

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday July 27, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Airport Investment Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Burlington—Alamance County Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 3441 North Aviation Drive, Burlington, NC 27215

Description of Request: This project will lengthen the existing runway so that it may support larger aircraft and improve the safety of the runway. It will also increase the airport's economic viability in the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Grade Crossings on Designated High Speed Rail Corridors

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Carolina Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699

Description of Request: The purpose of this project is to implement the crossing safety improvement recommendations from the East Guilford County Traffic Separation Study (TSS) between Franklin Boulevard and Wagner Bend Road on the North Carolina Railroad, Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor and Greensboro. This project is part of the NC Department of Transportation's effort to reduce the occurrence of accidents at railroad crossings.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, on July 23, 2009, I did not cast a vote on an amendment to H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Had I been present for the vote on H. Amdt. 384 (rollcall 631), I would have voted "no."

## TRIBUTE TO DR. ALMA MONTGOMERY BLACKMON

### HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Alma Montgomery Blackmon of Huntsville, an educator and mentor of fond memory to all she encountered. Dr. Blackmon passed away in June at the age of 87.

Dr. Blackmon had an unrivaled blend of passion for students, education and music. All three of these areas played vital roles in her life's purpose. She was born and raised in Washington, DC, where she began her distinguished career as an educator. Her love for music blossomed as a child when she served as an organist for her church at age 10. Her love for music never faded, and she instilled a zeal for music in her students throughout her 42-year career as an instructor. She was a scholar, a musician and a community activist whose impact will not be forgotten, and she is deeply missed by all who knew her.

Dr. Blackmon had a way with people that made personal interactions with her as harmonious as the music she played. Her influence will continue to flourish for generations to come through the love of music that her former students now share. On behalf of the Tennessee Valley, I respectfully rise in honor to pay tribute to a champion of American values.

## HONORING MELISSA COLLINS FOR RECEIVING A PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa Collins, an elementary school teacher from my district who will be honored by President Obama with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for her work mentoring students.

This is an honor awarded to teachers who do an exceptional job at mentoring students in the areas of mathematics and science. She is one of 100 educators who will receive a \$10,000 award from the White House on behalf of the National Science Foundation, which she will use a portion of to help her continue to teach her students.

Melissa teaches second grade students at John P. Freeman Optional School in my hometown of Memphis, Tennessee. While teaching others, this accomplished teacher is also working on improving her own education

by studying for a doctorate degree at the University of Southern Mississippi.

During a time in this country where math and science teachers are scarce, Melissa Collins exhibits the teaching skills necessary to inspire our children to learn. Melissa is a leader at the elementary school. The school principal sends new teachers to her classroom in order to observe her teaching style.

In 2008, John P. Freeman Optional School was awarded the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award, which recognizes academically superior schools across the nation. It is beyond a doubt that Melissa helped John P. Freeman School achieve this great honor.

I want to commend and congratulate Melissa Collins on this great achievement.

## TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act of 2010. This bipartisan bill appropriates a total of \$123.1 billion to fund the transportation, infrastructure, housing assistance and development and transportation security priorities of the American people. The bill includes urgently needed federal funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for which the entire Washington area delegation has long advocated.

WMATA plays a major role in supporting the federal government. By some accounts, as many as 50 percent of peak hour riders are federal employees or contractors. Last year, Congress authorized \$1.5 billion in dedicated Federal funding over 10 years for capital improvements and preventive maintenance. The legislation required the local jurisdictions to amend the WMATA compact to commit to providing matching funding, create an office of Inspector General, and enable the appointment of Federal representation on the WMATA Board. In late June, the delegation introduced companion resolutions to ratify the compact amendments.

The tragic derailment on June 22nd highlighted the importance of securing a stable and dedicated funding source for Metro modernization efforts. This bill makes the first installment of Congress' 10-year \$1.5 billion commitment by providing \$150 million in new funding for grants to WMATA for the DC Metro to address safety deficiencies and to help maintain and expand the capital's subway system. This \$150 million will help WMATA make urgent safety improvements and I thank Chairman OLVER for his attention to this critical need.

The bill also includes \$4 billion for high-speed passenger rail projects, \$10.5 billion for

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mass transit, \$41.1 billion for highways, and \$47 billion for the Housing and Urban Development Department.

HUD oversees the administration of many of the nation's housing assistance programs including many important community-development programs like the Community Development Block Grants program which will receive \$4.2 billion under the bill. The bill also provides \$151 million for grants under the Economic Development Initiative to finance targeted economic investments, and \$18 million for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to improve blighted or distressed areas in our neighborhoods.

