

2009 MISS TENNESSEE STEFANIE  
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**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 Resonance 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