow the lead of that young visionary President that preceded him 40 years ago. I urge him not to shy away from continuing the investment made by the past generation of Americans. I encourage the President to move ahead and continue the nation's investment in space exploration.

I am confident that the President will move forward. He's already shown his vision by recently appointing Marine Corps Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. as NASA Administrator. General Bolden graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968, nearly 20 years after the first Black to graduate from that institution, Wesley Brown.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, General Bolden accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. General Bolden was in flight school, when former Navy aviator, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon. This feat kept General Bolden motivated and after two years of flight training, he was designated a naval aviator in May 1970. He flew more than 100 sorties into North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, in the A–6A Intruder between June 1972 and June 1973. Upon returning to the United States, General Bolden began a two-year tour as a Marine Corps selection officer and recruiting officer in Los Angeles, followed by three years at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California. During his free time, General Bolden returned to school to earn a Masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1977.

In June 1979, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland, and subsequently served as an ordnance test pilot and flew numerous test projects in the A–6E, EA–6B, and A–7C/E airplanes. As a pilot, he has logged more than 6,000 hours flying time.

General Bolden was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1980, and became an astronaut in August 1981. A veteran of four space flights, he has logged more than 680 hours in space, including 444 orbits of the earth. General Bolden served as pilot on STS–61C (Space Shuttle Columbia, January 12–18, 1986) and STS–31 (Space Shuttle Discovery, April 24–29, 1990), and was the mission commander on STS–45 (Space Shuttle Atlantis, March 24, 1992—April 2, 1992), and STS–60 (Space Shuttle Discovery, February 3–11, 1994). During his first Discovery mission, General Bolden and his colleagues successfully deployed the Hubble Space Telescope while orbiting the earth from a record setting altitude of 400 miles. The second Discovery mission was the historic first joint U.S./Russian Space Shuttle mission with a Russian Cosmonaut as a crew member.

General Bolden also held two administrative posts at NASA during these years. Following the Challenger accident in 1986, he was named the chief of the safety division at the Johnson Space Center, overseeing safety initiatives in the return-to-flight effort. From April 1992 to June 1993, General Bolden served as Assistant Deputy Administrator for NASA.

In 1994, General Bolden returned to active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. In July 1997, he was assigned as the Deputy Commanding General, I MEF, Marine Forces, Pacific. From February to June 1998, he served as Commanding General, I MEF (FWD) in support of Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait. In July 1998 he was promoted to his final rank of Major General and assumed his duties as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan. General Bolden then served as the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, serving from August 9, 2000 until August 2002. He retired in August 2004.

Following retirement, General Bolden became active in the corporate sector. Since 2004, he has been the owner and CEO of Jack and Panther LLC, a privately-held military and aerospace consulting firm in my district of Houston, Texas. Having recently been confirmed by the Senate and assumed his post, General Bolden is the first Astronaut to lead NASA. As an Astronaut, General Bolden understands NASA's mission, its operations, and its most valuable resource, its personnel.

With a background of achieving in the face of obstacles, General Bolden is well positioned to help NASA define its role in the midst of our nation's fiscal crisis. Moreover, General Bolden in his new role as NASA Administrator has the potential of inspiring a new generation of young people, much like I and many others were inspired by Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins forty years ago. I urge support for this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3138

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orange

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California 92701

Funding Secured: $52,193,000

Description of Request: The Santa Ana River Mainstream Project, including Prado Dam, provide urban flood protection to the growing communities in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties, and has been a high priority project for the Army Corps of Engineers since it was first authorized in 1986. The Santa Ana River has been recognized as the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates if flood mitigation is not completed, a major storm event could flood over 110,000 acres, kill 3,000 people, and destroy up to $15 billion worth of property in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Floods from the Santa Ana River would destroy interstate transportation facilities, railroads and highways, and have long-term effects on business activities on a national level. The project, which extends some 75 miles along the Santa Ana River, will increase levels of flood protection to more than 3.35 million people in the area. Federal assistance for the start of construction was approved in the Fiscal Year 1990 federal budget and has been included in the federal budget every year since.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3138

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8300, Fountain Valley, California 92728

Funding Secured: $100,000

Description of Request: The Ground Water Replenishment (GWR) System Mid-Basin Injection Pilot Facilities Project will determine the feasibility, and the benefits and costs of constructing a full-scale project that would inject GWR System product water directly into the principal aquifer in an area of high volume groundwater pumping. The purpose of the GWR System Mid-Basin Injection Pilot Facilities Project is to reduce reliance on imported water by expanding local water supplies. This will be accomplished by increasing recharge of the Orange County groundwater basin through direct injection of purified, recycled water into the groundwater basin. This project will install one pilot test well and two monitoring wells, evaluating hydro-geologic data, and developing a preliminary plan for full-scale construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3138

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8300, Fountain Valley, California 92728

Funding Secured: $100,000

Description of Request: The Groundwater Replenishment System (GWR System) is a jointly funded project of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) with OCWD serving as the lead or constructing agency. When complete, the GWR System will be the largest water recycling project of its kind in the world, reusing 140,000 acre feet per year (AFY) of advance treated wastewater (recycled water). The GWR System will supplement existing water supplies by providing a new, reliable, high-quality source of water to recharge the Orange County Groundwater Basin and protect the Basin from further degradation due to seawater intrusion. By treating excess storm flows along the Santa Ana River, the GWR System project also postpones the need for OCSD to construct a new ocean outfall in Huntington Beach.

RECOGNIZING GENESIS AT THE CROSSROADS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Genesis at the Crossroads, a non-profit organization whose mission is to bridge cultures in conflict through the arts and to create innovative arts-education programs around the world.

Founded in 1999 by Dr. Wendy Sternberg, Genesis at the Crossroads utilizes the arts as a form of diplomacy, using expression to foster understanding. The organization brings together ethnic artists to share their talents and unite their audiences in celebrations of diversity.

Art is the adhesive that keeps world cultures united. Artistic expression and appreciation are fostered by Genesis at the Crossroads through programs such as the HAMSA-Fest, which celebrates Middle Eastern and North African art, and Our World One Piece at a Time, a peace quilt program that fosters philanthropy and understanding among youth.

Genesis at the Crossroads creates the unique and rare opportunity to truly work in unison with those of differing and often conflicting backgrounds. The success of the organization, now in its tenth year, is a testament to the power of the arts.

We congratulate Genesis at the Crossroads on their ten-year anniversary and thank their artists, organizers, and audiences that have participated in their programs. Genesis at the Crossroads has proven understanding is possible regardless of conflict, when we combine passion for the arts and compassion for others.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Mary's Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 235 West Sixth Street, Reno, NV 89503

Description of Request: $700,000. This funding will be used for the construction of a new Nephrology Center of Excellence. This center will provide residents of Northern Nevada and Northeastern California the option of accessing kidney transplants at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Renown Health Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Ryland, Suite 402, Reno, NV 89502.

Description of Request: $800,000. Two-thirds of all births in the Reno/Sparks area occur at Renown Regional Medical Center. Renown Regional Medical Center is the only Children's Miracle Network hospital in the Northern Nevada Region. In order to serve the Washoe County and Northern Nevada region, Renown Health must expand and renovate its current facilities in the Women's and Children's Center to meet these needs. This funding will be used to expand Renown's current room capacity and renovate existing rooms to provide an overall improvement in the delivery experience for the mother and her family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of the FY 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Name of Project: Delaware Department of Education, Dover, DE for a school leadership initiative

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware Department of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, DE 19901

Description of Request: $250,000 to train, mentor, and coach superintendents, principals, and other leaders within the Vision 2015 Network to sharpen their focus on data and realign their time and resources to maximize student achievement.

Name of Project: Rodel Foundation of Delaware, Wilmington, DE for the Delaware Parent Leadership Institute

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rodel Foundation of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 704, Wilmington, DE 19801

Description of Request: $150,000 to expand leadership training for parents of Delaware public school students on how to advocate effectively for their children's education and partner effectively with their children's schools.

Name of Project: Nanticoke Senior Center, Seaford, DE for facilities and equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nanticoke Senior Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 N. Virginia Avenue, Seaford, DE 19973

Description of Request: $100,000 for the construction of new, 11,053 square foot Senior Services Center in the heart of Seaford, Delaware. The purpose of this project is to help provide a new approach to serving older adults through the expansion of services.

Name of Project: Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE for facilities and equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Rockland Road, P.O. Box 269, Wilmington, DE 19899

Description of Request: $350,000 for capital improvements by Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. The purpose of this project is to upgrade and expand the only children's hospital in Delaware, which also serves children from all over the U.S. and world who seek highly specialized services, in order to strengthen its ability to continue providing outstanding patient care.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 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 the H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Literacy Council of West Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 20410, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 for funding that will be used to provide initial, one-time seed funding to establish a basic literacy delivery system for West Alabama, including implementation of a research and best practices clearinghouse for literacy programs and services; training programs for literacy trainers, tutors and other educational components; technical support services for existing literacy service providers that do not have the ability or financial support to implement programs on their own; marketing and communication initiatives to sustain a high level of awareness and information related to literacy; and management and administrative support for delivery of literacy programs and services throughout the 8-county region. The project's total budget is $325,000. Specifically within the budget, $20,000 is for program services and events, $45,000 for research and planning, $30,000 for marketing and communications, $25,000 for training and development, $15,000 best practices and clearinghouse services, $12,500 for printing and materials $7,500 for postage and mailing, $5,000 for literacy service providers council, and $165,000 for salaries and administration. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education account. The Literacy Council of West Alabama will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 919, Springville, AL 35156

Description of Request: Provide $250,000 in funding for the renovation of an existing facility located at Big Springs Park into a Senior Citizens' Center. Springville is one of the fastest growing in the state. The project's total budget is $350,000. Specifically within the budget, $30,000 for site preparation, $285,000 for construction and $35,000 will go toward architectural services. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services account. The city of Springfield will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DCH Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 Hospital Drive, Northport, AL 35476

Description of Request: Provide $350,000 to expand the Northport Medical Center (NMC) Emergency Department. NMC supports over 40,000 emergency visits each year, making it one of the busiest emergency departments in the State of Alabama. DCH is working to expand the hospital's emergency department to provide the highest standards of urgent care to Tuscaloosa residents. The project's total budget is $4,648,500. Specifically within the budget, $70,000 will go toward renovation to tie to existing building, $3,525,000 for new construction, $500,000 for civil work, $409,500 for contingencies, and $144,000 for furnishings and telecommunications. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account. The DCH Health System will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 E. South Street, P.O. Box 698, Talladega, AL 35161

Description of Request: Provide $200,000 to develop a collaborative program with employers incorporating assistive technology and targeting deaf and blind individuals with developmental disabilities for workforce placement. The funding would be used for employer training in disabilities and assistive technology for the deaf and blind. The project's total budget is $680,000. Specifically within the budget, $200,000 for salaries, $250,000 for assistive technology for the deaf and blind, $20,000 for travel, $30,000 for employer training in disabilities, $30,000 matching administrative personnel cost, and $150,000 for matching assistive technology cost. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) Account. The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Devereux Center for Effective Schools, King of Prussia, PA—$100,000 for school-wide positive behavior support for at-risk youth in Reading School District.

Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA—$243,000 to provide mentoring and training to science

teachers, and expand the health sciences at Harcum.

Neumann College, Aston, PA—$200,000 requested for Pharmacy Education for Workforce Development in Aston and Phoenixville.

Downingtown Library Company & Downingtown Area Senior Center Building Campaign, Downingtown, PA—$350,000 to redevelop an existing mill building on the former Sonoco Paper property. This forms an important civic hub for the community as well as the proposed River Station redevelopment project.

Phoenixville Public Library, Phoenixville, PA—$157,000 to update the library's collection.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services account for the Access Community Health Center Career Laddering Program. The entity to receive the $400,000 in funding for this project is the Access Community Health Network, 1501 S. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to create an innovative career training and advancement framework for healthcare employees. ACCESS employs close to 450 entry level workers, the majority of whom have no college education and many of whom are recruited because their ''peer'' status is an asset in helping medically underserved patients enter and navigate the health system. ACCESS is proposing an integrated strategy for employee career advancement by deploying two tandem strategies: developing career ladders with internal training programs; and providing scholarships for employees that show educational promise, combined with mentoring to integrate educational attainment into career advancement at ACCESS. The majority of these 450 workers are minorities, many with families, and some who are single parents working two jobs to survive in the current economy. Most have not had the resources to consider pursuing their education, and for those who have had formal training (such as medical assistants), pursuit of a four-year degree has been beyond reach. This funding will bring practical relief and assistance to those served by ACCESS by empowering the employees to grow to be even better health professionals. In the midst of the current challenges in our healthcare system, and the debate over reform, we can all agree that a more educated and advancing healthcare workforce will better serve Americans.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education account for the Elgin Community College Health Careers Center of Excellence. The entity to receive the $100,000 in funding for this project is the Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for curriculum research and development and the acquisition of instructional equipment. Sixty percent of the nation's new registered nurses and the majority of allied health professionals receive their training through community colleges. ECC is graduating the future employees of hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, schools and dentists' all across the Chicago region. As we debate health reform, we must also keep in mind that the nation faces a healthcare workforce shortage. The demand for healthcare job training is so high that ECC turns away more applicants every semester than it is able to enroll. Hospitals and healthcare providers across the country have staffing shortages, and ECC can help. This much-needed funding will help ECC meet the healthcare staffing needs burdening our current system.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account for the DuPage County Start the Heart Program. The entity to receive the $100,000 in funding for this project is the Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123. The entity to receive the $150,000 in funding for this project is the DuPage County Health Department, 111 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to educate the public on how to reduce fatality rates from sudden cardiac arrest and expand access to AEDs throughout area communities. The leading cause of death in DuPage County is Heart Disease. While many of these deaths are attributed to chronic disease there is an opportunity to reduce deaths related to sudden cardiac arrest. Currently, one person dies every two minutes from sudden cardiac death, and the national survival rate is only 6% to 7%. Some areas of the country have seen positive trends increasing the survival rate, directly linked to public health campaigns that focus on increasing the numbers of individuals trained in CPR and creating greater access to Public Access Defibrillators (AEDs). Survival rates double in locations with access to AEDs. The Start the Heart Campaign is a collaborative, community-based partnership with the Midwest Heart Foundation (a group established by area physicians), local governments, education, and healthcare leaders. The goals are to increase the number of citizens who are trained in CPR and to increase the public access to AEDs. The healthcare costs related to survivors of delayed defibrillation are very high as these individuals require long rehabilitative therapy or long term skilled care. Costs related to families that lose mothers or fathers prematurely can be recognized in many social programs that support unplanned loss of income. This much needed funding will bring enhanced safety and health security to the people of DuPage County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 3293.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096, USA

Description of Request: I received $350,000 for Southwestern Oklahoma State College. The funding for this project will be used to purchase equipment for the Industrial and Engineering Technology Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State College. This equipment will ensure that the program is technologically current and maintains a high quality of education. In addition, it enables the program to continue to strengthen Oklahoma's industrial and engineering technology workforce.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Oklahoma State College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2801 N Main St., Altus, Oklahoma 73521, USA

Description of Request: I received $100,000 for Western Oklahoma State College to upgrade its campus security system. The funding for this project will be used for technology and equipment upgrades in order to implement a campus-wide emergency mass notification and campus access plan. Improvments will include campus security cameras, email and text-messaging emergency notification, campus-wide panic buttons, wall-mounted strobe lights for color-coded notification system, and smart-card access to campus entrances.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107, USA

Description of Request: I received $300,000 for Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences. The funding for this project will be used to expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network. Additionally, it will bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or manmade disasters.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078, USA

Description of Request: I received $350,000 for Oklahoma State University. Oklahoma State University has formed a public-private partnership for training, education and research in proton therapy for training, education and research in proton therapy for the treatment of cancer. ProCure is currently completing construction of a multi-million dollar proton treatment facility in Oklahoma City, dedicated to the treatment of cancer. The funding for this project will be used for equipment for the facility. This facility will allow access to world-leading technology for patients in the central region of the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the new House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Bio-Security Level 3 Lab

Amount Provided: $650,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description: In order to contribute to the nation's pressing biosecurity needs, and to develop strategies for safeguarding the nation's animal agriculture and human populations from such highly infectious agents as influenza, Brucella, and West Nile virus, the funding will be used to help Iowa State University expand its high security, Bio-Security Level 3 facilities. Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine long has been preeminent in the field of infectious disease research in domestic animals. More recently, in response to public health and national security concerns and in an effort to protect and secure the nation's animal agriculture industry, ISU has focused on research that addresses new and novel strategies to prevent and control foreign animal and zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases are pathogens carried by animals that may be spread to humans, and many modern diseases, including various epidemics, initially were spread this way.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Electronic Medical Record System

Amount Provided: $250,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Madison County Health Care Center

Recipient's Street Address: 300 W. Hutchings, Winterset, IA 50273

Description: The funding will be used to install and implement an electronic medical record program which will improve the quality of health care provided to rural Iowans while reducing the potential for medical errors as well as realizing a reduction in costs through eliminating duplicity and paperwork.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Health Occupations Training Simulator

Amount Provided: $165,000

Account: Employment and Training Administration—Training & Employment Services

Recipient: Iowa Valley Community College

Recipient's Street Address: 3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description: This funding will purchase Health Occupation Training Simulators which will be used during training activities for current and future Registered Nurses (RN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and other health care practitioners.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Improving the Health Status of Rural Iowans through Prevention

Amount Provided: $200,000

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Recipient: Des Moines University

Recipient's Street Address: 3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

Description: This project would continue research involving a preventative health program focused on individuals 55–64 with moderate to high risk of chronic disease as determined by a Health Risk Assessment (HRA). The project is tracking health status and health risk for selected rural residents over the course of three years. Individuals identified by risk levels are participating in health risk prevention intervention programs.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: INet Electronic Medical Record System for Intensive Care Unit

Amount Provided: $350,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Mercy Medical Center—North Iowa

Recipient's Street Address: 1000 4th Street SW, Mason City, IA 50401

Description: This funding would provide software, equipment and personnel training to implement the first fully automated intensive care unit in Iowa. The current system uses paper records, charts, etc. along with a basic EMR. The new system would utilize an enhanced electronic medical record that would improve monitoring of critical care patients, allow remote monitoring of patients in the Mercy ICU by their physicians in the surrounding communities, and reduce long-term costs associated with duplicate tests and paper-based records.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Institute for Novel Vaccine and Anti-Microbial Design (INOVA)

Amount Provided: $1,000,000

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description: The Novel Vaccine and Anti-Microbial Design (INOVA) will bring together a highly inter-disciplinary team of experienced scientific leaders from Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the National Animal Disease Center, to translate groundbreaking discoveries into the molecular design of new classes of immunobiotics and vaccines to reduce the current and expanding national threat associated with infectious disease.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Medical Equipment

Amount Provided: $694,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Trinity Regional Medical Center

Recipient's Street Address: 802 Kenyon Road, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Description: The funding would be used to replace the nine-year old, outdated cardiac catheterization lab equipment and provide the highest quality cardiac care to patients in a nine-county primary service area. Northwest central Iowa needs a facility with a state-of-the-art catheterization lab. Patients should not have to (and in some cases, cannot) travel to Des Moines, Mason City or Ames to have access to a new cath lab and the life saving services offered by new equipment. Residents in Fort Dodge, and surrounding communities such as Humboldt and Pocahontas, for example, are in need of the services offered by state of the art cath lab equipment. The new technology will allow integration to a new image acquisition/storage system and will help continue the commitment to provide a comprehensive cardiac catheterization service to patients in Northwest Central Iowa.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Entity Receiving Earmark: Methodist Hospital of Southern California, located at 300 W. Huntington Drive #207, Arcadia, CA 91007

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000 for the implementation of a Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) system. CPOE systems provide for the electronic entry and routing of medication, thereby reducing the number of medication mistakes and increasing patient safety. Approximately $56,000 will go towards user devices, including Tablet PCS and mobile carts, $630,000 for pharmacy hardware and software to assist with the Medical Order Entry of the project. The final $64,000 will go towards a network and wireless assessment to ensure that the response time of the software does not impede the clinicians. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of

the Health Resources and Services Administration account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Entity Receiving Earmark: San Antonio Community Hospital, located at 999 San Bernardino Road, Upland, CA 91786.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000 to purchase cardiac monitoring equipment. San Antonio Community Hospital is expanding its services to meet a growing population. Approximately $140,430 will go towards an Intravascular Ultrasound, $72,900 for an AutoTransfusion System, $51,670 for a Cardiac Surgery BioConsole and $485,000 for a 16 slice CT Scanner. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Health Resources and Services Administration account.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Dept of Education—Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern Kentucky University Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: Administrative Center, 616 Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41099

Description of Request: Appropriate $350,000 for the Northern Kentucky University Center for e-Health Innovation. Health informatics—applying information technology to health care—provides the foundation for developing significant improvements to our health care system. It promotes increased productivity; pay for performance; cost transparency; quality and safety; outcome based practices; access to health care and personal health records; and technological scalability and evolution. In these respects, it holds great promise for literally thousands of affected businesses oriented to support health care, large and small, for profit and not-for-profit. The U.S. Department of Labor projects the health care industry to hold 12 of the 20 fastest growing occupations; five of the remaining eight are in the computer technology industry. NKU seeks to prepare future employees for a burgeoning industry that understands both computer technology and its applications to improve patient care and reduce health care costs. NKU's Center for e-Health Innovation will offer an applied, practical research environment (physical laboratories) for studying interoperability in health care and developing real world solutions for the local health care industry. Federal funding will cover equipment, faculty development and start up operations. Each lab will be comprised of physical space incorporating duplicates of hospital and medical center hardware, software and systems. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will train the health care workers of tomorrow in the science of applying information technology to health care to improve efficiency and outcomes.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOL—Employment and Training Administration—Training & Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Innovative Productivity, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Industry Road, Suite 500, Louisville, KY 40208

Description of Request: Appropriate $150,000 for the Career Training for Disabled Veterans program. Career Training for Disabled Veterans is a program developed by Innovative Productivity, Inc. (IPI). It is designed to assist and train disabled veterans, including ''Wounded Warriors,'' during and after treatment to reenter the civilian workforce. The program enables veterans to obtain career direction quickly in order to make important life decisions. The program will work in conjunction with the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Labor in providing industry driven packaged training to match positions identified by employers. Surviving spouses of military war casualties and spouses of disabled veterans can also take advantage of this program. This is an important use of taxpayer dollars because it will leverage a relatively small contribution from the federal government to develop a robust program for training and placing our veterans in quality skilled jobs.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Horizons Health Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Roland Avenue, Owenton, KY 40359

Description of Request: Appropriate $250,000 for the Community Health Improvement Initiative at New Horizons Health Systems, Inc. New Horizons Health Systems, Inc. is a not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital that also serves as a rural health clinic for primary care. The funds will be used to purchase a new MRI. Patients currently have to travel over fifty miles to another health care facility for MRI services or wait for a mobile MRI to come through the area. These problems often result in disruption of continuity of care for the patient and a delay in diagnosis. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public health service in rural Kentucky.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harrison Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1210 KY Highway 36 E, Cynthiana, KY 41031

Description of Request: Appropriate $100,000 for the Cardiac Catheterization Project at Harrison Memorial Hospital. Harrison Memorial Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, rural hospital serving a region of five counties and approximately 45,000 residents, providing both inpatient and outpatient care. The project would implement a cardiac catheterization program at HMH. All federal funds received will go towards remodeling the existing space in the hospital to provide the cath suite and equipment. This project with make available cardiac cath for timely interventions and diagnosis, a key component of cardiac care. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public health service in rural Kentucky.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELOISA CORONADO. A LIFE OF 100 YEARS.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to share with you and celebrate the life of Eloisa Coronado from Zapata, Texas. Eloisa will be turning 100 years old this 31st of July, making her the oldest registered voter in Zapata County.