The bill appropriates \$1.9 billion for HUD homeless-assistance programs and \$8.7 billion for the Section 8 program. This program is used by local housing authorities to provide rental subsidies to landlords who rent to low-income families.

Additionally, as more Americans turn to public transit, the bill invests \$10.48 billion in the Federal Transit Administration, including \$1.83 billion for new construction and \$8.34 billion for formula grants to improve existing systems.

This bill makes critical transportation investments that will put Americans to work while also helping repair crumbling highways and bridges, improve public transit, and modernize air travel. I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

#### HONORING ALBERT COSYNS

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert "Al" Cosyns upon being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Cosyns was recognized at the annual Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Mr. Al Cosyns was born on March 12, 1925 in Southern California. After farming in Orange County, California for sixteen years, he decided to head north. He hitched his bean harvester to his truck and made his way over the Grapevine, finding his home in the heart of California, Madera. For fifty years, Mr. Cosyns has raised a variety of crops and has been finding ways to adapt to the new cropping patterns necessary to the longevity of a farming operation. Over the years they have farmed almonds, alfalfa, black-eyed beans, lima beans, barley, cotton, corn, grapes, wheat, safflower, soybeans, oats, sugar beets and sudan. Today, the Cosyns Farm is currently located on 2500 acres; with almonds and grapes at the heart of the operation.

Mr. Cosyns' priorities have always been his ranch, his family and his community. Mr. Cosyns has always been active in the farming community and has served on a number of boards, including the Bonita Soil Conservation Board, the Sugar Beet Board and he has been a member of the Madera County Farm Bureau for forty-five years. He has also served as a 4-H Youth Advisor and is a supporter of the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Livestock Auction at the Madera and Chowchilla Fairs. Mr. Cosyns is the co-founder of the Madera Agricultural Youth Association (MAYA), an or-

ganization that supports youth in agriculture and provides scholarships to students entering college and pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture. There are now four generations of the Cosyns family in Madera and Mr. Cosyns enjoys passing his knowledge and joy of agriculture on to the newest generation, his great-grandchildren. Mr. Cosyns along with his sons, Allan and Rick, and his grandchildren, continue the farming tradition with their strong leadership in the community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert Cosyns upon being named the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Cosyns many years of continued success.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3288, FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Requesting Entity: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 72nd Street West, Billings, Montana 59106

Description: \$100,000 in federal funding will enable the Ranch to renovate several specialized learning and training rooms, as well as bring the building up to an acceptable standard for housing programs for at-risk youth.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Neighborhood Initiative  
Requesting Entity: Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Helena, MT 59624

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the Rocky Mountain Development Council, in partnership with the City of Helena, to address a significant shortage of quality affordable housing through the redevelopment of a former iron foundry and 2.4 acre Brownfield site.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Requesting Entity: City of Shelby, 112 1st Street, South, Shelby, MT

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the City of Shelby to renovate its historic downtown with the goal of attracting downtown business development and creating new local jobs.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative.

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$300,000 in federal funds for the Great Falls Development Authority will enable Cascade County, Montana to extend existing water, sewer, and storm drains, as well as rail lines and roads into a proposed heavy industrial area. The newly-developed area will attract business development and economic diversity to the area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Pantry Partners Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 806, Stevensville, MT 59870-0806

Description: The Pantry Partners Food Bank serves approximately 200 families each month in the Stevensville area. \$200,000 in federal funding will allow the Pantry Partners Food Bank to construct a larger facility and to replace outdated equipment that is crucial to ensuring the safety of their food items.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$500,000 in federal funding will enable the reconstruction of Black Eagle Road in Cascade County. It is important that this deteriorating roadway be repaved to address safety concerns and to attract business traffic to the Great Falls region.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Billings, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$323,000 in federal funding for the City of Billings' Business Consortium Project for the Homeless will be used for the purchase or renovation of a building in downtown Billings, with the intent to provide housing and services in the upper-levels for homeless individuals or families, and to provide for a storefront business on the lower level.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Billings Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 1158, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$450,000 in federal funds will enable the Billings Food Bank to continue construction of a new facility with offices, a warehouse, commercial kitchens and classroom facilities to better serve and educate needy families in the Billings-area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Requesting Entity: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, 800 South Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711

Description: \$500,000 in federal funds will allow Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to reconstruct Highway 274, a treacherous 26-mile winding road that connects the Northern and Southern ends of the County. Reconstruction measures include rebuilding the road bed, widening the existing highway, and removing dangerous curves and switchbacks to address growing safety concerns.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Watson Children's Shelter, 2901 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804

Description: Watson Children's Shelter serves nearly 100 children annually who are leaving abusive or neglectful family situations. \$500,000 in federal funding will allow the Shelter to expand to a second facility to double its capacity and fulfill a crucial and growing need within the community.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.  
JULIUS RICHARD SCRUGGS

### HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Dr. Julius Richard Scruggs of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. This year he celebrates his 50th pastoral anniversary and his 32nd anniversary with First Missionary Baptist. Dr. Scruggs is a wonderful asset to the community and all of North Alabama.

Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs began his pastoral career at the age of 18 at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harvest, Alabama. He has been at First Missionary Baptist Church since 1977 and welcomed more than 3,000 new members into the congregation during that time. Under his leadership, the church formed teams that have improved the community of North Huntsville through scholarship funds, health and recreation clinics, and jail ministries. Dr. Scruggs has also personally overseen multiple projects with Habitat for Humanity that have directly benefitted his area.

Rev. Dr. Scruggs' leadership has been undeniably advantageous for Missionary Baptist Church's growth and development. Because of his vision and enthusiasm, he is a perfect candidate for President of the National Baptist Convention. The convention is being held during the second week of September, and I am honored to declare my support for this remarkable gentleman from North Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I wish to express my extreme gratitude to Dr. Scruggs for his service to our community. As a former recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award and as Vice President at Large of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. Scruggs serves as an example of leadership for us all. The Tennessee Valley appreciates his invaluable service in the ministry for half a century and his dedication to First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville for more than three decades.

HONORING SERGEANT  
CHRISTOPHER ENEY

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sergeant Christopher Eney, a brave and dedicated U.S. Capitol Po-

lice Officer who was killed on the job 25 years ago this August.

Sergeant Eney, who was 37 years old, was a devoted husband and father. He was deeply committed to his work with the Capitol Police, to which he gave 12 years of faithful service. His fellow officers remember him as "a model officer, a leader, not a follower." At his memorial service, they recalled his quiet optimism, how Sergeant Eney could conjure a smile during his shifts in the House gallery at four in the morning. Sergeant Eney, they remembered, was always proud to serve.

In a training exercise in 1984, a fellow officer accidentally discharged his weapon, and Sergeant Eney was mortally wounded. He was the first Capitol Police Officer to die in the line of the duty.

Sergeant Eney's wife Vivian spoke at a ceremony for fallen officers some years later. "As far as I'm concerned," she said, "death doesn't make them a hero. What makes them a hero is the fact that they're walking out of the Academy, they're putting on a gun, they're wearing the badge. And in this day and age that takes a lot of courage."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the service and sacrifice of Christopher Eney and all of America's fallen heroes, and I ask my colleagues to join me in doing so.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 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. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: Moffitt Cancer Center

Address of requesting entity: 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612

Description: The \$6,000,000 will be used by the National Functional Genomics Center to conduct applied research for the discovery of molecular signatures for cancers and speed the development of new drugs based on individual molecular fingerprints. This will help improve health care and lower costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: University of Florida

Address of requesting entity: 2151 West University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32603

Description: The \$3,000,000 will be used to conduct research and clinical trials on Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to ensure the successful reintegration of injured military personnel into their families, communities, and jobs. This will improve quality-of-life for those afflicted with these conditions and lower health care costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida

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

Description: The \$2,000,000 will be used to conduct multidisciplinary research to develop better methods for clinical management of injuries and autoimmune diseases. This will improve disease and injury treatment and management, improving quality-of-life and increasing productivity among those individuals.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on budget requests, I am submitting the following information regarding budget designations I received as part of H.R. 3288: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Recipient: Arizona Department of Transportation, 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Budget designation: \$1,000,000

The Hoover Dam Bypass project was authorized by Congress in P.L. 98-381. Hoover Dam is a strategic national asset. This project will protect the Dam while ensuring safer traffic flow between Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Recipient: Arizona Department of Transportation, 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Budget designation: \$250,000

The Hassayampa Study corridor is located in the Phoenix West Valley. The request would fund an Environmental Impact Statement of the Hassayampa Freeway and the Hassayampa Study Region. This project holds tremendous potential for the West Valley and entire Southwest region by linking Phoenix to Las Vegas through the proposed Interstate 11 corridor.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I missed 9 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 638, on the Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 639, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 673, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 640, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 673, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 641, on Agreeing to the Obey Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 642, on Agreeing to the Souder Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 643, on Agreeing to the Pence Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 644, on Agreeing to the Wittman Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 645, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 646, on Passage of H.R. 3293, I would have voted "yea."