Born in 1909, she lived in a time when you still had to ride in a mule wagon to go into town for groceries. At age 9, her father died of Tetanus, leaving Eloisa to drop out of the third grade to help her mother raise her 4 younger sisters.

On January 1, 1926, she married Benito Martinez and eventually had 9 children. They ran a farm together raising cattle, planting corn and selling milk and eggs.

Living to be 100 naturally comes with hardship. Mrs. Coronado has outlived 4 sons, her 4 sisters, a half brother, 1 grandson and 3 daughters-in-law. As one can imagine, such pain has been difficult. But Eloisa's faith as well as the joy of her family of 27 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 43 great-great-grandchildren has kept her spirits up.

As a devoted believer, Eloisa has taught her family to have a strong faith, to be honest and to love one another. About her age and her life, she tells family members, ''These hands will reach out for the Lord's hands when He calls me Home.''

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to publicly celebrate the 100th birthday of Eloisa Coronado of Zapata Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that are listed in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Administration on Aging,

Title: Dementia Leadership Initiative,

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westminster Village,

Address of Requesting Entity: 803 N. Wahneta Street, Allentown, PA 18109,

Description of Request: Funding will be used to develop outreach initiatives to educate the public about maintaining brain health and mitigating the impact of dementia, create a public resource center, and provide staff training in the most advanced methods of dementia care. Approximately 15 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by the middle of this century unless a cure or prevention is found. This program will provide enhanced medical diagnosis, treatment and care for those with Alzheimer's; offer individuals and families vital information and support; and enable long-term care facilities to provide for optimal outcomes for affected individuals.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010,

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Service,

Title: Emergency Management Service Facility Expansion and Renovation,

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Bethlehem,

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018,

Description of Request: Funding will be used by the City of Bethlehem to support the community's increasing need for EMS services by renovating a portion of a building owned by St. Luke's Hospital. Specifically, the completion of this project will more than double the current EMS facility. The new facility will provide the ability to improve numerous aspects of EMS—faster responses, centralization of location, maintaining centralization of EMS administration, future growth, safer access and egress.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010,

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services,

Title: Drive for Healthy Kids Program,

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh Valley Coalition for Kids,

Address of Requesting Entity: 5000 Tilghman Street, #207, Allentown, PA 18104,

Description of Request: Funding will allow the Lehigh Valley Coalition for Kids (LVCK) and St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network to improve a Lehigh Valley-wide collaborative effort to provide medical, dental, and vision care to children and adolescents (under 19) lacking basic health care due to low family income and/or a broad range of socio-economic issues. Through this initiative, fully equipped and supplied health vans will bring regularly scheduled services to area schools and youth agencies throughout much of Northampton and Lehigh Counties. In 2007, this program provided 1,234 medical visits and 2,984 dental visits. About one-third of the children treated on the vans do not have health insurance. The remaining two-thirds qualify for free or reduced care but do not receive regular medical or dental care. Over 50 percent of the children receiving dental services in any given year have never seen a dentist. The immediate urgent need for medical, dental, and vision care far exceeds currently available resources. This funding will be a major step toward meeting the most critical current and anticipated needs.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010,

Account: Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services,

Title: Operating Room Equipment,

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sacred Heart Hospital,

Address of Requesting Entity: 421 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102,

Description of Request: This project will support the purchase of operating room equipment essential for treatment and service for Hospital patients. Specifically, funding will be used to replace or upgrade essential equipment in the operating suite to provide Sacred Heart patients with the highest quality of care. The existing equipment does not reflect the highest levels of technology currently available to hospitals. Sacred Heart Hospital is a 226 bed, acute care teaching hospital in the City of Allentown.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed projects in H.R. 3292, The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Agency/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Amount: $480,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79409

The people of West Texas and the contiguous regions of Eastern New Mexico and Oklahoma represent an underserved population in terms of local access to cancer therapeutics. This funding would support the Cancer Center for the South Plains Region which seeks to reduce suffering from cancer in the region through education, prevention, and early access to state-of-the art cancer therapeutics. The Cancer Center will serve the region, state, and nation by decreasing the substantial costs associated with the morbidity and mortality from cancer.

Agency/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Amount: $250,000

REQUESTING ENTITY: TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, 2500 BROADWAY, LUBBOCK, TX 79409

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery (CSAR) is a federal and state supported program dedicated to expanding recovery support and relapse prevention available for students and to serve as a demonstration program that can easily be replicated by other institutions of higher education. A number of other colleges and universities around the country have created college recovery communities based on curriculum developed by CSAR.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Congressman BART STUPAK, for introducing this legislation. Every year on July 1st, I look forward to officially celebrating the establishment of Canada and all of its wonderful accomplishments. Canada has proven to be one of our nation's most trusted allies and as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I personally work closely with Canadian officials to ensure the 5,500-mile border that we share remains secure. In this era of heightened security, the United States and Canada have renewed cooperative efforts to safeguard the movement of people and goods, improve information-sharing, and strengthen border infrastructure and technology across the border.

In a world in which too many nations still choose conflict over cooperation, and erect barriers instead of bridges, the U.S.-Canadian partnership has been and must ever be a model for others, and the foundation on which to build a common future. Indeed, our relationship is centered on a shared continent, shared values, shared aspirations, and real respect for our differences.

Over the years, our nations have forged the most comprehensive ties of any two nations on Earth. They bind not only our governments, but also our economies, our cultures, and our people. From NORAD to NAFTA, Canadians and Americans have seized opportunities to provide for our common security and prosperity. We've tackled tough problems from acid rain and water pollution to differences over beer and grain in the spirit of friendship and in pragmatism.

Addressing the Canadian parliament 50 years ago, President Truman declared that the success of the U.S.-Canadian relationship was due to "one part proximity, and nine parts goodwill and common sense." Goodwill and common sense remain the foundation of our friendship.

In Texas, the territory of the Consulate General in Dallas and the Canadian Consulate in Houston encompasses five states with over 36 million people. Bilateral trade with the region is over $30 billion each year; therefore I am very aware of how important a strong trade relationship is for both countries.

Specifically the cities of Alberta and Houston share a number of distinguishing features which make them sister cities. Over the past 10 years Alberta has had the strongest economy in Canada, with an average rate of growth of 3.7 per cent per year, while Houston continues to thrive as the energy capital of the United States. Canada is the U.S.'s most important trading partner, with over $570 billion

dollars in goods and services being traded between the two countries in 2006. Canada and the U.S. enjoy an interdependent energy relationship, trading oil, natural gas, coal, and electricity. Canada has a reported 178.8 billion barrels of oil reserves as of 2006, second only to Saudi Arabia. Over 95% of these reserves are in oil sands deposits in Alberta. Moreover, Canadian oil sands in Alberta have made Canada the largest exporter of oil to the U.S. and has helped alleviate our dependence on foreign sources of oil from parts of the world which geopolitically face much more risk than our neighbor to the North. Recent proposals by Canadian companies such as Enbridge and Altex to build oil pipelines from Alberta to Houston seem very promising, and I look forward to the progress they make. These 2,000-mile pipelines, which are targeted to be in service by 2010, will send over 500,000 barrels of oil per day.

I would like to congratulate Canada on its many accomplishments over the years and remain appreciative to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3298, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FTA—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 3375 Madison Pike, Fort Wright, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate $500,000 for the Bus Replacement Program at the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK). Funds will enable TANK to purchase new buses needed for safety and capacity issues. Newer buses will also help to achieve better fuel economy and have cleaner emissions than the buses currently in use and in need of replacement. The current buses that will be replaced have been in operation for one to two years beyond their FTA-recommended useful life (13 to 14 years of operation). This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, capacity and energy efficiency.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Campbell County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 24 West Fourth St, Newport, KY 41071

Description of Request: Appropriate $500,000 to rehabilitate the section of I–471 between I–275 and the Ohio River in Campbell County, Kentucky. The project is listed in Kentucky's six year highway plan. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, allow for continued economic growth in Northern Kentucky, and employ workers to complete the project. Importantly, I–471 will serve as an alternate route when work begins on repair or replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge on I–71/75. Rehabilitation of I–471 is critical to ensuring this redirected traffic moves in a fast and efficient manner without jeopardizing the safety of travelers. Finally, completing this maintenance will prolong the life of the road, avoiding necessity of more costly repairs.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Covington

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41014

Description of Request: Appropriate $250,000 for the renovation of the old Stewart Iron Works Building. The City of Covington is working with three non-profit social service agencies (Fairhaven Rescue Mission, Parish Kitchen, and Welcome House of Northern Kentucky) to create a multiagency one-stop for serving the needs of homeless individuals and families in the Northern Kentucky community. The project involves the rehabilitation of the Stewart Iron Works Building, relocation of several existing social service agencies into a single building. This will increase the ability to provide a full range of services, increase capacity, and provide on-site transitional housing. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the efficiency and quality of services for homeless individuals and families through an economy of scale. Demand for these types of services will only increase as the economy continues to struggle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL–25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Drive, Ashe Administration Building, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Description of Request: I have secured $952,000 for the Pediatric Integrative Medicine. This funding will be used for the development of a pioneer center of excellence for a Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the following benefits will be realized: The University of Miami will become a resource for other institutions in the community as well as nationally who are interested in this model of care. By becoming a center of excellence, our patient population would have the advantage of receiving the most comprehensive care that is available nationwide. The collaboration between CAM practitioners and clinicians can increase the respect between the two health care delivery systems; may also establish trust by eliminating the competition usually occurring between the two fields. The holistic approach of most CAM interventions and therapies can increase awareness of health and wellness in children at an early age. With the impact that lifestyle and behavior have on health, children can reap the benefits of this early awareness well into adulthood. Through our Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the University of Miami would be poised to revolutionize pediatric care and advance the use of CAM as part of standard care. Specific targeted substudies may include: Water, one of the most important elements in our bodies yet one whose intake in children is universally limited. Exploring increased hydration therapy in children would be an inexpensive home-based intervention for improving health. Enzyme Deficiency, Implicated as a cause of illness and as an effecter of health, enzyme deficiencies can be improved through supplementation with natural products such as wheatgrass, raw juices and living foods. Ambient Lighting and Light Therapy, extended hospitalizations reduce exposure to sunlight, potentially causing Vitamin D deficiency. Would supplementation through Vitamin D-rich foods be effective in preventing this deficiency? Additionally, are there other adverse health effects of certain lighting techniques (e.g. fluorescent or flos-fluorescent light)? Probiotics, could probiotics be useful in maintaining optimal colon health in children? If so, are there dosage considerations to be explored based on the significantly smaller size of the colon? Furthermore, can the use of probiotics reduce recovery time in hospitalized children? Massage Therapy, the negative impacts of stress are present throughout all age groups in the U.S., but the data exploring CAM methods for stress reduction in children is sparse. Recognizing the benefits of massage in adults and even in neonates, could massage be beneficial to children with elevated stress levels (whether that stress is psychological or biological such as that from chronic diseases)? Is massage a significant effecter of biological markers of stress (inflammation, cytokines, C-reactive proteins etc.)? Others, exercise, polyunsaturated fatty acids, specific vitamin and other nutritional therapies, pediatric health behavior—adherence to CAM therapies and changes in mood outcome expectations—the possibilities are extensive.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL–25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 S.W. 62nd Ave., Miami, FL 33155

Description of Request: I have secured $9,500,000 for the Miami Children's Hospital Congenital Heart Institute (CHI): Hybrid Pediatric Cardiac Suites. This funding will be used to improve the outcome for children with congenital heart disease through the construction of two new Hybrid Suites to maximize the potential of the tools and procedures that have been developed in Miami and elsewhere over the last 14 years. These adjoining hybrid suites will feature: full cardiac operating room capabilities including cardiopulmonary bypass,

dedicated pediatric cardiac anesthesia, state of the art hybrid cardiac surgical/interventional table, low dose digital flat panel imaging technology and operating room ventilation and temperature control. Additional features will also include: the first pediatric robotic hybrid suite, dynamic CT imaging of cardiac and thoracic structures, real time 3-dimensional image reconstruction allowing for new and unprecedented imaging of complex cardiac structures, state of the art networking and communication systems that facilitates real-time audio and visual communication of all images with colleagues throughout the hospital and our sister campus in Orlando, multiple in-room digital cameras and microphones for satellite broadcast transmissions, and a large viewing area and control rooms for visitors. The goal of CHI is to achieve 100 percent survivability for children with congenital heart disease, and to improve their health status throughout their lives. This mission is entirely consistent with the goals of HRSA and HHS, and better medical interventions at the early stages of the disease lead to better quality of life for patients, shorter hospital stays, and fewer hospital admissions over the lifetime. $9.5 million is requested for equipment acquisition and facilities build out, including: cardiopulmonary bypass equipment; dedicated pediatric cardiac anesthesia equipment; hybrid cardiac surgical/interventional table; low dose digital flat panel imaging technology; operating room ventilation and temperature control; pediatric robotic hybrid suite; dynamic CT imaging equipment; networking and communication systems; multiple in-room digital cameras and microphones; and large viewing area and control rooms.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL–25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112

Description of Request: I have secured $500,000 for the Interstate 75/Everglades Blvd. Interchange. This funding will be used to support and further develop a heath care access network for the under/uninsured in Collier County. Collier County has identified more than 35,000 residents who lack quality health care. Currently, the County is experiencing overuse of its emergency health facilities. The numbers of uninsured/underinsured will continue to grow as job growth in the area has been strongest among low-paying jobs, which typically do not offer health insurance. This project seeks to expand, organize, and develop a full access program with a full continuum of services for approximately 35,000 residents needing health care. The initial phase of this project has been the adoption of a shared information database between the portals of entry for the poor into the system. Future phases of the project include marketing and full penetration of the pollution of the uninsured/underinsured individuals, and the hiring and training of community workers. The Physician Led Access Network (PLAN) is an example of a successful program helping the uninsured through physicians volunteering their time. The project will have a significant economic impact as lack of access to health care leads to diminishing physical and economic distress on individuals and communities.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL–25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Camillus House, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 336 NW Fifth Street, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured $3,633,000 for the Construction of a New Behavioral Health Facility for the Homeless. This funding will be used for the relocation and expansion to its main center for behavioral health treatment and supportive services programs to a new facility. Camillus will be able to provide more health care and social services to the poor and homeless in Miami-Dade County. Camillus is committed to ending chronic homelessness in Miami within the next 10 years, and this new expanded facility will help them reach that goal. In recognition of the value of the services Camillus provides to the community, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami have each committed $10,000,000 to the project. Camillus House has provided humanitarian services to the poor and homeless populations of Miami-Dade County, Florida for more than 48 years. Last year, Camillus House provided 360,000 free meals, emergency housing to 2000 individuals, over 27,000 medical encounters as well as substance abuse and work training programs. Services include basic emergency services such as food and shelter, substance abuse and mental health treatment, primary health care, housing, and career development at 15 sites around Miami-Dade County. One of Camillus' most successful programs is its behavioral health treatment program. Camillus operates one of the country's most effective residential behavioral health treatment programs—with an outstanding success rate of 89 percent.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: An Achievable Dream, $300,000

Intended Recipient: An Achievable Dream, 10858 Warwick Boulevard, Suite A, Newport News, VA 23601

Project Description: The 1,250 students in grades kindergarten through 12th benefit from An Achievable Dream's support of social, academic and moral curricula proven effective over 16 years of operating the public/private partnership with Newport News Public Schools. This multi-faceted approach has continued to provide the tools needed for underprivileged youth to close the achievement gap with their more affluent counterparts. It has been a major focus of the federal government to provide support to public education to raise standards and performance. This objective is embodied through major federal initiatives and legislation such as the No Child Left Behind Act. Funds would be used for personnel expenses and supplies such as uniforms, reading materials, extended day materials, and Saturday school supplies.

Project Name/Amount: Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Facilities and Equipment, $250,000

Intended Recipient: Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507

Project Description: Funding will be used to procure a mobile MRI unit to serve Oyster Point and other satellite medical office buildings in the CHKD health system. This equipment will help clear a backlog of critical MRI services, ensure that children receive the specialized treatment needed in pediatric services and provide access to this diagnostic tool to children in the Hampton Roads area, Virginia and North Carolina.

Project Name/Amount: Germanna Community College Online LPN and Paramedic to RN Program, $100,000

Intended Recipient: Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Project Description: Germanna Community College plays a major role in overcoming the region's nurse shortage, and it must ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses. The need for the Online LPN and Paramedic-to-RN program is evidenced by the absence of programs for working healthcare professionals to readily access associate degree nursing education. The Online program will increase the pool of qualified Registered Nurses for the area workforce. The program will provide the region with a total of over 400 Registered Nurses over the next four years. In addition, the program will allow LPNs and Paramedics to advance their careers while working and contributing to the workforce. The Online program will deliver the nursing curriculum. Only the clinical instruction component requires the physical presence of students. The program will provide distance learning courses as well as clinics on campuses and in hospitals. Federal funding would be used for full program development, designated nursing faculty, and accreditation.

Project Name/Amount: Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, $600,000

Intended Recipient: Virginia Commonwealth University, 910 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23284

Project Description: These funds would be used to renovate a 7500 sq. ft research space that will be improved to accommodate the current and planned pre-clinical and translational cancer research (the rapid advancement of laboratory findings to clinical trials and patient care) activities in the Goodwin Research Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO–6)

Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—$500,000 for the Community Hospital Association, Inc., in Fairfax, MO for facilities and equipment (405 E. Main, PO Box 107, Fairfax, MO 64446)

Federal funds obtained will be used for upgrades to the facilities and equipment for Community Hospital in Fairfax, MO. The Community Hospital serves not only Fairfax, but a region that encompasses parts of Atchison, Nodaway, and Holt counties. Currently, the hospital operates out of a 60-year-old building and is one of the largest employers in Atchison County with about 115 health care workers and support personnel. The hospital is a designated critical access point for health care, whether it is 24-hour emergency services, diagnostic lab services or physical, occupational or speech therapies. Federal funds for the new facility will focus on the key expansion of clinic space which will allow the hospital to keep up with the increasing demand for outpatient services as well as operate a more efficient and cost-effective hospital.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received, which were included in the reported version of H.R. 3293, the ''Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.''

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Name of Project: Vanguard University Teacher and Nursing Program Expansion

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: Vanguard intends to use this funding for its program expansion and improvement for Vanguard's teacher training in science/math and nursing education/training with Hoag Hospital, and modernization of equipment and technology infrastructure. Program funding would help jumpstart Vanguard's teacher and nursing training programs, which are critically needed in California to prepare students for teaching careers in science and math and for the increasingly sophisticated and technologically-based workplace. Vanguard has partnered with Hoag Hospital to offer a quality Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) to develop and launch an accelerated RN-to-BSN program and to develop a BSN-to-MSN program within their School for Professional Studies.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Name of Project: Equipment Needs for the New Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology

Account: Department of Education, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. The nursing school will partner with Hoag Hospital of Newport Beach in providing students and nursing rotations.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Name of Project: Accelerated Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing at CSU, Long Beach

Account: Department of Education, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cal State Long Beach, Department of Nursing

Address of Requesting Entity: 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840

Description of Request: The Accelerated Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing at California State University, Long Beach (ABSN–CSULB) for which funding is being requested is for the programmatic expenses of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) portion of the Accelerated BSN/ELM (Entry Level Masters) program for second degree students with the goal of stabilizing the program for a minimum of the next five years, preferably, the next 10 years.

If funded, the project will entail the admission of 48 BSN second degree students every fall semester (once a year), and hire the necessary teaching faculty, an administrative assistant who will serve as the admissions coordinator and secretary, modest infrastructure support such as providing one computer and a printer for 50 percent of the faculty (total of 5 computers and printers), and an operating budget for program activities.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Borough of Downingtown, Downingtown PA—$500,000 to build Boot Road Bridge over the Brandywine Creek, which will provide access to Chester County's lone Keystone Opportunity Zone.

BARTA, Reading PA—$250,000 for the design, engineering and construction required to rehabilitate, restore and develop the historic Reading Railroad Franklin Street Station located next to the BARTA Park-N-Transit Facility.

Borough of Phoenixville, Phoenixville PA—$250,000 for new sidewalks, lights, and pavers. The project is part of the Borough's overall redevelopment plan.

Riverplace Development Corporation, Reading PA—$250,000 for The Penn Corridor Redevelopment Project to make the downtown areas of Reading, West Reading and Wyomissing clean, safe, lively and attractive.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. 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. 3293, the FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Project: Somerset Hills School District Cultural Tolerance Education Initiative

Agency: Department of Education

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Amount: $312,000

Recipient: Somerset Hills School District, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

The funding would be used to implement a comprehensive Cultural Tolerance Education Initiative to increase students' understanding of various world societies and their traditions, customs and way of life in an effort to broaden their understanding of international politics and religion.

Project: Union County College Curriculum Development

Agency: Department of Education

Account: Higher Education Amount: $400,000

Recipient: Union County College (UCC), 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07106

The funding would be used to (1) create a two-year ''Green Workforce Service'' for Union County which will support the creation of green jobs, and (2) develop a Green Technology option to the Engineering, Associate in Science degree program.

Project: Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Community Innovations for Aging-in-Place

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Account: Administration on Aging

Amount: $300,000

Recipient: Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

The funding would be used to support a range of social, physical, spiritual, recreational, health, wellness and housing needs for older adults in targeted communities by increasing access to information, resources, supportive services and civic engagement opportunities.

Project: Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties, Aging-In-Place Services Project

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Account: Administration on Aging

Amount: $225,000

Recipient: Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties, 150 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

The funding would be used for the delivery of health and supportive services cost-effectively; increased service availability; cooperative health promotion, crises prevention, and community improvement; and the development of new human, financial, and neighborhood resources for the benefit of the increasing number of older adults who are aging-in-place.

Project: Zufall Health Center's Hunterdon Family Dental Center

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Facilities and Services

Amount: $225,000

Recipient: Zufall Health Center, 17 South Warren Street, Dover, NJ 07801

The funding would be used for renovation and equipment for a new dental center in Flemington, Hunterdon County, NJ.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part H.R. 3293—Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Project Name: The Mississippi Early Childhood Bridges Project

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, Early Childhood Institute, P.O. Box 6013, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount: $630,000

Description: Funding would be used to create and pilot a new early childhood teacher delivery system to improve the quality of instruction and prevent attrition of teachers in early care and education centers.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Project Name: Outreach Programs, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

Recipient and Address: Mississippi Museum of Natural Science Foundation, 2148 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202

Amount: $220,000

Description: Funding would be used for the acquisition of education outreach vans and equipment so the museum's science literacy programs can reach approximately 120,000 students throughout the state; and for biological database services to assist land managers and economic developers to improve their efficiency and effectiveness by providing tools to streamline planning and permitting processes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I requested and received on behalf of Oklahoma State University—Center for Health Systems located at 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107 the amount of $300,000.

This project seeks to do two things: (1) expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network, and (2) bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or manmade disasters.

I requested and received on behalf of Oklahoma State University located at Oklahoma State University—Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078 the amount of $350,000.

Oklahoma State University and ProCure Treatment Centers Inc. have formed a public-private partnership for training, education and research in proton therapy for the treatment of cancer. In many situations cancer treatment by means of precisely directed beams of energetic protons is the most effective therapeutic alternative to more traditional surgical and radiation cancer treatment procedures. ProCure is currently completing construction of a multi-million dollar, proton treatment facility in Oklahoma City, dedicated to the treatment of cancer. It will allow access to world-leading technology for patients in the central region of the United States and is the first of several such centers planned by ProCure throughout the country in the coming years. We propose to place Oklahoma at the forefront of proton cancer treatment by establishing a world-class, research and education center at OSU, in partnership with ProCure, in order to train accredited personnel in this next-generation cancer treatment modality. Scientists at the world-renowned Radiation Physics Laboratory at OSU have been conducting research in the characterization and monitoring of proton beams used in cancer therapy for over fifteen years. The OSU group has recently teamed with ProCure to establish a research and training program at OSU. The requested federal funding will build from the existing private funding to establish a leading national center of excellence. Establishing a proton therapy center in the middle of Oklahoma will be of tremendous benefit to the citizens of this state and surrounding states. There are estimated to be over 250,000 cancer patients nationwide, and over 3,000 each year in a 250 mile radius of Oklahoma City, many of whom can benefit from proton radiation therapy.

I requested and received on behalf of Oklahoma City Community College located at 7777 South May Ave., OKC, OK 73150 the amount of $200,000.

In anticipation of the need to provide enhanced services for the predicted increase in service members attending OCCC, a full time Coordinator of Veterans Services position was established this year. Additional personnel to support this special population includes licensed professional counselor, career advisors, clerical support, and tutoring services.

Expansion of services for service members enrolled in classes at OCCC should be promoted to these students by the Veterans Services Office functioning as a centralized source of information and referral. Information, services, and referral should include but is not limited to: readjustment counseling; academic assessment and remediation (if needed); academic advising and development of an individualized education plan; review of veteran benefits; career counseling; workshops; networking; and an opportunity to have the same level of camaraderie that is experienced in the military.

To succeed in college, it is critical that veterans have a successful transition from the military into campus life. The aim of this program is to provide intensive transitional and support services for military veterans as many veterans have a difficult time readjusting to civilian life and translating their military service into applicable college and career goals. We would provide enhanced and specialized support services to military veteran students from the time they commit to attending the OCCC through the end of their education with us and beyond.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. 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. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Amount: $100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Briar Cliff University

Address of Requesting Entity: 3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, IA 51104

Description of Request: The requested funds will be used to help fund the Nursing and Health Education Improvement Project at Briar Cliff University. Since 1930, Briar Cliff University has provided superior healthcare education to students, which has positively affected the quality of life for the citizens of the Siouxland region. Many healthcare professionals in the region were educated at Briar Cliff University. In keeping with this legacy, Briar Cliff University is inaugurating a new center for gerontology during 2009. In support of this program and the nursing and

healthcare programs of the university, this project will provide state-of-the-art nursing simulation equipment, science laboratory equipment, and instructional technology (including distance learning technology) to enhance access and academic quality for students. Providing $200,075 to assist in this critical project will help ensure the quality of education for the healthcare graduates of the university and prepare well-qualified professionals in fields that serve seniors.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Amount: $350,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Visiting Nurses Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503–

Description of Request: The requested funds will be used to purchase home health monitors and to train nurses on best practices protocols for the management of chronic illnesses in seniors in the Council Bluffs area through the Visiting Nurses Association's Telehealth Program. The program has national and local significance. In Iowa, specifically the Council Bluffs area, many senior citizens suffer from heart failure, diabetes, and other serious chronic illnesses, contributing to millions of Medicare/Medicaid expenditures for costly care. The VNA's telehealth program demonstrates the capacity to save the Medicare/Medicaid program significant money. VNA estimates that the VNA telehealth program saved Medicare and Medicaid $932,500 with prevented emergency care and hospitalization costs since 2004.

2004—Estimated savings $198,620

2005—Estimated savings of $363,220

2006—Estimated savings of $370,660

2007—Estimated savings of $526,840

Total cost savings for Medicare and Medicaid are estimated to reach $1 million over the next 7 years.

The intended benefits are significant: it will save lives; improve the quality of life for chronically ill seniors and their caregivers; reduce hospitalizations; and save federal funding and reduce nursing costs.

The project will have direct economic and safety benefits. VNA telehealth program is a viable solution to the four most pressing concerns in healthcare delivery today including: (1) Skyrocketing healthcare costs; (2) Challenging chronic disease management; (3) The shortage of nurses; and; (4) Consumer & patient demand for more control over health care information and treatment. Research shows that the program save lives, improves the quality of life for seniors and their families, and it save millions of Medicare and Medicaid dollars.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Amount: $150,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Graceland University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 University Place, Lamoni, IA 50140–

Description of Request: The requested funds will provide Graceland University with the resources necessary to establish a nursing patient simulation lab to train 80-100 nursing students every year. This lab will allow Graceland University to better prepare its 40 to 50 nursing graduates every year to enter the field and care for a diverse group of patients they may never have had the ability to care for without such technologies as simulation. This training will help to address the acute nursing shortage that the rural midwest is expected to experience in the coming years. Graceland also plans to make the lab accessible to other health care training programs in the area, including a school of osteopathy, fire departments, hospitals, area vocational health programs. This will allow for an even greater leveraging of the federal funds invested in Graceland's Nursing simulation lab.

In addition, Graceland has requested funding to complement the new educational opportunities offered through the creation of its Nursing Simulation lab with the purchase of two pieces of lab equipment that play a key role in medical education and research: A Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (the forerunner of the MRI) and a Gas Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometer.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Amount: $250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Western Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51502–

Description of Request: The requested funds will be used to increase the number of highly skilled nurses in the state of Iowa through continued development of Iowa Western Community College's Nursing Center of Excellence. Iowa Western Community College's graduates have passed the state nursing certification test on the first attempt, which is better than many of the states, as well as the region's, four-year institutions. Because Iowa Western Community College currently graduates many of the state's top dental assistants, dental hygienists, practical nurses, registered nurses, surgical technologists, medical assistants and emergency medical technicians, enrollment could be greatly increased to meet demand if the college had the necessary equipment and expanded faculties. Therefore, Iowa Western Community College proposes a new Iowa Western Nursing Center of Excellence, with multiple laboratories and high-tech equipment on which to train thousands of future nurses within the next decade. The college, community and private donors have recently committed at least $10,000,000 to the Center's construction. The college now reaches out to the Iowa congressional delegation to respectfully request that the laboratories be equipped with the finest nurse training technology available, which is expected to cost the college $1,560,901.

The new laboratories and equipment will strongly enhance substantial job creation within Iowa, improve access to health care for Iowans and expand the creation of a scientifically qualified workforce in the medical and health services arena. By greatly enhancing the teaching environment, as well as the physical learning space and equipment, Iowa Western Community College will alleviate the region's nurse shortage and double the number of nurses it trains annually by 2013.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Benefis Health System of 1101 26th Street South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Description: $500,000 in funding will be used to support a mobile mammography service, which will purchase capital equipment: digital mammography technology and the vehicle to transport the screening service throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Easter Seals—Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain of 4400 Central Avenue, Great Falls, Montana 59405

Description: Easter Seals provides mental health services to those with disabilities as well as helping persons with disabilities and their families realize greater independence, dignity and self-sufficiency. $500,000 in funding will be used to build a 40,000 square foot facility in Great Falls to house all of these services.–

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation of 1106 N 30th Billings, MT 59101

Description: $400,000 in funding will be used to support mobile mammography services that will improve the diagnosis of breast cancer, expand access to cutting edge mammography technology, expand access to dedicated radiology services for mammography, and save lives of women throughout the region

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Community Medical Center of 2827 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804

Description: $500,000 in funding will be used to provide critical service upgrades and replacement of an outdated Women and Infant Care Center.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Saint Patrick Hospital Foundation of 500 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802

Description: $300,000 in funding will be used to implement a permanent, shareable, web-based, secure, HIPAA—compliant Electronic Health Record system that will connect all hospital information systems, clinics, and physicians in the region.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: ESE FIE

Name and Address: Northern Rockies Educational Services (NRES) of 2120 Ernest Ave., Missoula, MT 59801

Description: $300,000 in funding will be used to fund the modification and creation of university curriculum to align to the Area of Special Permission Competency for Technology Integration.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Billings Clinic of PO Box 31031, Billings, MT 59107.

Description: $250,000 in funding will be used to support the Billings Clinic Diabetes Center, which will provide physician assessment plus ophthalmology, dietary consultation and classes, individual and family education and support services.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Youth Dynamics, Inc. of 2334 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59102

Description: $100,000 in funding will be used to support the overall behavioral healthcare of Montana's children and youth in rural and frontier areas of the state.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council of 222 North 32nd St, Suite 401, Billings, MT 59101

Description: $100,000 in funding would be used to advance the level of treatment provided by the central substance abuse treatment center by offering treatment for mental health services and improve their ability to maintain electronic treatment records.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Daniels Memorial Hospital Association of 105 5th Avenue East, PO Box 400, Scobey, MT 59263

Description: $400,000 in funding would be used to provide more complete, timely and cost effective medical services to the residents of Daniels County with the purchase and installment of a CT scanner.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name and Address: Center for Asbestos Related Disease of 214 E. 3rd Street, Libby MT 59923.

Description: $350,000 in funding would be used to manage the CARD database, which is owned, housed and managed by CARD and will be made available to researchers and research institutions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Best Buddies Florida

Address of Receiving Entity: 124–A East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32801

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Elementary & Secondary Education Account for Best Buddies, FL, Orlando, FL for mentoring programs in the 4th Congressional District for elementary and secondary school students with disabilities.

The purpose of this funding is to enhance the lives of those with intellectual disabilities by facilitating interpersonal communication through the pairing of those with and without intellectual disabilities into long-term one-on-one mentoring friendships.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it would organize and rigorously oversee volunteer-run Best Buddies chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges across Florida, including 24 in the 4th district.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: ChildHelp

Address of Receiving Entity: 15757 N. 78th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Elementary & Secondary Education Account for Childhelp, Inc, Scottsdale, AZ to develop a comprehensive update to the Good Touch Bad Touch curriculum.

The purpose of this funding is to give the first comprehensive update of Good Touch Bad Touch curriculum in over 20 years.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because Childhelp, in collaboration with the Monique Burr Foundation, is the only provider of child abuse education in North Florida schools.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of North Florida

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Elementary & Secondary Education Account for the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL for the Virtual School Readiness Incubator.

The purpose of this funding is to continue the 3rd year of a 5-year study that field-tests tools and strategies needed to accelerate the quality, growth, and success rates of early care and learning programs resulting in improved readiness outcomes for the children, particularly for children living in low-income neighborhoods.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because improving high-quality early care and learning experiences has a high return on investment and is the single best investment for improving achievement, especially for children from low-income families.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304

Description of Request: I have secured $200,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Higher Education Account for the purchase of equipment at Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to support STEM education by allowing the purchase of equipment for organic chemistry, the payment of salaries of science faculty members and interns, and the purchase of supplies.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because increasing the number of students obtaining post secondary degrees in STEM fields will provide a workforce that is prepared to ensure a healthy economy, respond to national security needs, and enhance quality of life through technological advancements.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Daniel Memorial, Inc

Address of Receiving Entity: 4203 Southpoint Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216

Description of Request: I have secured $500,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for facilities and equipment at Daniel Memorial, Inc in Jacksonville, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to build the Mental Health Residential Treatment Center.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the Daniel Memorial is the oldest not-for-profit child-serving agency in Florida, but has not had any major renovations at its Belfort campus in 40 years. The 7,722 square-foot facility would serve as central facility for psychiatric and medical assessments; psychiatric and mental health counseling; group

therapy; and vocational, educational, recreational and other therapeutic activities.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida Community College at Jacksonville, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 501 W. State Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for facilities and equipment at Florida Community College in Jacksonville, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to purchase a clinical simulation laboratory to train nurses.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because while there is an 8% position vacancy rate in nurses in the state of Florida, 52% of qualified applicants were turned away because nursing schools do not have the resources to train new nurses.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville University

Address of Receiving Entity: 2800 University Boulevard North, Jacksonville, FL 32211

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for facilities and equipment at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to purchase clinical simulators and software to train medical students and hospital staff how to use electronic medical records.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the widespread adoption of health information technology has the potential to save millions of dollars and improve the quality of health care, but nurses and other hospital staff still lack the training to become competent in health information technologies.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Lake City Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: 149 SE College Place, Lake City, FL 32025

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 in funding in H.R. 3293 in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for purchase of mobile clinical training laboratories at Lake City Community College in Lake City, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to create 2 mobile labs with patient simulators to provide clinical training to 130 nursing students.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because despite rising unemployment, there are numerous high wage nursing jobs in north central Florida that remain vacant due to insufficient training resources. Associate degree jobs that start at more than $20/hour provide one of the few reliable high wage occupations in the region. Jobs like these are critical to recovery from the economic crisis for residents of north central Florida.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE/FIPSE

Recipient: Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Description of Request: Provide $500,000 for the purchase of classroom and laboratory equipment for the new satellite campus in Owensboro. The building is currently under construction and funds would provide computers and other equipment to ensure the classrooms and laboratories are operational and able to serve students' needs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. COLE. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Provision: Title I

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma City Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7777 South May Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $200,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to pilot the Operation Servicemen Success Program. The goal of the program is to address the unique needs of military veteran students and equip them to successfully transition from military service to college and then to their civilian careers.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number; H.R. 3293

Provision: Title II

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norman Regional Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 North Porter St., Norman, OK 73071

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,715,000. Of the funds allocated $1,153,000.00 will be used for facilities; $412,000.00 will be used for fixtures and equipment, $150,000.00 will be used for communications and information technology by Norman Regional Health System (NRHS), a not-for-profit community health system in south central Oklahoma, for the modernization of the North Tower of the Porter Street Campus in Norman, Oklahoma.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Provision: Title II

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma City Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7777 South May Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $250,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to purchase an additional Human Patient Simulator for the Division of Health Professions at OCCC.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

BM Number: H.R. 3293

Provision: Title II

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 N.E. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $300,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used to purchase equipment for a new eight-story, state-of-the-art, Leed Gold Certified green research tower.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Provision: Title III

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mid-America Christian University

Address of Requesting Entity: 3500 W 119th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $485,000. Of the funds allocated approximately: $28,954.50 will be used for program coordination; 130,707.50 will be used for Personal; $85,748.00 will be used for student support services; $67,706.00 will be used for technology upgrades and support; $94,769.00 will be used for community college expenses; $16,926.50 will be used for faculty recruitment;

$31,961.50 will be used for accelerated curriculum development; $28,297.00 will be used for alternative certification development.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Provision: Title IV

Account: Museums & Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Native American Cultural Center and Museum

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 North Broadway Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73126

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $750,000. 100% of funds allocated will be used for institutional development and program planning as well as the development of Tribal educational and cultural exhibits in the Museum.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to place in the record a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of HR 3293, the FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations:

Project Name: Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Addition and Remodel

Amount Received: $300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: Bear Lake Memorial Hospital

Recipient's Address: 164 South 5th Street, Montpelier, Idaho 83254

Description: The Bear Lake Memorial Hospital is a key service provider to all individuals and plays a vital role in the community, as well as provides services to the popular Bear Lake recreation area. The current Emergency Department lacks sufficient space for a waiting room for emergency room patrons. It also fails to meet HIPPA compliance because of a lack of privacy for patients due to a high-use public hallway dissecting the two emergency room locations. In addition, the current diagnostic imaging facilities are scattered throughout the hospital, which makes it more difficult to provide timely and efficient care. By consolidating the services into one wing, the hospital will be able to provide improved patient care and increase overall staff efficiency. Funding provided would be used for the design and construction of a new addition as well as a renovation of the existing facilities in the Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Project Name: College of Southern Idaho's Pro-Tech Training Program

Amount Received: $200,000

Account: Department of Education Higher Education

Recipient: College of Southern Idaho

Recipient's Address: 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83303–1238

Description: This program will enable the College to partner with other agencies to identify training needs and to identify potential candidates for employment. Data provided by Region IV of the State of Idaho Economic Development Agency indicate that manufacturing will be a leading employment area in the Magic Valley and the state of Idaho with over 250 new jobs expected over the next two years. Current trends in manufacturing development necessitate the need for in-depth training in the technological aspects of the design, fabrication, and manufacturing phases of production. CSI is participating in a joint educational venture with Twin Falls High School and local industry that creates a pre-engineering academy at the high school and a Computerized Numeric Controls (CNC)/Industrial Networking Program at the college campus. The Pro-Tech program volves students from grade levels 10–14, and allows the students to move from high school into a two-year program at CSI or into an engineering program at one of Idaho's four-year institutions. At the secondary school level, students learn the basics of computer-assisted design, design physics, and fabrication, with each course offering aligned to the program at CSI through either tech prep or dual credit affiliation. At the post-secondary level students will receive industry-standard training in CNC, automated logic, and industrial networking. This program will train students to meet the educational requirements needed to enable them to enter the high demand fields of the hi-tech manufacturing and engineering sectors.

Project Name: Custer County Purchase of Medical Equipment

Amount Received: $400,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: Custer County

Recipient's Address: 801 East Main Avenue, Challis, ID 83226

Description: At almost 5,000 square miles, Custer County is larger than three states yet has just over 4,000 people. Unfortunately, it is burdened with a high proportion of public lands with over 95% of the county's 3.4 million acres administered by federal agencies. The county's tax base, or more specifically the lack thereof, is inadequate to support the services required for such an expansive county. This grossly disproportionate public ownership causes a severe strain on their resources, including their ability to provide access to health services. The influx of tourism and visitors due to the nearby US Forest Service, BLM, recreation and wilderness areas leads to an increased rate of trauma and accidents, placing a large burden on the county. The EMT services and health clinics in the county are in need of renovation and modernization of equipment. This funding would be used to purchase the much needed equipment and technology for the clinics and EMT services in Custer County.

Project Name: Idaho Caring Foundation for Children for dental services for low-income children

Amount Received: $300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: Idaho Caring Foundation for Children

Recipient's Address: 1211 W. Myrtle, Suite 110, Boise, ID 83702

Description: According to the 2000 U.S. Surgeon General's report, "Oral Health in America", tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease. As a dentist, I understand the importance of proper dental hygiene at a very young age. Poor oral health can affect a child's self-esteem, ability to eat, appearance and ability to communicate. School attendance can also be negatively impacted. Over 35% of Idaho children lack dental insurance, which serves as a major deterrent in accessing and receiving needed dental care. According to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 2005 Smile Survey, 27% of Idaho children in grades K–6 had untreated decay. Low-income, uninsured children suffer the greatest incidence of dental decay because their families lack the financial resources to receive regular dental care. The Idaho Caring Foundation will provide access to needed dental services for 600 low-income, uninsured Idaho children. These services will be provided by our network of 140 Idaho dentists from across the state. Eligible children will be identified by working in partnership with Idaho schools, Head Start programs, and other children's programs, such as the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Project Name: Idaho Early Literacy Project

Amount Received: $350,000

Account: Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Education

Recipient: Lee Pesky Learning Center

Recipient's Address: 3324 Elder Street, Boise, ID 83705.

Description: The aim of the Idaho Early Literacy Project is to ensure that all children in Idaho are ready to read when they enter school. Stage III includes utilization of the research-based booklets, "Every Child Ready to Read and Every Child Ready for Math", an integrated approach to reading and mathematical literacy, the training of child care providers statewide, both live and on-line, and a direct intervention with parents and children. The training of child care providers includes a face-to-face approach in larger population centers and an on-line approach for remote rural locations. Stage III builds on early literacy training models implemented in 2008–2010 by unifying reading and mathematical literacy and by strengthening the intervention with parents and children. As such, the project assures that pre-school children will receive direct literacy education from child care providers and in special workshops with their parents, creating the "language rich" upbringing necessary to succeed in school.

Project Name: Idaho SySTEMic Solution

Amount Received: $400,000

Account: Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Education

Recipient: Boise State University

Recipient's Address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725–1135

Description: Idaho SySTEMic Solution is a nationally relevant, hands-on, project-based STEM learning system (science, technology, engineering, & math) designed to spur achievement and confidence among elementary-age learners and their teachers. Proven methods show that long-term student achievement and interest in STEM can be dramatically improved by introducing systemic, contiguous, and engaging hands-on activities at an elementary level before children develop misconceptions, gender bias, math anxiety, or become distracted by cultural influences prevalent at puberty. In 2010 the project will extend into middle school grades where the need for hands-on activities is even greater. Key project components include a comprehensive,

continuing teacher training model that includes a one-week summer institute and ongoing site-based follow-up training to boost the ability and confidence of elementary and middle school teachers; implementation into demographically diverse schools of curriculum-aligned learning lab systems that have been shown to improve student scores in math, science, and technology; and research and evaluation of results in accordance with Idaho and national assessment standards.

Project Name: Madison County Memorial Hospital Renovation

Amount Received: $350,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: Madison County Memorial Hospital

Recipient's Address: 450 East Main, Rexburg, ID 83440

Description: Madison Memorial Hospital will initiate the implementation of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) System into Physician Clinics that feed into Madison Memorial Hospital. Information from the EMR helps the clinician make informed decisions. As the patient status is entered into this EMR, the information increases staff efficiencies through faster transcription times, nursing notes, lab results, radiology and other electronic sources. This system will make it easier for physicians and clinicians to comply with all regulations by enabling them to keep their records up to date. Patient safety will be increased by developing a paperless electronic medical record environment where clinical information can be readily shared via electronic transactions with all entities within the Madison Memorial Hospital network.

Project Name: Purchase of Biochemistry and Microbiology Laboratory Equipment

Amount Received: $400,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: Idaho State University

Recipient's Address: 921 South 8th Avenue, Stop 8007, Pocatello, ID 83209–8007

Description: Modern instrumentation is essential to improving both the Biochemistry and Microbiology programs at Idaho State University (ISU). This request will enable the purchase of the required instrumentation needed for courses in biochemistry, chemistry laboratories, microbiology and biology. More than 400 students per year would gain access to state of the art instrumentation through this request, improving both the quality of their educational experience and the quality of research in these scientific fields that can be pursued.

Project Name: St. Luke's Regional Medical Center's Children Health Services Expansion

Amount Received: $350,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Recipient: St. Luke's Regional Medical Center Ltd

Recipient's Address: 190 E. Bannock Street, Boise, ID 83712

Description: St. Luke's Health System is home to the only Children's Hospital in Idaho, providing unique full-service tertiary pediatric services between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Portland, Oregon, both more than 350 miles from Boise, Idaho. St. Luke's delivers over 25% of the babies born in the State. The Children's Health Services Expansion project provides an essential increase in capacity for Pediatric Medical/Surgical, Pediatric Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care, Pediatric Oncology, and Pediatric Surgical Suites and support area, to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population in the hospital's service area. Prior to the beginning of this multi-year project, each area was frequently full, requiring children to be placed in adult units or diverted to other and often very distant hospitals. The federal funding provided for the expansion project has resulted in expanding all units with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. Funding received will assist with the purchase of equipment, including electronic medical record hardware and software programs and patient monitor technology for patient support and EMR connectivity to be used in the Medical/Surgical Pediatrics, Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care, Oncology, Surgical Suites and support areas. The hospital is spending millions on the expansion and federal funds will represent only a small portion of the project's total costs.

Project Name: Twin Falls Library Modernization Project

Amount Received: $100,000

Account: Museums and Libraries in the Institute of Museums and Library Services

Recipient: City of Twin Falls

Recipient's Address: 201 Fourth Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Description: The Twin Falls Public Library seeks to obtain a fully searchable database for its local historical newspapers. The Library has on 709 reels of microfilm of local newspapers from 1904 to the present. It is difficult to use the microfilm because of its deteriorating physical condition and outdated format. There is no index; if an exact date is not known, patrons must browse through the microfilm by hand, which is very inefficient. These funds will be used to digitize and index 709 reels of microfilm of the local newspaper dating from 1904 through 2008. The searchable database will replace the deteriorating microfilm with a searchable format allowing patrons to search articles, pictures, and advertisements by keyword; view information in its historical context; preserve the look and feel of the original format; and print or email articles, photos, or ads of interest. The reference staff will be able to serve the community more effectively, both on-site and remotely, by digitizing and indexing the microfilm. This newspaper database will be an historical asset to library patrons and will provide an accessible and unique service to the community.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks. I would like to submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA–9)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Projects

Project Name: Pennsylvania State University—Altoona, PA for facilities and equipment

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University—Altoona

Address of Requesting Entity: 3000 Ivyside Park, Altoona, PA 16601

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $320,000 for Pennsylvania State University—Altoona, PA for facilities and equipment

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the expansion and renovations of the Pennsylvania State University—Altoona nursing lab and to purchase equipment to provide simulated clinical experiences.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because simulation provides improved training for nurses and the opportunity to expand training programs to meet the critical demand for clinically trained nurses in Blair County, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

Project Name: Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana, PA for an electronic medical records initiative

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Indiana Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 835 Hospital Road, Indiana, PA 15701

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $350,000 for Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana, PA for an electronic medical records initiative

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used by the Indiana Regional Medical Center in Indiana County, Pennsylvania to purchase equipment to increase patient safety, enhance efficiency, and reduce operational costs. Specifically, funding is expected to be used to implement an Electronic Medical Records system. These technology upgrades will greatly benefit residents of the Indiana County, Pennsylvania area.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the use of Electronic Medical Records is a national priority and is necessary to improve service for patients.

Project Name: J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, PA for facilities and equipment

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1225 Warm Springs Avenue, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $180,000 for J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, PA for facilities and equipment

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used by J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania to purchase equipment to increase patient safety, enhance efficiency, and reduce operational costs. Specifically, funding is expected

to be used to implement an Electronic Medical Records system. These technology upgrades will greatly benefit residents of the Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania area.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the use of Electronic Medical Records is a national priority and is necessary to improve service for rural patients.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 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 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill—H.R. 3288:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Transportation, Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Urbana, Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: 706 South Glover Avenue, Urbana, Illinois 61802

Description of Request: $750,000 for the City of Urbana to construct pedestrian and bicycle related improvements along Goodwin Avenue from Gregory Drive to Springfield Avenue on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign. The entire $750,000 will be spent on construction costs related to the street improvements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOL/ETA–TES

Recipient: Campbellsville-Taylor County Industrial Development Authority, 107 W. Broadway, Campbellsville, KY 42718

Description of Request: Provide $500,000 to assist the organization with its job training goals. The funds will enable CTCIDA to work with the local Technology Training Center at Campbellsville University to provide technical skill development to the workforce.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF SERGEANT 1ST CLASS JASON J. FABRIZI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Sergeant 1st Class Jason J. Fabrizi who sacrificed his life while serving his country.

Sergeant Fabrizi was in born in Cleveland, Ohio to Mary Miller and Timothy Hess, both of whom were United States Marines. Jason moved to Florida at the age of 10, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1998 after graduating high school. He served with the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team on the 4th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado for the past 11 years.

Sergeant Fabrizi had completed three tours in Iraq before his deployment into Afghanistan. Jason was a highly decorated soldier; earning a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Medals, as well as several more honors throughout his service in the U.S. Army. Sergeant Fabrizi lost his life on July 14th, 2009 when his convoy was attacked in the Konar Province of Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Sergeant 1st Class Jason J. Fabrizi, who will be remembered as a dedicated father and national hero by not only his family, but by the entire country. I offer my deepest condolences to his mother, Mary Miller; father, Timothy Hess; wife, Kristi Kool; three sons, Jason Allen, Tyler Jacob and Layne Timothy; and daughter, Reagan, who is due in two months.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010, H.R. 3293.

My Congressional District received $500,000 to purchase core research equipment at Creighton University. Creighton University is located at 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. This funding will support several core research facilities for shared use among research faculty, including basic scientists and clinical researchers. These facilities provide university biomedical researchers opportunities for inter-disciplinary collaboration and interaction. The development of team research projects utilizing state-of-the-art technology and equipment offered in these core facilities has enabled Creighton to continue to increase their NIH research funding despite the downturn in the NIH budget.

Creighton's research community has designed the facilities to allow the free flow of information and collaborative work environments, thus expanding the possibilities of research and wisely using limited resources. Grouping resources through core facilities has the distinct advantage of using the economy of scale by consolidating expensive equipment and technologies, providing access to state-of-the-art research tools and expanding the base of sponsored program opportunities through enhanced research infrastructure. Core facility resources are not duplicated and are made available to the entire university research community.

Research grants, funded by the Health Future Foundation, the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Biomedical Research Development Grant (LB692), and the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSC0R), have supplied Creighton University with the resources for the creation and expansion of Core Facilities in confocal microscopy, flow cytometry, genomics, morphology, and proteomics. Further, Creighton is developing a core facility for clinical genomics that will support a wide range of Creighton researchers. All Core Facilities are housed in the C.C. and Mabel Criss Health Sciences Complex on the university's main campus.

My Congressional District also received $1 million for the purchase of equipment and construction of facilities at Creighton University. Creighton University is located at 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. This funding will support the three major health science programs housed in the dental sciences building, dentistry, occupational therapy and physical therapy. These programs provide educational opportunities for Nebraskans and manpower to meet the state's needs in those disciplines. Each of the programs also provides Nebraskans with a vital link to health care.

Following an in-depth analysis, Creighton University is undertaking a major capital campaign to provide the School of Dentistry with a new facility. The Dental Sciences Building will provide the School of Dentistry with a facility that helps them increase their capacity to serve as a national resource in dental education and a Nebraska resource for dental care.

The new facility will meet the needs of the student body, the needs of the Omaha community as well as the surrounding rural communities and states that Creighton graduates serve. In fact, through contractual agreements Creighton University is THE state dental school for Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. This will allow Creighton to remain competitive among peer institutions and recruit and retain the best students and faculty while providing services to under-served communities who rely on university dental clinics for basic dental health services.

I am confident this funding serves an appropriate federal purpose and works to better the lives of the people of Nebraska and the nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of

the FY2010 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill, FIR 3293:

Earmark: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS for facilities and equipment

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (FIRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 230 Strong Hall, Lawrence, KS 66047

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,500,000 to fulfill the University's mission of being a leader in healthcare and drug development. The University of Kansas Cancer Center is transforming cancer research and care by linking our innovative approach to drug discovery, delivery and development to their nationally-accredited patient care. To ensure that their cancer advancements reach patients as close to home as possible, the University of Kansas Cancer Center collaborates with regional cancer research and care professionals through the Midwest Cancer Alliance. The University of Kansas Cancer Center plans to attract 19 new basic, translational, and clinical cancer researchers by 2011. These scholar recruits will only come to the University of Kansas Cancer Center if state-of-the-art research facilities and equipment are available on the Medical Center campus in Kansas City and the Drug Discovery campus in Lawrence. Currently, the Cancer Center plans to renovate 170,000 square feet and construct 98,200 square feet of laboratory space for cancer researchers with funding provided by other sources. Funds appropriated by Congress will be used for anticipated equipment costs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

July 23, 2009.—Rollcall vote No. 622, on agreeing to the Frelinghuysen of New Jersey amendment—H.R. 3288, Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and related agencies for FY 2010—I would have voted "nay."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Proctor Center Park Redevelopment, Peoria, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Peoria Park District, located at 2218 N. Prospect, Peoria, 61603.

Description of Request: Proctor Park is one of the Peoria Park District's oldest neighborhood park sites. This project supports access to safe, interesting, and stimulating play equipment and recreational activities. Underserved residents will benefit from replacement of the playground and enhancement of the basketball courts and overall park appearance.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill, H.R. 3293.

Name of Project: Family Caregiver Access Network Demonstration Project

Amount: $250,000

Account: AOA

Requesting entity: Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis

Address: 13100 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Description of Project Request: Funding will support development of a family caregiver case management model, consisting of a burden assessment tool, supporting services, and a curriculum to train caregiver case managers that can be replicated

Name of Project: Anoka-Ramsey County Biomedical Manufacturing Program

Amount: $800,000

Account: Higher Education

Requesting entity: Anoka Ramsey Community College

Address: 11200 Mississippi Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Description of Project Request: provide a higher education option for traditional degree-seeking students looking to work in the industry, degree holders with work experience in software design, computer applications, engineering and health care as well as unemployed and dislocated workers.

Name of Project: Children's Hospital Pediatric Cardiovascular Center

Amount: $450,000

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Requesting entity: Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Address: 2525 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Description of Project Request: for expansion of a pediatric cardiovascular center to support pioneering research, conduct pediatric cardiac surgeries, and significantly improve outcomes of pediatric cardiovascular care. It will also increase emergency capabilities and continue research.

I certify that none of these projects has a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 3293, The Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Department of Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Address: 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37403

Description of Request: The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga requested funding to create a Center for Leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education. Federal funding is needed to help establish the Center and assist in teacher recruitment, training and support. As the competition for technical innovations increases, improved education in these fields is critical to maintaining economic competitiveness in the region. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga received $770,000 to establish its STEM Center.

Distribution of funding: Center Implementation & Capacity Building—25%; Teacher Recruitment and Preparation—25%; Educator STEM Training & Support—25%; STEM Career Training for Adult Learners—25%.

–IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF KARL E. PEACE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WHITMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Karl E. Peace on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Dr. Peace is a distinguished scholar and academic in the field of biostatistics and mathematics. Born in southwest Georgia, Dr. Peace attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia Commonwealth University, receiving his doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1976.

Dr. Peace has authored eight books, received numerous awards and contributed to a variety of publications and peer reviews in the field of biostatistics, mathematics and public health policy. He has held professorships at several colleges including Randolph-Macon College and Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Peace is currently the Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, Director of the Center for Biostatistics and professor of biostatistics in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Peace has been a member of several professional and honorary societies including the Committee on Applied and Theoretical

Statistics, the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science. In 1994, Dr. Peace founded the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to provide a forum for pharmaceutical and medical researchers and regulators to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in the pharmaceutical field. Dr. Peace is the founding editor of the Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics and reviewer and editor of several additional journals including the American Statistical Association, Communications in Statistics, the Journal of the American Medical Association and the American Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Peace has a dedicated record of philanthropy to education. He has created twenty-one endowments at five institutions including three at his alma mater, the Medical College of Virginia and one at Randolph-Macon College. Dr. Peace has generously donated time and resources to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Georgia Cancer Coalition and the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance that are dedicated to cancer research, treatments and cures.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Dr. Peace in celebration of his 70th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness and special times with family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR FERENC SOMOGYI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in Recognition of the Ambassador of Hungary, Ferenc Somogyi, and his family as they celebrate their departure from the United States after nearly two years of exemplary service.

Ambassador Somogyi was born on September 1st, 1945 in Hartkirchen, Austria. In 1952 the Ambassador began his education in Budapest. He earned a University Degree in 1968 from the University of Economics, Budapest in the field of International Relations and in 1977 was awarded a Doctoral Degree in World Economics from the same institution. Moreover, Ambassador Somogyi gained an additional University Degree in the area of International Relations from the College for Political Science in Budapest.

After obtaining his degree, Ambassador Somogyi began his career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Hungary. He worked his way from a junior desk officer in 1968 to Professional State Secretary in 1990, during which he served as the Chief Negotiator for talks on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. By 1996 Ambassador Somogyi became the State Secretary for Euro-Atlantic Integration. While State Secretary, Ambassador Somogyi acted as the Chief Negotiator for the Hungary-Slovakia Framework Treaty, Hungary-Romania Framework Treaty, Hungary's NATO accession talks and Hungary's EU accession talks. Ambassador Somogyi took positions as the Director for Euro-Atlantic Integration for MATAV Hungarian Telecommunications and CEO of Stonebridge Communications AD between 1998 and 2006. Later in 2006, the Ambassador became the Director for International Affairs for Magyar Telekom before being named the Ambassador of Hungary in 2007.

In addition to Ambassador Somogyi's impressive professional career, he has also played a vital role in several Hungarian national and international organizations. For nearly a decade Ambassador Somogyi was a member of the Hungarian Olympic Committee. Between 1998 and 2003 the Ambassador served as President of the Hungarian Atlantic Council. He was also a member of the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary from 1999 through 2001. Between 2001 and 2003, Ambassador Somogyi served as Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Associations. Finally, the Ambassador continues to be a member of the Board of Trustees for McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland and the International Advisory Board for the Institute for the Study of Europe at Columbia University.

While serving as the Ambassador of Hungary, Ferenc Somogyi has focused on strengthening transatlantic relations between Hungary and the United States. He also continued to work with the Unites States on achieving stability in the Balkans as well as with the business community to explore new ways in economic and technological cooperation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ambassador Ferenc Somogyi for his dedication to improving relations between Hungary and the United States. Furthermore, I wish Ambassador Somogyi and his family a joyous celebration before returning to Hungary.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LATTA. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Van Wert County Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1250 South Washington Street, Van Wert, OH 45891

Description of Request: $840,000 for the Emergency Services Department Expansion project. Funds would be used to expand the emergency services department, and construction of a second floor shell for additional capacity. This project would assist in local job creation during both the construction and post-construction phases of the expansion. Van Wert County Hospital provides essential medical services to residents of Van Wert and surrounding counties, and this emergency department expansion would allow for increased patient capacity. On numerous occasions, people in need of emergency services had to be diverted due to limited space. This capacity constraint will loom larger as the number of patients receiving care in the emergency department is projected to increase sharply from 15,000 at present to 20,000 by 2010. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

ENCOURAGING SELECTION OF CHICAGO AS THE 2016 OLYMPIC HOST CITY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Congresswoman JANICE SCHAKOWSKY for introducing this legislation. It is with great pride that I encourage the International Olympic Committee to select the fine city of Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Since World War II, at least eighty-one athletes who were either born in Texas or lived in the state at the time of their competition, have won Olympic gold medals. From Michael Johnson to Tara Lipinski, from Nastia Liukin to Sheryl Swoopes, the list is filled with the world's best athletes. These great athletes represent eleven different sports, with track and field, the premier Olympic sport, having the largest number. Therefore, I know the value that the Olympic spirit can have on the citizens of a city and country, and I fully support Chicago in their efforts to bring this worldwide event to their city. Chicago, Illinois, advocates the ideals of the Olympic movement and governments from across the United States, including Houston, are joining together to show their support for bringing the Olympic Games to Chicago, Illinois, in 2016.

The Olympic movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through amateur athletics, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play. June 23rd, Olympic Day, is a unique, global event held every year. National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the world share this universal festivity with their respective communities, making it the most celebrated Olympic event after the Olympic Games.

On June 23, 2009, Houston celebrated Olympic Day with a special event featuring former Olympian Leigh Barczewski at the NFL Youth Education Town #2 at James Driver Park Boys and Girls Club facility. Leigh presented on one of the 4 Olympic values, Respect, as well as shared with the children his experience as an Olympic cyclist in the 1976 games. Olympic Day has greatly impacted the youth of the world and is teaching them important lessons that they will use for a lifetime.

In a world where many nations are still choosing conflict over cooperation, Olympic Day is a venue through which countries all over the world are exhibiting the Olympic values and choosing friendship and respect over conflict and discord.

I would like to congratulate the city of Chicago on its many accomplishments over the years and hope that they will be awarded the great honor of hosting the 2016 Olympics.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the three earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

My first request, totaling $250,000, will come from the Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education (FIPSE) within the Higher Education account at the Department of Education for Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois to modernize classrooms, library resources, and science laboratories with technology to significantly enhance student learning. The 2000 Census shows the Rockford area lagging significantly behind the rest of the State of Illinois in the numbers of residents with a four year higher education degree. The City of Rockford also has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, reaching 15.2 percent in June—a level not seen since 1983. Rockford College is one of the oldest and most prestigious private liberal arts colleges in the United States. The College is working to be more competitive in the marketplace by improving teaching and learning while also equipping students with the skills needed for tomorrow's workplace. Continued federal funding is needed to prevent the loss of this treasure by helping to upgrade antiquated classrooms and labs at Rockford College and convert them to modern smart classrooms as part of their long-term modernization program. The College will continue to seek matches from other sources including state and local governments as well as private donors. The funds would be used to add fiber infrastructure; modernize library resources with technology and collaborative teaching environments; equip science laboratories and a computer classroom to significantly enhance student learning; and a classroom-use optimization tool in the registrar's office to automate the management of limited classroom resources. Rockford College has received funding in the past for similar initiatives ($195,000 in Fiscal Year '08 and $238,000 in Fiscal Year '09). The entity to receive funding for the classroom, library, and laboratory upgrades is Rockford College located at 5050 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois 61108.

My second request, totaling $100,000, will come from the Higher Education account at the Department of Education for the Special Education District of McHenry County, Illinois to help fund the Pathways Program to meet the needs of students with intellectual disabilities. The Pathways Program in McHenry County helps students with intellectual disabilities including individuals on the autism spectrum to achieve career and technical education training at McHenry County College. This federal funding will assist all McHenry County schools as well as help McHenry County College meet the needs of an underserved student population. The program will address crucial education goals to close the gap for preparing young adults with intellectual disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum, with the necessary vocational skills for living independently. This investment will save federal, state and local government tax dollars by enabling this population to live independently and develop the work skills necessary to support themselves. The entity to receive funding is the Special Education District of McHenry County, located at 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, Illinois 60098.

My final request, totaling $250,000, will come from the Construction and Modernization of Health Facilities and Services account under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help complete building the National Center for Rural Health Professions at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine in Rockford, Illinois. To achieve the goals of training more physicians for rural service, a state-wide program was created in 1993 by the College of Medicine in Rockford involving approximately 30 rural hospitals and communities. The Rural Medical Education Program (RMED) has since been nationally recognized as one of the most innovative rural health medicine programs. The National Center for Rural Health Professions at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine in Rockford, will build on this success by serving as a national rural health education resource for medical colleges and rural communities across the nation. The Center will conduct research, develop curricula, implement and evaluate rural medical and health care education models, provide consultation to other medical colleges, and study trends in rural health related to health professional training needs. Medical colleges throughout the U.S. can use the research findings and curriculum models to implement training for rural health professionals to practice in medically under-served rural areas in their respective states. The College of Medicine has raised $4 million in private funds toward this $32 million expansion project. Another $14 million has been committed by the University of Illinois, and the university will also receive state funding to help complete the project. This project has received federal funding in the past ($238,000 in Fiscal Year '09) because of the potential national reach of this program. The entity to receive funding is the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Rockford Campus, located at 1601 Parkview Avenue in Rockford, Illinois 61107.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the Ranking Minority Member of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative TODD TIAHRT, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include these three critical requests in this spending bill.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ANIELLO L. TORTORA

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great appreciation for his service to the people of my congressional district that I bid farewell to Colonel Aniello L. Tortora, commander of the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I have known Colonel Tortora since he assumed command of the New York District in August, 2006, and have been proud to work with him on Long Island to improve navigation, protect our shores and energize the local economy.

Covering not only Long Island, the New York District is responsible for the Corps' water resource development, navigation, and regulatory activities in northeastern New Jersey, eastern and south-central New York State, and parts of Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The District is also responsible for design and construction at Army and Air Force installations in New Jersey, New York, and overseas in Greenland. Colonel Tortora also holds the title of Supervisor of New York Harbor.

Colonel Tortora, a native of southern Florida, was commissioned an engineer officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Science in Engineering from the University of Texas, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.

Throughout his career, Colonel Tortora has served in a variety of operational, command and staff assignments in the United States and overseas. He has commanded at every level from platoon to battalion. His most recent assignment was Senior Joint Engineer, Defense Continuity and Crisis Management, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense) in Washington, DC.

Colonel Tortora's previous assignments include: platoon leader and company executive officer, 43rd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Fort Benning, Georgia, and Honduras; B Company commander, 16th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Armored Division in Nuremberg, Germany, and for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; project engineer, Omaha District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; battalion S–3, 588th Engineer Battalion (Combat) and brigade S–3, Engineer Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and staff officer, Futures Directorate, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He also commanded the 2nd Engineer Battalion (Combat), 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Castle, Korea.

Colonel Tortora is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. He is a member of the Association of the United States Army, the Society of American Military Engineers, the Army Engineer Association, and the National Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the

Army Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal.

Madam Speaker, it is evident from his long list of accomplishments and accolades that Colonel Tortora's has dedicated his life to service to his country. I am honored to have worked with him to improve and protect the lives of Long Island residents. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors and thank him again on behalf of the First Congressional District of New York.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Akron Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Perkins Square, Akron, Ohio 44308

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $250,000 for the renovation of the Akron Children's Emergency Medical/Trauma Center. The Hospital serves a 25–county region in NE Ohio and was one of the 10 busiest pediatric emergency departments in the country in 2008. The current Level II trauma center and emergency center are regularly overcrowded, and expansion would allow for more rapid diagnoses, treatment and release from the facility, thus reducing hospital costs. The hospital also serves a high number of underserved or uninsured patients, and a more efficient center would translate to lower health care costs. The full amount of the funding would be put toward the design and construction costs of the $18.5 million facility.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ashtabula Council on Aging, Inc. (a.k.a. Ashtabula Senior Center)

Address of Requesting Entity: 4632 Main Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $250,000 for construction of a new facility to better accommodate and address the needs of the county's senior population. It is the only fulltime, stand-alone Senior Center in the economically distressed county, and supporting the construction of the facility would help to meet the national goal of providing support to our elderly population through a host of programs the center offers. The full amount of the funding would be put toward the construction costs of the new facility.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education—Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn Joint Vocational School District

Address of Requesting Entity: 8140 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $250,000 for curriculum development and technology for the Auburn Career Center for the creation of an alternative fuels education program. Auburn is a nationally recognized career and technical education facility that prepares students to effectively transition into high-skill jobs. The job market for these jobs is competitive, and training will create an educated and sought after workforce. The full amount of the funding would be used to develop the curriculum for this new program including the purchase of materials and equipment in order to teach the students in a hands on environment.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Mental Health

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bellefaire JCB

Address of Requesting Entity: 22001 Fairmount Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $200,000 for the Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) program for prevention and early intervention services to high school students in eight school districts in northeast Ohio. The purpose of the program is to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors in the prevention of substance abuse and violence and to promote healthy behaviors in youth. The full amount of the funding will be used to carry out intervention, screening, counseling and programming services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BioInnovation Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 453 South High Street, Akron, OH 44311

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $600,000 for equipment for the newly established BioInnovation Institute of Akron, an effort supported by multiple organizations throughout NE Ohio to enhance research and treatment capabilities for patients struggling with orthopedic medical issues. One focus of the research will be more effective and cost-effective procedures for joint replacement.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University Hospitals—Geauga Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 13207 Ravenna Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $250,000 for health information technology equipment for the Geauga Medical Center's cutting-edge Heart & Vascular Care Project. University Hospital's Geauga Medical Center is the only hospital in the county and serves residents in four additional counties, providing service to more than 100,000 patients per year. Its Heart and Vascular Institute provides critical in-patient and outpatient vascular services which will substantially improve the health outcomes of the patients it serves. This IT program will improve patient care and reduce medical errors through a federal initiative championed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Hospital System

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 East Washington Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $500,000 for health information technology (IT) equipment for the Lake Hospital System, a private, not-for-profit hospital system serving a four county region in NE Ohio, including creation of an all digital hospital system. The hospital system boasts two inpatient, acute care facilities, a same day surgery campus, five urgent care facilities and construction is almost completed on a new, state-of-the-art hospital with total connectivity in electronic records between the hospital and its more than 200 physicians. This IT program will improve patient care and reduce medical errors through a federal initiative championed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $250,000 to develop the College's Regional Healthcare Workforce Development Project with the purchase of lab equipment and technology for its Health Technology Building. The full amount of the funding will be used to purchase computer and laboratory equipment. There is a demonstrated need for health care training, and it is one of the few fields in northeast Ohio with continued growth and demand.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 East 22nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $100,000 for a workforce training program sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio (VNAHPO) home health aides. In providing more than one-half million units of nursing, rehabilitation and supportive services to more than 12,000 Ohio families, the NVAHPO is one of the largest home and community healthcare organizations in Ohio. In carrying out its patient service mission, the NVAHPO struggles with shortage and retention challenges for home healthcare aides and seeks

to address this need and reduce unemployment through establishment of this workforce training program. By supporting the development of a well-trained home healthcare aide workforce, the organization anticipates providing value to the taxpayer by reducing the rate of hospitalizations and directly reducing costs to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The full amount of the funding will be used to purchase equipment and develop the curriculum for this training program.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education—Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vocational Guidance Services (VGS)—Painesville Center

Address of Requesting Entity: One Victoria Square, #135, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of $100,000 for the Training Enhancements Promoting Jobs for Ohioans with Disabilities project, which implements a training program to provide job skills to people with disabilities and other barriers to the job market. With the nation's unemployment rate approaching 10 percent, there continues to be a need for training to meet the many challenges to employers competing in the global economy, and this project will provide significant value to the taxpayer and those seeking employment who can become taxpayers. The funding will be used to purchase computer equipment and technology, as well as other equipment to carry out the center's curriculum.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding four earmarks I received as part H.R. 3293—Labor—HHS—Education Appropriations Act, 2010:

Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—$650,000

This project will support TWU's new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities.

Texas Wesleyan University is located at 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

AB Christian Learning Center, Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—Department of Education Higher Education (FIPSE)—$175,000

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

AB Christian Learning Center is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Road #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112.

City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services, Early Childhood Matters Initiative—$425,000

The city of Fort Worth, Texas seeks funds to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the city that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from early childhood resource centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high need neighborhoods. Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each $1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of $7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school.

City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS), Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—$100,000

PHHS proposes to use electronically derived variables to create a model that measures clinical, social, and economic factors that predict patients at-risk for hospitalization, readmission or death in real-time, which would create "e-coordinated" clinical and care management interventions for the highest risk patients and serves lives while improving patient services, increasing productivity, and reducing costs. PHHS request will cover the cost of one Data Analyst, one Technical EPIC programmer, and server technology.

Parkland Hospital is located at 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75235.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. PLATTS. 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. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD RUSSELL PLATTS (PA–19)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

(1) York College of Pennsylvania—Facilities and Equipment—$300,000

Account: Higher Education, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: York College of Pennsylvania

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year institution of higher education serving over 5,600 students. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College would use this funding to expand their existing Nursing Department. Specifically, funds would be used to refurbish laboratories and purchase equipment related to the project. This is also a good use of taxpayer funds because York College operates one of the largest bachelorette nursing programs in the region. York College's ability to continue providing a pool of highly educated and trained nursing graduates helps fill the critical demand for nurses, both locally and nationally.

(2) Hanover Hospital—Electronic Medical Records Initiative—$450,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hanover Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to improve clinical outcomes and enables health systems to better define, measure, monitor, and reward quality care. Electronic medical records create efficiencies for patients, physicians, and the hospital.

(3) WellSpan Health of York, PA—Purchase of Equipment—$100,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WellSpan Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 912 South George Street, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Funding: WellSpan Health would use this funding to purchase a remote monitoring system for the York Hospital Emergency Transitional Care Unit, allowing physicians to monitor patients in a distant location without physically leaving the main Emergency Department. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the remote monitoring system would create remote access using video/audio conferencing technology so that a physician could monitor multiple patients at one time. In addition, while caring for a patient in the main emergency department, the physician could answer questions and communicate with patients and families who are waiting in the Emergency Transitional Care Unit, eliminating the constant disruption of walking back and forth.

2009 MISS TENNESSEE STEFANIE WITTLER

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today a proud Tennessean with the distinct privilege of honoring Third Congressional District resident Stefanie Wittler who has been crowned Miss Tennessee. This is a prestigious award that requires great responsibility and Ms. Wittler is a young lady who is truly up to the task.

Over the next year, this 22-year-old Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., resident will serve as an ambassador and public relations representative for the Miss America Organization. While maintaining the hectic schedule required to meet the responsibilities of the title she now holds, Stefanie will be preparing for the 2010 Miss America Pageant to be held in January in Las Vegas.

Ms. Wittler is a very determined young lady who fought hard for this award in the face of adversity and defeat. She participated in the Miss Tennessee pageant on two previous occasions but remained determined to reach her goal of being crowned Miss Tennessee. Humility is too often mistaken for weakness. Stefanie is a perfect example that, in reality, humility is one of the strongest character traits we can possess. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor Ms. Stefanie Wittler, the 2009 Miss Tennessee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on July 23, 2009, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 637. If I had been present I would have voted ''aye.''

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alexander City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Alexander City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Tallapoosa Street, Alexander City, Alabama

Description of Request: For the Gateway to Education Scholarship program, including scholarships Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for an ongoing education and workforce development initiative to provide free tuition to Russell High School graduates to attend Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 405 Korner Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Description of Request: ''for technology upgrades'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding the funding would enhance technology in the classroom and technology infrastructure between Cherokee, Etowah, Cleburne, and Calhoun Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Description of Request: ''For purchase of equipment'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to purchase a Nuclear Magnetic Resonate Spectrum to provide hands-on student learning and understanding of modern chemistry, instrumental methods, and the determination of molecular structures across the discipline and in physics and biology. This piece of equipment also fosters interdisciplinary research and collaborative work.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Union Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1000, Wadley, Alabama 36276

Description of Request: ''For purchase of equipment'' Taxpayer justification—This funding would be used to purchase equipment for the new Technology Center on the Opelika Campus of Southern Union State Community College so that the College may re-train and educate individuals for jobs in high-tech, high-pay careers required by industry moving into the College's Service area.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services HRSA—$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childersburg Medical Clinic Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 34011 Hwy 280 East Childersburg, Alabama 35044

Description of Request: ''for facilities and equipment at the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center'' Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction and equipping the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center for Childersburg Alabama and surrounding areas.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)—$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 E. South Street, P.O. Box 698, Talladega, AL 35161

Description of Request: Provide $200,000 to develop a collaborative program with employers incorporating assistive technology and targeting deaf and blind individuals with developmental disabilities for workforce placement. The funding would be used for employer training in disabilities and assistive technology for the deaf and blind. The project's total budget is $680,000. Specifically within the budget, $200,000 for salaries, $250,000 for assistive technology for the deaf and blind, $20,000 for travel, $30,000 for employer training in disabilities, $30,000 matching administrative personnel cost, and $150,000 for matching assistive technology cost. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) Account. The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

IN HONOR OF CANADA CELEBRATING ''CANADA DAY''

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the people of Canada as they celebrate their ''Canada Day.'' The United States and Canada share a unique history of friendship and brotherhood that has intrinsically tied our two people together. Celebration of the founding of Canada is joyous time to celebrate our very special friendship with our neighbors to the north.

Our two nations share a common cultural, historical, and economic past and future. For centuries Michigan has been the focal point of relations between our two nations. A mere eight miles separate downtown Detroit and the great nation of Canada. Detroit and Canada share a unique story that was started by the French explorers as they mapped our shared waterways and continues today.

Canada and the United States share more than a common border. As both our nations have flourished we have developed strong cultural bonds that have greatly contributed to the

cultural fabric of both our nations. Significantly, Detroit and Canada share a devout love for hockey. Spectators and players from both our nations often cross the border to attend games and take part in friendly rivalries. Our shared cultural affinities have brought our two peoples together in a relationship unlike any other.

Our two people also share fundamental ideals rooted in similar traditions and histories. We look to each other to grow intellectually as we face the complex issues of our day. Specifically, we look to Canada as a nation that has provided a national health care system to every Canadian citizen. As our country now addresses health care reform, we will do so through a uniquely American solution. Though our systems will be different at the end of the day, it is my desire that every American has access to health care. Our two nations hold a deep-seated belief that health care ought not to be object of profit, but a guaranteed right of all human beings.

In an era of heightened security and economic uncertainty the bond that ties the United States and Canada together has only grown stronger. For these reasons I am proud to lend my voice to the chorus of American voices congratulating Canada on its celebration of Canada Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Communities In Schools—Northeast Texas c/o Northeast Texas Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 1307, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456–1307

Description of Request: I have secured $200,000 for the Communities In School of Northeast Texas with the Communities In Schools—Northeast Texas c/o Northeast. Communities In Schools of Northeast Texas (CIS–NETX), is part of a national stay-in school network. It delivers case management and non-case management services to public school students at risk of dropping out of school. CIS–NETX provides direct and indirect services to over 14,500 students and their families in over 33 elementary, middle and high school campuses in 11 school districts in six northeast Texas counties. CIS–NETX provides students and families with the following six components: supportive guidance and counseling; health and human services coordination, parent and family involvement; pre-employment/employment training and services, enrichment activities and experiences; and education enhancement. Funds for this project will be used to continue the recognized prevention program and would be used for program maintenance, expansion of current programs and replication in areas where no CIS is located. The benefits to those students and their families are numerous; better jobs, a more secure future and better opportunities. But the entire 4th District benefits by these services, as businesses have a more qualified pool of well-trained high school graduates as potential employees and the quality of life improves for the general populace when young people are educated. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Community Health Services Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 4500 Wesley Street, Greenville, Texas 75401

Description of Request: I have secured $300,000 for the Greenville Community Health Center Expansion with the Community Health Service Agency. Funds for this project will expand women's health services, prenatal care, deliveries, cancer screenings, women's health exams, and offer gynecological to thousands of women of the 4th District for the first time. CHSA operates a network of community health centers in north central Texas with five (5) medical sites and one (1) dental site located in the 4th District. CHSA serves more than 16,000 residents of the 4th District each year. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Texas at Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 University Station G2700, PO Box 7397, Austin TX 78713

Description of Request: I have secured $250,000 for the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum with the Center for American History. The Sam Rayburn Library and Museum, located in Bonham, Texas, is one of five divisions of the University's Center for American History. Funds for this project will expand educational and program services to more people, area educational organizations and traditionally underserved populations to meet the public education mission of the University of Texas at Austin and the Center for American History. The National Historic Landmark is the creation of the man who served as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives longer than any other person: Sam Taliaferro Rayburn (1882–1961). Known affectionately as "Mr. Sam" by his friends and colleagues, Rayburn established the library and museum in 1957 as a tribute to the people of his district and for future generations. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY 2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas A&M University—Commerce

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429

Description of Request: I have secured $100,000 for Improving STEM Skills for Rural Youth in Northeast Texas with Texas A&M University—Commerce. This project focuses on enabling teachers and students to enhance their science, technology, education, engineering, and mathematics skills. The project includes three summer camps known as the X-Teems Academy and the Infinity Institute. Groups of students from rural districts who are typically underrepresented in STEM fields are identified to participate in this project. Funds for this project will allow students and teachers from the 4th District to participate in the education program designed to cultivate and/or develop affinity for math and science in rural middle and high school students and at the same time, equip teachers throughout the state with broader math and science teaching experiences in order to enhance their teaching in these critical areas. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cal State University, Fullerton

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 North State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92834

Description of Request: Provide $350,000 in FY 2010 to build upon existing intermediate level language courses to develop a full Bachelor's Degree program, a Minor, and an International Business Sequence in Vietnamese Language and Culture designed to prepare a new generation of Vietnamese Americans and others to take advantage of the rapidly growing business and professional opportunities resulting from trade between the United States and Vietnam. Funding would be used for faculty program development; graduate assistants; salaries; materials, resources and language lab/library; internships; and facilities and administration.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cal State University, Fullerton

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 North State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92834

Description of Request: Provide $300,000 in FY 2010 to establish the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in Mathematics and Science (CATLMS). The proposed center addresses a national problem. One of the core drivers of innovation in the U.S. is its strength in STEM disciplines. Yet, in

an increasingly interconnected world, the U.S. has not been keeping pace with its economic competitors. Funds are requested for to support a Director and one supporting staff member in their work to carry out research studies, pursue external funding, and develop collaborations with private sector parties, educational institutions, and governmental agencies. Faculty would be released from their teaching duties to accomplish the objectives for which funding is being requested.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Department of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Kalmus Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: Provide $400,000 in FY 2010 to implement Internet safety programs for all Orange County. Federal law requires all schools receiving E-Rate funding to implement Internet safety programs, yet includes no funding to achieve this requirement. State and local agencies place responsibility for teaching youth Internet safety in the hands of educators who have not received adequate professional development in this area. Interactive teacher training will serve as an effective tool to educate children to safely, securely, and ethically use the Internet and a variety of other technologies. Funding will be used for programmatic expenses, including software and training, substitute teachers, and meeting materials and expenses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Entity Requesting: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, 5401 Din ah Shore Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264

Description of Earmark: $500,000 to be used for improvements to the Interstate 10 and Bob Hope Drive. This project is critical to alleviating traffic congestion in the Cochella Valley and funding for the project was sought in cooperation with the Cochella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG). The existing road facility at this location was constructed approximately 47 years ago. This interchange provides primary cross freeway access between the north and the south sides of the Valley as well as area connectivity with the Interstate Highway System. In addition to relieving traffic congestion on Ramon Road this project will also improve safety by replacing the dated on- and off-ramps at Ramon Road with a new modern interchange design at Bob Hope Drive.

Spending Plan: The requesting entity plans to obligate the funds towards construction costs. CVAG has allocated $15,200,000 for this project and the State of California has budgeted $40,400,000 as well. Right of way purchases were completed in April of 2009 the construction should begin in September 2009.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Entity Requesting: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, California 92502

Description of Earmark: $750,000 for the Alameda Corridor East Grade Separation in Riverside County, California. The Alameda Corridor Grade separation is a high priority of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and state. More than 68 million tons of freight pass through Riverside County to the rest of the country, but very little of this freight originates or ends in the County. Traffic and trains are halted at a number of crossings throughout the Coachella Valley. This grade separation will allow the flow of traffic, reduce congestion and delays, cut down on the air pollution, and increase efficiency of freight transportation.

Spending Plan: The requesting entity plans to obligate the funds towards construction costs. RCTC's Grade Separation Funding Strategy calls for a 55 percent federal share of the entire program cost. Sources of the funding include voter-approved Measure A, developer fees, and city general funds.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Entity Requesting: SunLine Transit Agency, 32–505 Harry Oliver Trail, Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Description of Earmark: $750,000 to be used for paratransit buses and commuter coaches to expand service in the Coachella Valley to meet transportation and mobility needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. As the regional transit provider in the Coachella Valley, SunLine provides fixed route and paratransit services in an area of 1,120 square miles, with an annual ridership of 3.5 million. As traffic continues to increase, more residents are interested in commuting rather than driving. To implement the commuter service, SunLine will need to purchase coaches to operate the commuter service to the Pass Area, as well as Riverside.

Spending Plan: SunLine Transit anticipates purchasing the paratransit buses by December 2009 and commuter coaches by December 2010.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Transit Administration Capitol Improvements Grants

Requesting: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, California 92502

Description of Earmark: $5,000,000 is provided for the Perris Valley Line to extend existing Metrolink service 22.7 miles further into Riverside County creating better access to popular commuter rail transportation for residents. Most of the Perris Valley Line parallels the I–215 which is expected to carry as many as 400,000 vehicles per day by 2020. The Perris Valley Line provides commuters a mass transit alternative to the I–215, one of the fastest growing corridors in the county.

Spending Plan: The requesting entity plans to obligate the funds towards construction costs to continue to ongoing development of the project. The total cost of the project is expected to be $193,000,000 with small starts funding of $75,000,000. The remainder are expected to be paid by FTA 5307 funds, CMAQ funding and at least $29,000,000 of Measure A local funding approved by Riverside County voters and funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of La Habra

Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 W. Las Lomas Dr., La Habra, California 90631

Funding Secured: $148,000

Description of Request: The City of La Habra's "Young At Art" program addresses the need to provide arts education to underprivileged children in a community that currently receives no formal arts program for its kindergarten through second grade (K–2) students. "Young At Art" provides direct services to over 1,400 K–2 students and 50 teachers, and will positively impact 2,500 parents and 5,000 community members in La Habra, California. In 2001, The Children's Museum implemented "Young At Art" to preschool populations. After several years of success with this program and in response to increasing community requests, The Children's Museum at La Habra is now expanding "Young At Art" to serve 100% of the Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade elementary students La Habra. "Young At Art" has two overall goals: to increase teachers' ability to lead K–2 elementary students in integrated arts and core curriculum learning experiences, and to use arts learning to increase the language arts skills, math readiness skills, and cognitive process capabilities of K–2 elementary students who are now at-risk for academic failure. Federal funding would be used to expand the La Habra Children's Museum program "Young at Art" to serve 100 percent of K–2 elementary school students in the City of La Habra.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hope Through Housing Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

Funding Secured: $350,000

Description of Request: The Hope Through Housing Foundation's Academic Tutoring and Enrichment Program combines intensive age-appropriate academic tutoring with enrichment activity for children in grades K–8. In addition, a family literacy component and community building technical assistance program will strengthen the support services available to children and youth. The program includes tutoring where each day a student attends, they receive 60 minutes of small group academic tutoring in both math and English/language arts. Homework assistance to support the small group tutoring sessions, trained staff provide a minimum of 45 minutes daily of assistance. During this time, students have access to a fully furnished computer laboratory with high speed Internet access. Each learning center is a literacy-rich environment stocked with age appropriate books, as well as creative writing and reading materials. Students are encouraged to check out books, create journals, and engage in any type of activity that encourages them to read and write for pleasure. Students will work together on projects that support in-school learning. Additionally, through both group activities and one on one time spent with staff, attention is paid toward helping students gain confidence in themselves and learn to communicate effectively. These programs go above and beyond by being administered onsite at affordable housing communities to serve our nation's most at-risk youths. Federal funding would be used for the After School and Beyond—Academic Tutoring and Enrichment Program to serve at-risk youth and their families living in high-risk neighborhoods in San Bernardino County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Diego County and Los Angeles County.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chino Hills

Address of Requesting Entity: 2001 Grand Avenue, Chino Hills, California 91709

Funding Secured: $250,000

Description of Request: The City of Chino Hills, within San Bernardino County, is a rapidly growing community. Its current James S. Thalman Branch Library, which is housed in an inadequate 9,000 square foot building, is the most utilized library within the County's system. The facility is grossly inadequate for the City's burgeoning population and is reaching the end of its useful life. The City has acquired 11.7 acres of land to construct a government center that will include a City Hall, a Police and Sheriff Facility, the Fire District Administrative Headquarters, and the new James S. Thalman Branch Library. The City is funding the $11 million cost of construction for the facility; however, federal assistance is needed for interior improvements to the library that will serve the needs of all Chino Hills residents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. 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. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act.

(1) $375,000 for the City of Bellevue, WA Wrap-Around Services Program

Requesting Entity: City of Bellevue, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

The Wrap-Around Services Program is an innovative partnership between the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District and United Way of King County. Working collaboratively, the program coordinates and provides services on-site at Lake Hills Elementary School to meet the educational and developmental needs of the diverse children and youth population served by the school and community. The program encourages local resident and family participation in school life and maximizes the public's investment in local school facilities by making them available for educational and recreational activities.

Lake Hills Elementary School serves approximately 500 students in preschool through fifth grade. It is an ethnically diverse school with 59% of students speaking a first language other than English and 60% of students participate in the free or reduced price lunch program. The Wrap-Around Services Program addresses health and wellness in areas including academic growth, school engagement, adult education, mental health counseling, medical and dental care, family support and community building. Services are provided through a broad range of community partnerships with social service agencies, mental health providers, non-profit community groups, faith-based organizations, local businesses and other partners.

Wrap-Around Services began as a 3-year pilot project and transitioned into a program in the fall of 2008. In November of 2007, the Wrap-Around Services Evaluation Report was completed by Business Government Community Connections, an independent evaluator. The Evaluation Report showed the project produced student academic improvement, gains in school readiness for entering students and strengthening of parent and family involvement in the school and community. In particular, kindergarten students are coming to school better prepared since the Wrap-Around Project started. Family participation has risen, with 70–80% of families visiting the school more than once during the school year. Non-profit organizations, like Jubilee REACH Center, have purchased and established a community center to be within walking distance of Lake Hills School.

Federal funding will augment partner funding and allow the expansion of the program to three more schools (two elementary and one middle) with similar diverse demographics to Lake Hills Elementary.

Finance Plan:

SECTION A BUDGET SUMMARY—EXPANSION OF WRAP-AROUND SERVICES TO TWO SCHOOL SITES

	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Expansion program costs
Personnel	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	
Contractual—After School Programs	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Total Costs	125,000	125,000	125,000	Proposed Federal Funding Contribution

SECTION A BUDGET SUMMARY—NON-FEDERAL FUNDS—EXPANSION OF WRAP-AROUND TO TWO SCHOOL SITES

	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	
Personnel	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	
Staff	70,000	70,000	70,000	Counselor
Fam. Liaison	34,848	34,848	34,848	
BSD Staff	87,126	87,126	87,126	Principal & Office Manager
Pro. Services	30,000	30,000	30,000	Evaluation Services
Equipment	5,800	5,800	5,800	
Supplies	11,000	11,000	11,000	
Total Costs	313,774	313,774	313,774	Non-Federal Funding

(2) $500,000 for LOOKBOTHWAYS, Skills for Life Online (K–12 Internet Safety Curriculum)

Requesting Entity: LOOKBOTHWAYS, 280 Quincy Street, Suite A, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Agency: Department of Education

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Funding Requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

In 2008, Congress enacted the Protecting Children in 21st Century Act, defining the nation's commitment to Internet safety and strengthening education in schools. Enhanced use of technology in the classroom must include a safety element if we are to keep our children safe.

The skills that students need to act safely and appropriately online are largely lacking. To properly address the needs of students, LOOKBOTHWAYS is creating a curriculum that educates and teaches actionable skills, while empowering and motivating children toward safe and appropriate online interactions. Using Internet technologies for delivery, LOOKBOTHWAYS will offer this curriculum to

schools, organizations, families, and the public free of any charges. This important training will keep our children safer, build better cybercitizens, and allow those who will drive the future of our country to take advantage of all the opportunities that technology offers without fear.

These funds, which will be used to complete the development of grade 5 through 9 curricula for Internet Safety, will benefit every citizen in the State of Washington as well as throughout the United States—every school district, not-for-profit organization, parent, child or senior citizen—by providing free online skills for life in the 21st Century on the Internet.

With initial private funding, LOOKBOTHWAYS developed a full curriculum outline for grades K–12, a prototype lesson and supporting materials, a program brochure and fundraising collateral materials. LOOKBOTHWAYS has also identified partners for marketing the program to educators, and developed a detailed business plan that outlines their funding, marketing, development, and distribution goals and strategies. With the next infusion of funding they are ready to ramp up quickly to write the curriculum and create the accompanying media and begin teacher training and get it into schools within 6 months.

Finance Plan:

Lesson Content Development (36 lessons)	$450,000
Video Production & Media (24 videos)	480,000
Web Site and Interactive Tools Development Costs	180,000
Fund Raising	100,000
Marketing and Distribution	365,000
Implementation	140,000
Administrative Costs and Staffing	100,000
Estimated Efforts for First Year Support	185,000
Amount necessary for completion of K–12 Curriculum	2,000,000
Estimated cost of Spanish translation/accessibility	+500,000
Final total:	$2,500,000

3) $500,000 for Seattle University's Fostering Scholars Program

Requesting Entity: Seattle University 901 12th Ave., P.O. Box 222000, Seattle, WA 98122–1090

Agency: Department of Education

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Funding Requested by: Reps DAVE REICHERT, JIM MCDERMOTT

In Washington State, only 3 in 10 foster youth graduate from high school and only 25% enroll in a post-secondary education program. The Fostering Scholars Program provides full-tuition scholarships, year-round room and board, health insurance, personal support, a program of cohort and leadership development, work-study jobs, and opportunity to study abroad, access to tutoring, therapy and counseling as needed, and the benefit of emergency funds to foster children who have aged out of the foster care system.

Education is key to economic independence. Seattle University is taking the initiative and devoting resources to help foster care alumni who more often live below the poverty line and lack a post-secondary education compared to the national average. It is a benefit to taxpayers to make a small investment in the education of foster children so they will no longer be dependent as adults on government funded social services.

Studies have shown that anywhere from 25%–49% of foster care alumni will experience homelessness at some point in their lives. The economic impact of this funding is that these foster youth that might never achieve a post-secondary education and be living at the poverty line would be entering the Washington State workforce with a college degree and the skills needed to secure a high wage job contributing to the economy of the state.

Finance Plan:

Category	Federal Request	Seattle University & Private Foundations	Total
Student Scholarship Fund	$250,000	$785,000	$1,035,000
Post-Graduate Transition to Independence Fund	75,000		75,000
Fostering Scholars Program Personnel	175,000	481,500	656,500
Program Infrastructure and Development		307,000	307,000
Total	500,000	1,573,500	2,073,500

Private donations make up $1,200,000 of the matching funding. Seattle University and private donation matching fund make up 76% of matching funds.

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from all three of the projects listed above.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 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 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill—H.R. 3293:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 Hovey Hall, Campus Box 4040, Normal, Illinois 61790

Description of Request: $500,000 for Illinois State University for curriculum development for an interdisciplinary Ph.D program in neurosciences to advance basic research and serve emerging health care needs in East Central Illinois. Of this amount, $250,000 is for personnel, $200,000 will purchase equipment, and $50,000 is for supplies, commodities, and office communications.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. 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 I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cobb County (GA) Government

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Cherokee St, Marietta, GA 30090

Description of Request: The Cobb County (GA) Government will assist in building a 22,000 sq. ft multipurpose senior center with limited healthcare services. The center is accessible to both private and public transportation, will offer a variety of programs and services, and will be the first multipurpose senior center within the city limits of Marietta.

The Center will accommodate services, programs and activities for seniors and the issues that affect them. Health and wellness programs including nutrition, fitness, lifestyle, and diabetes care, education and issue-related seminars such as Medicare, identity theft, fraud, grandparents raising grandchildren, and Alzheimer's, volunteer opportunities, advocacy, and socialization opportunities will be offered

As individuals experience longer life-expectancy, health and wellness play an even bigger part in our lives. The proposed Multi-Purpose Senior Health Center will offer limited health services as well as opportunities for improved physical, mental, and social health.

The $500,000 included in H.R. 3293 will be used for renovation and development of an existing building and for necessary equipment. Specifically, the Fiscal Year 2010 federal funds will consist of the following budget items: Construction—Architect Fees: $136,000; Facade, Parking, and Landscaping: $212,500. Equipment—$151,500.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Floyd Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 304 Turner McCall Boulevard, Rome, GA 30165

Description of Request: The counties in Northwest Georgia in Floyd Medical Center's service area (Floyd, Chattooga, and Polk) have a high rate of breast cancer-related mortality. While the State of Georgia is on par with national averages—with roughly 20% of breast cancer cases being terminal—two of these counties have terminal breast cancer rates of 26% in Polk County and 25% in Chattooga County. Unfortunately, there is currently not a single dedicated Breast MRI machine for the hospital's service area.

Floyd Medical Center will procure, operate, and maintain a state-of-the-art dedicated a Breast MRI machine to provide 2,800 screenings for patients who would otherwise have to travel two hours to the nearest facility with a Breast MRI machine. This machine will be incorporated into Floyd Medical Center's new Breast Cancer Center, which serves as a single point-of-care by providing a full spectrum of cancer diagnosis, prevention, and treatment services.

The $250,000 included in H.R. 3293 will be used in its entirety for the procurement and installation of the dedicated Breast MRI machine. This specifically includes purchasing the MRI equipment, software used in the digital imaging of screenings and biopsies, shipping and installation of the unit, and initial training for technicians and physicians.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gordon Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1035 Red Bud Road, Calhoun, GA 30701

Description of Request: Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia is committed to meeting the needs of patients and increasing access to medical records. It is the common goal of hospitals, healthcare industry, and the private and public sector to increase the use of electronic medical records. In fact, health IT policy was passed as a part of the larger stimulus package, earlier this year although the bulk of the funding was provided for incentives for those who have already adopted, instead of funding for implementation.

Connecting medical providers to provide a more comprehensive medical history of a patient not only lowers healthcare costs but also leads to quicker diagnosis and treatment of patients. Therefore, Gordon Hospital is seeking federal aid to purchase a Community Electric Medical Record System. This system will allow for easier interface with doctors consulting patients in a variety of specialties and also allow easier access to medical records for our patients.

The $150,000 included in H.R. 3293 will be used in its entirety for the purchase of Community EMR Software.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kennesaw State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Chastain Road, MD 0101, Kennesaw, GA 30144–5591

Description of Request: Kennesaw State University is preparing to begin construction of a new Health Sciences Building. This facility will help expand the nursing program and will address the growing nursing shortage—locally and nationally.

The number of Registered Nurses in the United States continues to remain below its target and Georgia consistently ranks below the national average. The Georgia Hospital Association's 2006, ''Changing Demographics—Bridging Generations,'' shows an RN vacancy rate in member hospitals of 10.7% in 2006. There is 1 nurse for every 753 Georgians, putting the state in the bottom fourth of the country, it says.

The nationwide shortage of nursing faculty poses another threat to the future of healthcare in America. Kennesaw State University's School of Nursing recently received Board of Regents approval to launch a Doctorate of Nurse Science that will help create a stronger pipeline of nursing faculty to teach future generations of nurses and easier interface with doctors consulting patients in a variety of specialties and also allow easier access to medical records for our patients.

The $100,000 included in H.R. 3293 will be used to assist in the efforts of this project. Specifically, the Fiscal Year 2010 federal funds will consist of following budget items: Construction costs for engineering data, surveys, and laboratory testing that will equal $100,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3293—Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health and Human Services, SAMHSA

Legal Name of Recipient: Operation UNITE

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $1,000,000 for a substance abuse treatment and voucher program through Operation UNITE. Operation UNITE is a comprehensive program to combat the scourge of drug abuse in southern and eastern Kentucky by coordinating federal, state and local efforts in law enforcement, treatment and education. Operation UNITE has arrested 3,028 drug dealers and removed over $8.64 million worth of drugs off the street, including 86,068 prescription pills, 450 pounds of marijuana, 11.7 pounds of meth and 23 pounds of cocaine. Over 2,050 nonviolent offenders have participated in UNITE-funded drug courts, and more than 1,430 individuals grappling with addiction have received vouchers for treatment. This funding will be utilized to provide a one-time payment for residential substance abuse treatment for eligible individuals who cannot afford treatment.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health and Human Services, SAMHSA

Legal Name of Recipient: Operation UNITE

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $1,000,000 for a multi-school substance abuse counseling and curriculum development program through Operation UNITE. Operation UNITE is a comprehensive program to combat the scourge of drug abuse in southern and eastern Kentucky by coordinating federal, state and local efforts in law enforcement, treatment and education. From the 2004–2008 school years, 35 counselors served 44 school districts in the region. In addition, nearly 65,000 individual and group counseling sessions were provided, and 3,949 referrals to treatment were made. This funding will provide prevention, intervention, and treatment through drug counselors in the local school system.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA

Legal Name of Recipient: Morehead State University

Address of Recipient: 150 University Boulevard, Morehead, KY 40351

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $250,000 to conduct a health outreach demonstration program in eastern Kentucky. The region has some of the highest rates of diabetes, obesity, and heart disease in the country. This is a targeted and comprehensive project to improve rural health and rural communities. The funds will be used for program development, supplies, health information resources, physician and professional support, and promotional/awareness efforts.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, FIE

Legal Name of Recipient: Eastern Kentucky PRIDE

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $250,000 for environmental education and awareness to students through the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE program. PRIDE is the first initiative specifically created to solve severe environmental degradation problems in the region. PRIDE, a non-profit organization, unites citizens with the resources of federal, state and local governments in order to improve water quality in the region, clean up illegal trash dumps and other solid waste, and promote environmental awareness and education to break the cycle of pollution. This funding supports initiatives in local elementary, middle, and high schools to engage students in environmental stewardship.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, FIE

Legal Name of Recipient: The Center for Rural Development

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $500,000 for the continuation of Forward in the Fifth, a civic literacy program in southern and eastern Kentucky. Begun in 1986, the organization serves 44 Appalachian counties by placing a high priority on literacy education. In addition, Forward in the Fifth has developed and implemented a variety of programs to improve school attendance, enhance science and math instruction, reduce dropout rates, train parents in computer-based education platforms, and increase the number of residents attending college. The program works with local schools, teachers, parents, and the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education, FIE

Legal Name of Recipient: City of Prestonsburg

Address of Recipient: 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $200,000 for arts education at the

Mountain Arts Center, which is a non-profit cultural arts complex based in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. This funding will enable the complex to expand its curriculum and learning opportunities further in eastern Kentucky. It hosts a wide variety of arts education classes for all ages in music, art, and theater.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA

Legal Name of Recipient: Union College

Address of Recipient: 310 College Street, Barbourville, KY 40906

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of $500,000 for renovations and reconstruction on an existing building for a new nursing and allied health program facility. Union College intends to renovate the former Knox County Hospital building into a center for academic programs in nursing and science. This new facility and programs will improve the educational opportunities available to students in an underserved region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 3293

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shore Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 East New York Avenue, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for construction of and equipment for a new surgical pavilion.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation

Address of Requesting Entity: 61 West Jimmie Leeds Road, Pomona, NJ 08240

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $250,000 for relocation, expansion and upgrade of Bacharach's Sleep Disorder Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Vineland, NJ

Address of Requesting Entity: 640 E. Wood Street, Vineland, NJ 08360

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $300,000 for the development of a community health and wellness center on the campus of what will become a regional health care and health training facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ–02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AtlantiCare

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 English Creek Avenue, Building 500, Suite 501, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08401

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $200,000 to implement a geographic and program expansion of the AtlantiCare Special Care Center, a nationally recognized program to improve outcomes for the chronically ill.

RECOGNIZING SWEET MISS GIVING'S

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sweet Miss Giving's. This bakery with a social conscience has helped the homeless and HIV-positive of Chicago by creating jobs, teaching skills, and giving back to the community.

Sweet Miss Giving's arose to give the homeless and disabled of Chicago an opportunity to obtain practical skills through real world working experience. The bakery gives participants a place to work after completing job training so they may gain the confidence and talent enabling them to find work in the future. Their decadent baked goods are currently being sold at dozens of local businesses and restaurants around Chicago and over fifty percent of proceeds are donated to Chicago House, the first provider of AIDS housing in the Midwest.

Sweet Miss Giving's offers hope of achieving self-sufficiency for those who had previously considered themselves unemployable. I am proud to recognize the hard work, ingenuity, and charity of this bakery that improves people's lives and their prospects for the future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: SafeHaven of Tarrant County

Address of Receiving Entity: 815 Manhattan Boulevard, Suite 105, Fort Worth, TX 76120

Description of Request: I have secured $200,000 in funding to be used to support the direct cost of personnel implementing the Safety First program which includes the 24/7/365 toll-free hotline and SafeResponse initiative.

HONORING THE CITIES OF COLUMBUS AND NORFOLK

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two cities in my district for being named to the list of 100 best small towns to live in in America by Money Magazine.

Columbus was recognized for its low jobless rate with its industry and manufacturing infrastructure providing employment for more than 5,700. Columbus is home to major agricultural equipment companies and the Nebraska Public Power District. Glur's Tavern, the oldest bar west of the Missouri River reminds residents of the days when Buffalo Bill Cody frequented the area.

Money Magazine took note of Norfolk's public school system. The 13 schools in the K12 district are relatively diverse, teacher-student ratios are often under 1:20, and the "Challenge" program offers differentiated instruction for academically talented children. It was also pointed out that Norfolk is a major retail trade center for northeast Nebraska, and the manufacturing industry in the city employs more than 4,000 people.

These designation weren't accidents. Columbus and Norfolk are strong communities of people who care for each other, who help out during hard times, and who live up to the benchmarks set by our forefathers.

So, congratulations to Columbus and Norfolk for representing Nebraska and making us proud.

OLAJU "O.J." GREEN

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's 7th Congressional District to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Olaju "O.J." Green and to recognize the numerous achievements of this outstanding young man.

O.J. was a not only an excellent student in the classroom, but was also a leader and standout athlete for Canal Winchester High School's Football Team. He was both dedicated and hardworking, leading his football team to qualify for the state playoffs.

In addition to his successes in the classroom and on the football field, he was also a great artist. I met O.J. through his participation in the 7th Congressional District Art Show. His pencil drawing submitted for the art show was thought provoking and clearly showed his talent. It was an honor for me to meet this bright, well-rounded and articulate young man.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends during this time of terrible loss.

REMARKS ON THE MANAGER'S AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3170

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Manager's amendment and particularly the increase in funding for the CPSC.

In short, we cannot afford to cut corners when it comes to consumer product safety. The stakes are much too high.

In recent years, we have seen hundreds of recalls affecting millions of toys—many of which were for extremely dangerous lead-contamination.

Today, 86 percent of the toys Americans purchase are imported from China. Almost one-fifth of all consumer products for sale in America today are Chinese-made. These trends demand a real vigilance on our part. Parents cannot distinguish a dangerous toy coated with lead paint from one that is safe simply by looking at it. They must be able to count on the agencies charged with protecting them.

That is why we must fund the CSPC to its fullest extent. Just last July, we passed the Consumer Safety Improvement Act by a margin of 424 to 1. Now is not the time, less than a year after we finally began taking the Commission's responsibilities seriously, to start cutting the CSPC back down to the bone. The health and safety of our children, and of all American consumers, are far too important for that.

This is an important amendment that strengthens this bill and I urge its adoption.

HONORING MR. RICHARD D. ''DICK'' MACRAVEY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my mentor and close friend, Mr. Richard D. ''Dick'' MacRavey. After twenty-six years of service as the Secretary and Executive Director of the Colorado Water Congress, Dick is announcing his retirement. Throughout his tenure, Dick helped enact a multitude of important legislation to protect water resources throughout Colorado. As Executive Director, Dick saw 350 of the 419 Colorado Water Congress supported bills enacted into law. In addition, only one of the 123 bills opposed by the Colorado Water Congress became law. This impressive record demonstrates Dick's effective leadership and dedication to protecting Colorado's water.

During my time in the Colorado State Legislature, Dick took me under his wing and taught me a great deal about water legislation. As a farmer and life-long resident of the San Luis Valley, I understand the importance of water. This precious resource is our lifeblood and essential to maintaining our way of life. Dick understood the needs of everyone. From farmers, like me, in rural Colorado, to those in towns like Aspen, Carbondale and Telluride and cities like Denver, Aurora and Colorado Springs. With his guidance, I helped craft a piece of legislation, ''The Basin of Origin Protection,'' which I am very proud of. Although this bill was never enacted into law, the lessons Dick taught me during this experience were invaluable. I will always consider Dick a great mentor and friend.

Dick's dedication to protecting water and to serving Colorado started long before his involvement with the Colorado Water Congress. He served three years as Executive Director to the Larimer-Weld Council of Governments and seven years as Executive Director of the Colorado Municipal League. While at Larimer-Weld COG, Dick developed and guided the early stages of the Larimer-Weld ''208'' Water Quality Management Planning effort. In 1970, Dick served as Chairman of the Colorado Good Government Committee for the promotion of the State Constitutional Amendments One (Governor's Cabinet), Two (State Civil Service Reorganization) and Three (Local Government Modernization). All three amendments were approved overwhelmingly by the people of Colorado. In addition, Dick was involved in six other statewide initiative campaigns and was successful in all six campaigns.

In 1988, Dick was appointed to COLORADO VISION 2000 and, in 1989, he was appointed to become part of the 16-member Legislative Council Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning for the State Government. From 1969–71, Dick served on the National League of Cities Board of Directors. He also served as a member of the Boards for the Colorado Water PAC and the Colorado Water Education Foundation. Dick is a member of the American Society of Association Executives, Colorado Society of Association Executives, American Water Works Association and International City Management Association. Dick is one of Colorado's great leaders. He has been involved in many aspects of Colorado life and has worked tirelessly to protect our current and future generations.

However, it is his tireless fight for water that has been most inspiring to me. In 1999, Dick was named the nineteenth recipient of the ''Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year Award.'' This is a prestigious award in Colorado named after a former Congressman of the District I currently represent. Mr. Aspinall was a water champion for Colorado and was instrumental in helping to ensure that Colorado residents have access to a safe water supply.

After I was elected to the U.S. House in 2004, Dick gave me a biography, entitled ''Wayne Aspinall: Mr. Chairman.'' In the inside cover, he wrote me an inspirational and encouraging message. It read:

> To: John Salazar,
>
> This book is about one of Colorado's great members of Congress. You will some day also rank as one of the great members from Colorado. I have no doubts about your future achievement.
>
> Your friend, Dick MacRavey. January 27, 2005.

This note touched my heart and I keep this book with me in my Congressional office. While serving in Congress, I will continue to fight for Colorado's water and I hope that my efforts will make Dick MacRavey proud.

I wish Dick well in his retirement and I want him to know that he will always have a special place in my heart.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on July 23, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 625.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 625—''no''—Neugebauer of Texas Part A Amendment No. 11

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF GERALDINE MARTIN AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON HER PASSING

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman that could teach us all a thing or two about love and compassion. Geraldine Martin is currently looking down on us from Heaven where last month she was reunited with the love of her life, Jesse, her husband of 63 years. A mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of six, family was her first thought in the morning and last thought at night.

When complications from birth left her son Cecil with special needs, she became a crusader for children with challenges. From coaching Special Olympics for two decades to establishing the Power Shop, helping children meet and exceed their potential was a calling Geraldine gladly answered. A dedicated volunteer at the Bethel Assembly of God and a professional banker for nearly four decades, she retired as vice president of the First Bank and Trust of Velma, Oklahoma in 2003 to enjoy her family, her volunteer work, sewing, gardening and, of course, drinking coffee on her back porch.

Geraldine considered her legacy to be her family and today, on behalf of myself and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. BRADY, we honor her and offer them our sincerest condolences. She leaves behind two daughters, Sharon Frame and her husband Larry of Oklahoma City, and Gail Clark and her husband Joe of Krum, Texas; two sons: Jesse Martin and his wife, Vicki, of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Cecil Ray Martin. She is also survived by three sisters: Betty Stanley and Margaret Tiemann, both of Goldthwaite, Texas, and Kay Nixon and her husband, Bill, of Anaheim, California, and one brother, Jackie Sherrill and his wife, Peggy, of Memphis, Tennessee. She will be especially missed by her nine wonderful grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and her many friends and admirers.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Geraldine Martin for showing us all how to live a great life and extend our greatest sympathy to her family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MACK. 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. 3228, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Interstate 75/Collier Boulevard/SR 84 Interchange Improvements

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3228, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Federal Highway Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: The current interchange serves the east Naples area, Golden Gate City and Marco Island, and is the closest interchange from the east to the City of Naples. The $800,000 in funding will be utilized for capacity improvements at the Interstate 75/Collier Boulevard/SR 84 Interchange and will improve traffic flow in the region.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. MICA. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment.

The Frelinghuysen Amendment is yet another example of Congress wrongfully interfering with vital aviation infrastructure projects. It would bring to a screeching halt the years of investment, in time, expertise, and money, which the FAA has contributed to this important airspace redesign project.

The last comprehensive change to the airspace in the Northeast occurred in 1987 and 1988—over twenty years ago.

Since that time, air traffic has grown significantly, new markets have developed at home and abroad, aircraft are significantly quieter, aircraft performance has improved, and regional jets have replaced many of the turboprops. Just as the nation's highway infrastructure must change over time to meet increased demand, to maintain safety and relieve congestion, so must the airspace.

To meet this increase in demand, the FAA announced in April 1998 the initiation of the New York/New Jersey/ Philadelphia (NY/NJ/PHL) Airspace redesign project.

For the next seven years, the FAA conducted numerous public meetings and received input from a variety of aviation industry and community interests, public agencies, and political representatives. The FAA released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2005 outlining the project's environmental impacts. Following a series of public meetings, many of which presented alternative plans, the FAA released its Final Environmental Impact Statement in 2007.

This redesign plan should come as no surprise to Congress. The FAA has hosted 14 Congressional briefings since March 2003. Clearly, the entire process has been conducted in an open and transparent manner.

The proposed airspace redesign will address the most critical problem in today's air traffic control system—air traffic congestion.

The redesign involves four of our nation's most congested airports: Newark, LaGuardia, JFK, and Philadelphia. Even with the current downturn in air travel, these airports remain the most delayed in the system. Almost 83% of chronically delayed flights begin in New York Air Traffic Control airspace. The system of air corridors around New York and Philadelphia are currently congested and are due for even more traffic in the future.

As seen repeatedly, severe weather adds to the problem of an already congested air traffic system. The airspace redesign will improve operations in severe weather. Delay savings could be as much as $1 million per day.

A 1999 independent aviation study found that air traffic congestion nationwide could cost $46 billion to the nation's economy in 2010, resulting from a change in travel time of 3 minutes per flight. This includes costs to airlines, loss of service to people who wish to travel, and over 200,000 lost jobs in aviation and other industries.

Despite the years of the hard work, the open and transparent process, adherence to safety, regulatory and environmental requirements, and the tremendous benefits to the airspace system, the New York/New Jersey/ Philadelphia economies, and the Nation as a whole, this amendment would throw it all away.

The FAA must be able to redesign outdated airspace configurations rendered inefficient and obsolete by air traffic control modernization, improvements in aircraft systems, and the growing demands of the aviation system.

It is imperative that these decisions be made in a manner that is insulated from political influence.

This amendment severely undermines FAA's efforts to reform an inefficient and overburdened key component to our national airspace. I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding four earmarks I received as part H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010:

Project Name: Alliance Airport, Runway Extension Project—Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Improvement Program, Alliance Airport Runway Extension Program, TX—$750,000

The Runway Extension Project at Alliance Airport in Denton County will lengthen the runways to 11,000 feet and will allow for greater utilization of the airfield and provide greater capacity as a reliever for DFW International Airport. It will also allow for the cargo carriers to safely maximize their loads and not have to compromise fuel, cargo or both. The increased growth of the airfield will provide many jobs and economic activity. The runway extension project has local, regional and national significance and impacts the infrastructure around the airport. In addition to the runway extension the project will open up the west side of the airport for more airside development and improve access to the Alliance Intermodal facility, which has already proven economic growth benefits to the entire North Texas area. With the advantages of a longer runway at Alliance the nation benefits from this premier intermodal industrial facility that can serve the world.

Alliance Air Services is located at 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 761774300.

Project Name: Grade Separated Railroad Crossing, Town of Northlake, TX—Federal Railroad Administration, Rail line Relocation and Improvement Program—$500,000

The Town of Northlake, TX is requesting these funds to provide grade separation for an east-west crossing of the BNSF railroad for public safety, emergency response and regional mobility. Currently the only grade separated crossings are at SH 114 and US 380, a distance of fifteen miles. The proposed crossing would be approximately halfway between these crossings. The communities of Fort Worth, Justin, DISH and Northlake need an east-west thoroughfare that is not prone to flood and not impeded by the steady flow of freight trains. Trains on this line can block at-grade crossing for up to an hour; crucial minutes when emergency services are needed. Town of Northlake, TX is located at 1301 FM 407 Northlake, TX 76247.

Project Name: The Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor—Federal Transit Administration, Program, Capital Improvement Grants—$4,000,000

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) is seeking $4,000,000 in federal funding to develop plans for a rail line in the Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor across Tarrant County. Federal funding of this project will continue the advancement of affordable mobility for transit users while continuing to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Federal support is crucial to public transit and allows transit authorities across the nation to continue to provide quality public transportation services to meet changing needs of transit passengers.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is located at 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Project Name: Texas Wesleyan University, Rosedale Avenue Redevelopment Initiative Building Renovations—Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives—$250,000

The purpose of this initiative is to fully renovate and revitalize a three-block area in an extremely economically devastated area that surrounds Texas Wesleyan University. Texas Wesleyan University has developed a comprehensive revitalization plan that includes replacing the current buildings on Rosedale Avenue in Fort Worth with attractive commercial buildings and open spaces that will enhance the appearance and improve the safety of this three-block and the Texas Wesleyan community. The City of Fort Worth has designated this area of the city as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) that signifies the city's desire to encourage rehabilitation and economic growth. This request is the second phase of the Rosedale Plan which calls for renovation and reconstruction of the historic Dillow House, long a part of Texas Wesleyan life through its history as classrooms, housing, offices, and an alumni center. The University will use this facility as the permanent house for its Business Incubation Center sponsored and supported by its School of Business, and also as a meeting place for alumni and community. Additional funding will be used for student housing to be built along Rosedale, which will provide much needed housing for students and their families. Funding will also be used to create green spaces that will provide parks for the community and the University.

Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3298—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

PROJECT 1

Project: Tulsa Academic Center

Project Amount: $350,000

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulsa Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 3027 South New Haven Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114.

Description of Request: Tulsa Public Schools are twelfth in the nation in the highest percentage of students dropping out of high school. The Tulsa Public Schools Academic Center, an alternative education school for secondary students, serves students' academic needs in an environment stressing self discipline and respect. The Tulsa Learning Academy serves as a drop-out recovery program for students who need a minimum number of credits to obtain their diploma and who may need to work while they attend school.

PROJECT 2

Project: University of Oklahoma—College of Medicine, Tulsa, OK, for Facilities and Equipment

Project Amount: $300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Address of Requesting Entity: 4502 E 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74135

Description of Request: Funding this project will help deliver healthcare services to a woefully underserved area. The lack of access to healthcare has resulted in significantly higher rates of chronic illness and disease and drastically lower life expectancy ranges. Investing in this clinic will help improve the lives and livelihoods of the residents and in turn promote a healthier workforce and economy in the region.

PROJECT 3

Project: Oklahoma State University—Center for Health Systems, Tulsa, OK, for purchase of equipment, including a mobile clinic

Project Amount: $300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107.

Description of Request: This project will achieve two goals: (1) expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network, and (2) bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or manmade disasters.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize the past and present service of one of my constituents, Mr. James W. Shelmerdine, Jr., who served with great honor during the Korean War and continues to serve on behalf of Korean War veterans in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Shelmerdine deserves our recognition not only for his service to our country in Korea, but also for his leadership and volunteerism after the war. Mr. Shelmerdine commands a local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and advocates tirelessly for Korean War veterans at the State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill, which houses some of the state's neediest veterans.

It is with great pride that I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing the courage and sacrifice of Korean War veterans like Mr. Shelmerdine and honoring them by designating July 27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I fully support H.R. 2632, The Korean War Veterans Recognition Act; and, I commend Chairman RANGEL for his service, both in the Korean War and in the House of Representatives.

HONORING ISABEL P. RUIZ AND HER LIFE OF SERVICE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true humanitarian. Isabel P. Ruiz passed away on July 2, 2009 after a life devoted to her family and community. She will be sorely missed by her husband Napoleon, her two children David and Diana, and all who knew her.

Isabel came to the United States from Peru, where she was born and completed her residency as an OB/GYN. In addition to her role as a mother and wife, Isabel served as director of EOC Health Services, clinic manager of Community Health Centers, social worker for the San Luis Obispo County Health Department and board member of French Hospital Medical Center, the American Cancer Society, the Latino Outreach Council and the Oceano Community Center.

Throughout her exemplary career, she developed a local medical clinic, established sex education and senior health screening programs, started free mammogram programs for uninsured women and organized community health fairs in San Luis Obispo County.

Her name lives on in the Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award, designed to recognize ". . . demonstrated selfless desire to help others, community leadership in the county, steady ongoing advocacy to create change and an ability to influence others to create change."

Serving tireless community advocates like Isabel in Congress is a great honor. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends during this difficult time.

JULY 25, 1995 MASSACRE IN ZEPA, BOSNIA

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, tomorrow, the international community will remember a tragic day in the genocide that ravaged Bosnia and Herzegovina between 1992 and 1995. For over three years, the town of Zepa, Bosnia remained under siege by the Republika Srpska, despite being named a safe haven for

Bosnians by the United Nations Security Council.

Over this period, innocent Zepa residents lived under constant threat, both of the near constant artillery fire and from the rampant starvation and disease that arose from squalid living conditions. Thousands lost their lives and countless others were injured during the three year siege until finally, on July 25, 1995, the town fell to paramilitary forces and the remaining residents were killed or forcefully expelled from their homes.

On this heartbreaking anniversary, it is clear that atrocities and genocide should never be permitted to continue unfettered. In remembering the innocent victims of Zepa, I believe that the United States, together with the United Nations and our allies around the world, must reaffirm its commitment to ceaselessly pursue the perpetrators of these terrible war crimes. The international community must come together to not only remember the innocent victims of this massacre, but to also redouble its pursuit of lasting peace and security in some of the world's most volatile regions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. On Thursday, July 23, 2009, I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote No. 616 to enable the resolution to be considered on the House floor.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

This bill makes investments to improve transportation, housing, and critical national infrastructure, and, at least as critically, it is a jobs bill. H.R. 3288 builds on the work of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and bolster our flagging economy. Unemployment rates across the country are reaching record highs, with my state of North Carolina at an average of 11.1 percent. New construction and renovation in transportation infrastructure and housing initiatives can provide thousands of desperately needed jobs. Every $1 billion of federal investments in highways creates an estimated 34,800 jobs.

This bill provides a substantial increase in funding to repair and expand our Nation's aging infrastructure. Our transportation infrastructure provides the means to move goods and products; making it essential to the health of our larger economy as well as to the safety of every American traveler. H.R. 3288 provides $41.1 billion to improve and repair our nation's highways, increases funding for the next generation of high speed rail, and includes $3.5 billion for airport modernization and safety grants and $2.9 billion to modernize the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control system.

H.R. 3288 also provides critical funding in the housing sector and invests in local communities, including those in rural America. Under this bill, there are more housing resources available for low income families, veterans, the elderly, and disabled individuals, including capital, operating funds, and counseling services. This bill also increases funding for Community Development Block Grants, HOPE VI grants, and brownfields redevelopment.

This appropriations bill fully funds our most important transportation and housing priorities. I support H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for its passage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Discovery Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 USA

Description of Request: Provides $200,000 to assist in the building of a centralized multi-specialty children's health center in the Norfolk, Virginia area. Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System (CHKD) is the only freestanding children's hospital in the Commonwealth and the region's sole source of exclusively pediatric inpatient and outpatient care. As such, it furthers HRSA's mission of promoting access to vital health services. The current, scattered CHKD locations create access concerns due to the fragmentation of the services. CHKD will build a permanent home in Chesapeake to house outpatient services, and the center will serve the growing pediatric population and expansive geography that are the hallmarks of the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860 USA

Description of Request: Provides $257,000 to consolidate multiple city social services agencies into one building to reduce costs.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Substance Abuse Treatment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832 USA

Description of Request: Provides $143,000 to support the Dual Treatment Track (DTT), which is a pretrial diversion program for non-violent defendants that suffer from both a mental illness and substance abuse addiction (federally defined as a vulnerable population). The program uses "best practice" models to divert individuals from the local jail who are of minimal threat to the community, yet in serious need of both substance abuse and mental health services. The DTT program provides benefits for everyone involved in the criminal justice and mental health systems. It reduces the burden of specialized care that the jail is forced to provide. It gives the court a new tool in dealing with a population that is traditionally difficult to effectively sentence.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chesapeake, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322 USA

Description of Request: Provides $250,000 to create a community service model for increasing citizen accessibility to workforce training and education resources. This initiative would form a partnership with Chesapeake Library, Economic Development, and Social Services, Tidewater Community College, Opportunity, Inc., and Chesapeake Adult Continuing Education to provide training and education resources to citizens in an effort to help them secure employment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 22 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 616, on the Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 617, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 669, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 618, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 566, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 619, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 350, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 620, on Agreeing to the Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 621, on Agreeing to the Latham Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 622, on Agreeing to the Frelinghuysen Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 623, on Agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 624, on Agreeing to the Jordan Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 625, on Agreeing to the Neugebauer Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 626, on Agreeing to the Steams Amendment to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 627, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #1 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 628, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #4 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 629, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #7 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 630, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #8 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 631, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #9 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 632, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #10 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 633, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #11 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 634, on Agreeing to the Hensarling Amendment #3 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 635, on Agreeing to the Hensarling Amendment #4 to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 636, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3288, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 637, on Passage of H.R. 3288, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. LINDSEY NIES AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Lindsey Nies of Leechburg, Pennsylvania and of the American Red Cross for their work in teaching emergency preparedness and life-saving skills.

On January 14, 2009, Ms. Nies helped save the life of her choking classmate. While eating lunch in their school cafeteria, Ms. Nies noticed that her classmate began to cough and could not breathe. When Ms. Nies asked if she was okay, she could only respond by grabbing at her throat while tears were streaming down her face. While other students went to seek help, Ms. Nies remained calm and administered back blows which dislodged the food that was preventing her classmate from breathing. The skills that Ms. Nies learned from her American Red Cross Health and Safety Services course helped to save her classmate's life.

For her efforts in saving another's life, Ms. Nies has been awarded the highest award given by the American Red Cross, the Certificate of Merit.

In addition to teaching Ms. Nies, the American Red Cross has taught countless numbers of individuals valuable skills so that more lives can be saved. Since 1911, the American Red Cross has presented the Certificate of Merit over 12,000 times, to those who have saved or sustained a life.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by commending Ms. Lindsey Nies for her efforts in saving another's life and the American Red Cross for teaching Ms. Nies, and many others, invaluable life-saving skills.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. 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. 3293, FY 2010 Labor-HHS Appropriations Act, 2010:

Project Name: Health Education and Professional Development Center, NJ

Requesting Member: SCOTT GARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY 2010 Labor-HHS Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Requesting Entity: Warren County Community College Foundation, 475 Route 57 West, Washington, NJ 07882

Description of the Project: Funds will be used to provide jobs and classroom facilities for associate degree programs in health sciences and to support nurse graduates

Description of the Spending Plan: ($350,000) $350,000 is for the construction of a new Health Education Center and to expand a parking lot to accommodate student parking

Project Name: Aging-in-Place in Northern New Jersey

Requesting Member: SCOTT GARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY 2010 Labor-HHS Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Administration on Aging, Title IV

Requesting Entity: UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652

Description of the Project: Funds will be used to enable older adults to safely and securely age in place and remain independent

Description of the Spending Plan: ($200,000) $200,000 is for Congregational Nursing & Social Worker programs and In Home Services

Project Name: Newton Memorial Hospital Tower Planning and Design, NJ

Requesting Member: SCOTT GARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY 2010 Labor-HHS Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities Construction and Equipment

Requesting Entity: Newton Memorial Hospital, 175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860

Description of the Project: Funds will be used to construct a five-story Tower on the Hospital's main campus to enable the hospital to better accommodate the community, which has grown beyond what the current hospital's facilities can provide

Description of the Spending Plan: ($300,000) $300,000 is for planning (environmental incl.) and design

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency/Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Hays State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601

Description of Project: I have secured $250,000 for Fort Hays State University Equipment Project. The funding has four components. The first is for biotechnology equipment that will significantly enhance the training of undergraduate nursing students and other healthcare providers in rural Kansas. The second part is for computerized simulators which have become a significant learning tool in nursing programs as they have expanded to meet the needs of the current shortage. Physiology equipment will be purchased to enhance the training in physiology and clinical cardiopulmonary evaluation. Finally, the last part of the request is for equipment to mount a special video classroom for long-distance learning. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency/Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hutchinson Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1300 N. Plum St., Hutchinson, KS 67501

Description of Project: I have secured $250,000 for Hutchinson Community College Equipment and Technology Project. In March of 2008 Hutchinson Community College broke ground on an expansion and renovation of its 40-year old science building into a Physical and Biotechnology Science Center. Donations from private donors and state and local public sources will pay for the necessary remodeling and facility expansion which is scheduled to be completed around March 2010. Funding will be used to equip the building with required safety, communication, and technical equipment and furnishings appropriate to learning

environments. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency/Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AOA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mosaic-Garden City

Address of Requesting Entity: 2708 N. 11th St., Garden City, KS 67846

Description of Project: I have secured $350,000 for the Legacy Senior Services Program. Mosaic's ''Legacy Senior Services'' is a new model of service that will be provided in Garden City, Kansas, which will support approximately 40 seniors per day (age 55+), five days a week, who either have intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) or who have Alzheimer's disease. Seniors in these two groups have similar needs and can greatly benefit from similar services.

Funding for Mosaic's ''Legacy Senior Services'' will be used to help staff and provide a structured environment where seniors with I/DD and those with Alzheimer's have opportunities to engage in socialization and other meaningful activities that are appropriate for each person's plan for support. These services will allow family members to receive respite from their day-to-day caregiving activities, thus reducing the likelihood of ''burnout'' that many caregivers experience while also decreasing the need for more expensive nursing home placement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency/Account: Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 2385 Irving Hill Rd., Lawrence, KS 66405

Description of Project: I have secured $1,500,000 for the University of Kansas Cancer Research Facilities and Equipment. Funding will be used for facilities and equipment needs for cancer research in Wahl/Hixon Research Complex at the KU Medical Center. To achieve the goal of National Cancer Institute designation, the University of Kansas Cancer Center must attract 19 new basic, translational, and clinical cancer researchers by 2011. These scholar recruits will only come to the University of Kansas Cancer Center if state-of-the-art research facilities and equipment are available on the Medical Center campus in Kansas City and the Drug Discovery campus in Lawrence. Currently, the Cancer Center plans to renovate 170,000 square feet and construct 98,200 square feet of laboratory space for cancer researchers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

THE DEDICATION OF THE HICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Hicks Elementary School named after Gloria Hicks, a longtime community activist who is known to read to children, collect clothing for students in need and raise money for educational-related purposes.

Recently, the Corpus Christi Independent School District named one of their newest elementary schools after Ms. Hicks, who has been a pillar in the field of education in and around the Coastal Bend area for many years.

Ms. Hicks has raised more than $60,000 for the Corpus Christi Independent School District. These funds have gone for the purchase of new computers, a golf cart, T-shirts, landscaping work, and math software for student with disabilities at Miller High School—to name a few of the many deeds she has accomplished.

Ms. Hicks was also a key person in volunteering and organizing the $192 million November school bond, which passed in great part due to her help.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the dedication of Hicks Elementary School, which promises to teach generations of children the value of an education through Ms. Hick's vision, compassion and dedication to learning.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Lauderdale, Minnesota and its more than 2,300 residents on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the city. Residents of Lauderdale are proud to call Lauderdale home, because of its livability and strong neighborhood connections.

The history of Lauderdale began when the Walsh family first settled the area in 1855. Shortly after Minnesota became a state in 1858, the area now known as Lauderdale was included in the newly organized Rose Township. This farmland became home to one of the first businesses founded by Swedish immigrant Nels Olson, Rose Hill Nursery, which grew to be one of the largest in the state. Toward the end of the century, Lauderdale saw an increase of settlers, who were drawn to Lauderdale because it provided easy access to both downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis via the Como Interurban street car line.

On January 21, 1949, with a population of approximately 1,500, area residents voted to incorporate 270 acres as the Village of Lauderdale, named after landowner William H. Lauderdale. Over the next decade, Lauderdale continued to grow and develop. On February 15, 1954, Lauderdale annexed land between Roselawn and Ryan Avenue. In addition plans for Trunk Highway 280 were approved in 1954, which provides a vital transportation link for Ramsey County. In 1973, the village became the City of Lauderdale and continued the use of a Council-Mayor form of government which continues today.

In 1997, Lauderdale was recognized by WCCO as the most livable community in the state of Minnesota. Since its incorporation 60 years ago, the City has grown from a tiny, industrial area to a lively suburban community with strong neighborhoods, prosperous businesses and with the perks of small-town living in a thriving metropolitan area.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Lauderdale, Minnesota in honor of the vibrant history, dynamic present and bright future of this city. I wish residents all the best during the events celebrating this special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE BALL

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eddie Ball, who retired as the director of the Emergency Management Agency of Coweta County, GA, in September 2008 after nearly 20 years of service.

Mr. Ball shepherded the county's emergency response agency through an important time of growth and progress. He oversaw implementation of the county's 911 operating system, and he managed the day-to-day emergency response network. During his tenure, 911 calls in the county increased from less than 33,000 per year to more than 100,000 per year.

As leader of the agency, Mr. Ball served on the front lines of saving lives and treasure. His agency provided the most basic and most important government service: keeping people safe.

On occasion, the call to service would border on the bizarre. According to a 2006 article in the Newnan Times-Herald, Mr. Ball sometimes had to respond to Bigfoot sightings. He's even credited with coining the name ''Belt Road Booger'' after residents deluged county officials with reports of a large, hairy, two-legged critter roaming the Belt Road area on the west side of Newnan. (Mr. Ball theorized the ''Booger'' was actually a local, eccentric, now-deceased man who roamed the roadside.)

For his dedication to solving problems that ranged from the normal to the paranormal, Mr. Ball was recognized this year by the Georgia General Assembly, which noted his ''significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens.''

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in saluting Eddie Ball, the longest serving Emergency Management Agency director in the history of Coweta County. On behalf of the people of Georgia's Third Congressional District, I thank him for his service and I wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The University of Texas at Arlington

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 South Nedderman Drive, 346 Davis Hall, Arlington, TX 76019

Description of Request: I have secured $650,000 in funding to be used for acquisition of equipment to support new multidisciplinary collaborative research and development activities in support of improving preventative in-home healthcare for the aging (Smart Care). It would also be used for construction and the purchase of capital equipment for the biointerface engineering project.

RECOGNIZING GWENN WALDMAN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Art Therapy Connection, a not-for-profit that has empowered hundreds of struggling students in the Chicago public school system.

Art Therapy Connection teaches students to deal with negative emotions and hardship through the use of creative outlets, which have consistently rendered them better behaved, more focused and more successful in school. Art therapy helps raise children's self-esteem by encouraging self-expression and providing them the opportunity to work through their behavioral and social problems in a fun, motivating way. In addition, Art Therapy Connection brings art to schools that have cut it from the curriculum through the Visiting Artist Program that connects students to artists in the community.

Art Therapy Connection has grown each year, reaching out weekly to over 150 students at five different grade schools and high schools in the 2008–2009 school year and is still expanding. I would like to honor Art Therapy Connection for working tirelessly to make art therapy available to as many students as possible. The program has proven to be an invaluable resource for children in the Chicago public school system.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA, Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Anaheim

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 South Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92805

Funding Secured: $725,000

Description of Request: The Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) will be the premier regional multimodal transportation hub in Orange County, located on a 16-acre site in the City of Anaheim, strategically situated along the Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) rail line, bounded by State Route 57, and in close proximity to the Interstate 5 freeway. The ARTIC will establish both physical and functional linkage to provide seamless access between all transit modes. The ARTIC is needed to accommodate the travel needs of 45 million visitors and will strategically facilitate bus rapid transit service, proposed California High Speed Rail alignment, as well as the Anaheim to Ontario International Airport segment of the California-Nevada Interstate super speed rail project. The project will also expand existing transportation infrastructure for Amtrak intercity rail, Metrolink commuter rail, fixed-route and express bus services, taxi and Anaheim Resort shuttles, as well as private transportation providers such as Greyhound. The City of Anaheim is completing this project in conjunction with the Orange County Transportation Authority and once complete, will act as an integral hub serving millions of travelers in and out of the Southern California region.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FTA, Capital Investment Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Omnitrans

Address of Requesting Entity: 1700 West 5th Street, San Bernardino, California 92411

Funding Secured: $32,370,000

Description of Request: The introduction of premium transit modes and services in the San Bernardino Valley corridors in the future will allow Omnitrans to achieve better market penetration, while being able to positively influence the livability of communities in its service area. The faster, more direct transit service of Bus Rapid System (BRT) has proven beneficial to many communities around the country. Therefore the study has selected the following seven major transit corridors within the Omnitrans service area: (1) E Street; (1a) E Street Extension; (2) Foothill Boulevard East; (3) Foothill Boulevard West; (4) Mountain/Euclid Avenues; (5) San Bernardino Avenue; (6) Holt Avenue/4th Street; and (7) Grand/Edison Avenues. These seven corridors, two north/south and five east/west, cover much of the developed land within the service area and form a grid which will allow direct transfers between lines if an entire system of fast premium services is implemented by Omnitrans. Omnitrans is currently moving forward with the E Street Corridor, and a plan is needed for the remaining corridors.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Community Renaissance

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

Funding Secured: $1,000,000

Description of Request: National Community Renaissance is one of the largest nonprofit affordable housing development corporations in the United States. It manages the development and preservation of high quality affordable housing throughout the country, including development of new affordable housing, preservation of existing affordable housing at risk of going to market rate, and full service construction management with expertise in multifamily and mixed use development. This community opportunity program has been absolutely invaluable in helping to provide affordable housing for more American families and in promoting increased homeownership in the United States. For every dollar of public funding, National Community Renaissance leverages nine dollars of private funds to support its goals of affordable housing. Over the past several years, Congress has continually supported National Community Renaissance's program of acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of at-risk affordable housing by appropriating funds from the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program account. Federal funding would be used for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of at-risk affordable housing.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillview Acres Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: 3683 Chino Avenue, Chino, California 91710

Funding Secured: $250,000

Description of Request: Established in 1929, Hillview Acres Children's Home cares for severely abused and neglected children throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Using four cottages that house no more than nine children each, Hillview provides 24-hour residential and mental health treatment services for abused boys and girls ages six through eighteen. The Home's main activities include complete assessment services and psychiatric care, a state-certified nonpublic school, a Family Reunification Program, and a home for pregnant teens and teenage mothers. One of the biggest challenges Hillview faces today, however, is its aging physical plant. Built with volunteer labor over forty years ago, the physical appearance of the campus no longer mirrors the services provided. The renewal of the campus is vital to showing the children they are worthy of a safe and caring home. Hillview Acres has benefited from congressional support in previous fiscal years and continued federal funding of this public-private partnership is necessary, however, to allow Hillview to uphold its mission in receiving, treating, and caring for thousands of severely abused and neglected children.

DEMOCRACY RESTORATION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Democracy Restoration Act of 2009. This legislation will serve to clarify and expand voting rights, as well as assist former felons with their reintegration into our democracy.

The Sentencing Project reports that, since 1997, 19 states have amended felony disenfranchisement policies in an effort to reduce their restrictiveness and expand voter eligibility. These reforms have resulted in more than 760,00 citizens regaining their voting rights. Yet, despite these reforms, an estimated 5 million people continue to be ineligible to vote in Federal elections, including nearly 4 million who reside in the 35 states that still prohibit some combination of persons on probation, parole, and/or people who have completed their sentence from voting.

I believe that there are three grave discrepancies in State laws regarding felony convictions that lead to unfairness in Federal elections. First, there is no uniform standard for voting in Federal elections, which leads to an egregious disparity and unequal participation in Federal elections based solely on where a person lives. Second, laws governing the restoration of voting rights after a felony conviction are unequal throughout the country and persons in some States can easily regain their voting rights while in other States persons effectively lose their right to vote permanently. Third, State disenfranchisement laws disproportionately impact ethnic minorities, thus adversely infringing upon citizens of these communities constitutional right to vote.

These concerns about ex-offender disenfranchisement are not rhetorical. In the past two election cycles, flawed voter purges have deprived thousands of legitimate voters of their rights. For example, an erroneous interpretation of state law by the Ohio Secretary of State deprived thousands of ex-felons in that state of even the right to register. Only Federal law can conclusively resolve the ambiguities in this area plaguing our voting system.

Like the States, Congress has recognized the need to address the barriers to full citizenship faced by ex-offenders. Last Congress, President Bush signed the Second Chance Act into law, signaling a greater awareness of the need to implement policies to aid the reintegration of our ex-felon community. This voting legislation is the next step in restoring the ex-felon community to full citizenship. Denying voting rights to ex-offenders robs them of the opportunity to fully participate and contribute to their society. Disenfranchisement laws isolate and alienate ex-offenders, and have been shown to serve as one more obstacle in their attempt to successfully reintegrate into society. Moreover, these obstacles adversely impact the voting participation of their families, further undermining the effectiveness of our voting system.

This legislation is a narrowly crafted effort to expand voting rights for ex-felons, while protecting State prerogatives to generally establish voting qualifications. This legislation would only apply to persons who have been released from prison, and it would only apply to Federal elections. Consequently, the bill is fully consistent with Constitutional requirements established by the Supreme Court in a series of decisions upholding Federal voting rights laws.

In past Congresses, voting restoration legislation has been supported by a broad coalition of groups interested in voting and civil rights, including the NAACP, ACLU, the National Council of Churches (National and Washington Office), the National Urban League, the Human Rights Watch and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, among many others.

The practice of many states denying voting rights to former felons represents a vestige from a time when suffrage was denied to whole classes of our population based on race, gender, religion, national origin, and property. Ex-felons who have been lawfully released from prisons have paid their debts to society. To continue denying them the ability to reclaim rights as citizens resurrects historic unenlightened practices of our society. Ultimately, I believe that we fail not only ex-offenders by denying them the right to vote, but the rest of a society that has struggled throughout its history to be legitimate and inclusive. Just like poll taxes and literacy tests, it is long past time that these restrictions be relegated to unenlightened history.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Infrastructure Improvements, Springfield, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Springfield and Oak Ridge Cemetery, located at 1440 Monument Avenue, Springfield, IL, 62702.

Description of Request: Oak Ridge Cemetery is the largest cemetery in Illinois, the resting place of President Abraham Lincoln and is the nation's second most visited cemetery with up to 40,000 visitors a day using private vehicles and mass transit buses. The roads used were paved and guttered over 100 years ago and now are in dire need of resurfacing. Oak Ridge Cemetery is self supporting and typically requires no tax dollars from the federal, state, or local level. In a typical year, Oak Ridge receives over 3 million visitors; however, with the Lincoln Bicentennial this year, visitation is expected to have a large increase.

CONGRATULATING LITHUANIA ON 1,000TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS, for introducing this legislation. I would like to congratulate the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania. Lithuania, a full and responsible member of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has proved resilient in overcoming many obstacles and has achieved many great accomplishments: Lithuania founded Vilnius University in 1579; in 1990, the Republic of Lithuania was restored and Lithuania became the first Soviet republic to declare independence; in 1918, Act of Independence of Lithuania led to the establishment of Lithuania as a sovereign and democratic state; in 2007, the United States Government and the Government of Lithuania celebrated 85 years of continuous diplomatic relations.

I commend Lithuania for successfully developing into a free and democratic country, with a free market economy and respect for and adherence to a rule of law. The U.S. welcomes and appreciates efforts by the Government of Lithuania to maintain international peace and stability in Europe and around the world by contributing to international civilian and military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Georgia. Since 2005, Lithuania has been leading a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) of Ghor Province in Afghanistan. They have worked to help Afghanistan become a secure, democratic and self-sufficient state. Lithuania has been dedicated to the success of the UN-mandated ISAF operation and to working with the international community in Afghanistan motivates our involvement.

The vast Lithuanian community in the United States has preserved its spiritual, cultural and family ties with their historical motherland during the long years of living overseas, which translated into active cultural and business cooperation between Lithuania and the United States. The activities of Lithuanian Americans have greatly contributed to the restoration of Lithuania's independence and to the membership of Lithuania in NATO. Today their active participation greatly adds to the promotion of Lithuania's foreign policy goals and the strengthening of cooperation between Lithuania and the U.S. As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I recognize firsthand the importance of Lithuania's global foreign policy efforts, and they are to be commended.

The Lithuanian American Community, Inc., (LAC) is the network that keeps Lithuanians connected in the U.S. They have 60 chapters in 27 states and the District of Columbia. The Houston, Texas chapter is an active and vibrant group, and they remain engaged in the community and strive to educate their fellow Houstonians on the rich culture of Lithuania. Lithuanian American community maintains regular contacts with the Lithuanian Embassy and other Lithuanian Government institutions.

Lithuania is a strong and loyal ally of the United States, and the people of Lithuania share common values with the people of the United States. I would like to congratulate Lithuania on its many accomplishments over the years and remain appreciative and grateful for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.