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. BILL POSEY and Rep. SUZANNE KOSMAS

Project Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration

Legal. Name of Requesting Entity: Brevard Workforce Development Board

Address of Requesting Entity: Brevard Workforce Development Board, 597 Havarti Court, Suite 40, Rockledge, Florida 32955.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the Brevard Workforce Development Board's Aerospace Workforce Transition initiative. The project will focus on safety of the remaining shuttle missions while preparing the workers for new jobs upon completion of the shuttle missions. This issue deserves national attention due to the sensitive nature of the space program with regards to defense, research and U.S. prominence in future space initiatives.

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. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding benefitting the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: Delaware National Guard

Location: First Regiment Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: DRUGS

Name of Project: Delaware National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

Project Description: The Act includes \$300,000 to provide counterdrug support to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and to Community Based Organizations requesting Drug Demand Reduction Assistance. Funding will provide unique military support and resources to our police agencies which enables the police to concentrate more police resources to other priorities in their department. Increased funding from federal appropriations will permit the Delaware National Guard to provide support to open requests from the FBI, Delaware State Police, and local authorities. It will also enable the Delaware Guard to expand its Drug Education Program.

Name of Intended Recipient: WL Gore & Associates

Location: 555 Paper Mill Rd., Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: OM, DW

Name of Project: Special Operations Forces Modular Glove System

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,500,000 to accelerate the fielding of the Modular Glove System for U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF). This is a five piece system that provides the war fighter the necessary protection across a wide range of climactic conditions. Developed to be compatible with the SOF's Protective Combat Uniform designed for frigid conditions, this SOF Modular Glove System provides cold weather protection to -50 degrees as well as waterproof protection in wet conditions. The Special Operations Command has an established requirement for a Modular Glove System to better meet the real-world mission needs of its SOF in a broad range of deployed environments. This funding would accelerate the fielding by about one year to ensure all U.S. SOF forces in theater have access to this high technology, readiness enhancing system.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Composite Applied Research and Technology for FCS and Tactical Vehicle Survivability

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,500,000 to rapidly advance the Technology Readiness Level of existing and promising new ultra-lightweight composites structures and armor for combat and light, medium and heavy tactical vehicle applications. Using heavy materials such as steel and aluminum will continue to result in vehicles that are too heavy to transport and will overload vehicles that reduces life, increases maintenance costs and requires more frequent vehicle replacement. The project is addressing the critical needs of the U.S. Army to protect our soldiers and provide them with the best equipment to carry out their missions. Lightweight composite vehicle structures and armor increase mobility and mission payloads while increasing soldier protection against direct fire, improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators.

Name of Intended Recipient: INVISTA S.à r.l.

Location: 2801 Centerville Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Improved Thermal Resistant Nylon for Enhanced Durability and Thermal Protection in Combat Uniforms

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,500,000 to increase the safety and protection of U.S. soldiers with improved flame resistant, durable, and lower cost materials for the U.S. Army combat uniforms. These improvements will meet an urgent need due to the threat of Improvised Explosives Devices (IED). This project will fund and accelerate research, development, testing, and evaluation for nylon fiber development, fiber formulation, fabric scale up and performance blend specification for U.S. Army combat uniforms.

Name of Intended Recipient: ILC Dover LP  
Location: One Moonwalker Road, Frederica, DE 19946-2080

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: Joint Services Aircrew Mask Don/Doff Inflight Upgrade Project

Description: The Act includes \$1,500,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation of a Joint Services Aircrew Mask, which will provide above the neck Chemical, Biological, and Anti-G protection to DoD aircrew personnel. The mask is a hood that goes over the wearer's head and seals at the neck. This project will enhance our military's mission capability while minimizing performance degradation in chemical and biological contaminated scenarios.

Name of Intended Recipient: Piasecki Aircraft Corporation  
Location: 2nd Street West, Essington, PA 19029

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: X-49A Envelope Expansion Modifications

Project Description: The Act includes \$4,500,000 to conduct flight demonstrations at New Castle County Airport in Delaware on the Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller (VTDP) Compound Helicopter technology's potential to increase rotorcraft speed, range, and survivability. These funds will cover the cost of design, fabrication, assembly, instrumentation and check out of propulsion and control system modifications that will enable flight beyond the current operating limits of the baseline conventional helicopter. Many current U.S. combat and humanitarian operations require rotorcraft capabilities well beyond those of existing fleet helicopters.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3183: Making Appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Isles Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Isles Inc., 10 Wood Street, Trenton, NJ 08618

Description of Request: The \$500,000 in funding would be applied to systems design and acquisition of materials and equipment for the green roof and both the photovoltaic and solar thermal arrays that will be installed on a portion of the roof at One North Johnston Avenue in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. The project also includes a enclosed observation deck with classroom capabilities.

GREENLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*July 27, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Greenland Baptist Church of Beecher City, Illinois.

The church embraces its rich and remarkable history. On August 6, 1859, a council of five Baptist churches and pioneers from Knox County, Ohio, met and established the First Baptist Church of Greenland. The church's first gatherings were held at the Greenland schoolhouse. In 1889, a new building was dedicated, which still serves as the congregation's place of worship today.

I would like to congratulate the people of Greenland Baptist Church who are "remembering God's goodness," in celebration of their church's 150th anniversary, and I wish them a joyous and memorable occasion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. AKIN. 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 TODD AKIN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FHWA TCSP

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Dept of Transportation, District 3

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 1067, 1171 S. Route 61, Hannibal, MO 63401

Description of Request: New Interchange, US 61 at S. Lincoln Drive, Lincoln County, MO. This request will fund the preliminary engineering for a new interchange at the intersection of US 61 and this business loop (South Lincoln Drive). US 61 in Missouri is the

continuation of I-64 north of I-70 and is on the National Highway System. Vigorous regional growth has resulted in an accident rate along this corridor—particularly at intersections—that is twice the state average. This location presently is the most critical area of need in Lincoln County along US 61. This new interchange at the south end of the business district in Troy, MO will eliminate a busy at-grade intersection, improve safety, and help alleviate traffic congestion.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD AKIN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FHWA TCSP

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Dept of Transportation, District 3

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 1067, 1171 S. Route 61, Hannibal, MO 63401

Description of Request: Bridge Replacement, MO Rt 79 at Sandy Creek, Lincoln County, MO. MO Route 79 is a heavily traveled 2-lane highway that runs 85 miles northwest along the Mississippi River from I-70 in St. Charles County to Hannibal, MO. This highway provides access to Lock & Dam 25 near Winfield, Lock & Dam 24 near Clarksville, and other communities along the river. This bridge replacement just north of the City of Foley is important to the residents of Foley, to the region, and two major Corps of Engineers projects: The Navigation and Environmental Sustainability Program (NESP), the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), as well as for normal Operations & Maintenance (O&M) activities for L&D 24 and 25.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to clarify my vote on rollcall vote 642, taken in this Chamber on July 24, on Mr. SOUDER's amendment to H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. As I was returning from a meeting at the Pentagon, there was a miscommunication regarding which amendment was being considered, and I mistakenly voted "nay." I intended to vote "aye" on rollcall vote 642.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN  
VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER), an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, on the occasion of the City of Chicago's annual Salute to LGBT veterans.

Founded in 1992, the Chicago Chapter of AVER provides support to LGBT veterans in

the Chicago metropolitan area. Members of AVER have served in every war from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each year, AVER members march in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade. By doing so, AVER members bear witness to the fact that gay and lesbian Americans have served throughout our history to defend the United States in time of war and to preserve our freedoms and democracy.

AVER fights not only for LGBT veterans but also for gay and lesbian soldiers currently serving in our armed forces, especially those who are in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan. AVER members travel to Washington every year to lobby members of Congress for an end to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

For fifteen years, AVER has fought against this detrimental policy that requires gay and lesbian servicemembers to deny who they are and to lie about their lives. Our democratic allies—from the United Kingdom to Israel—allow gay and lesbian soldiers to serve openly without any adverse effects on military preparedness or morale. This is the basic fairness and justice that AVER seeks for gay and lesbian American soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I also want to recognize Jim Darby, the founder of the Chicago Chapter of AVER and a Korean War veteran. Jim served in the Navy as a Russian-language specialist. Along with all the other AVER members, Jim has fought tirelessly to educate the general public and the Congress about the plight of LGBT veterans and active servicemembers. What AVER seeks is what we should all seek: respect and honor for all those who have served and who are serving the United States of America through our Armed Forces.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF BOB AND  
CLEOLA RICHARDSON

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the longstanding and happy marriage of two of my constituents, Bob Fred Calvin Richardson and Cleola Johnson Richardson. This August 20 they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Cleola took their wedding vows at a garden ceremony at Mrs. Richardson's home in Meadville, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1949. They have since moved to Mt. Vernon, NY, where they owned and operated their business Richardson Electronics. They have been residents of Mt. Vernon for 45 years.

Bob and Cleola have four wonderful children, Paula, Marilyn, Robert and Candice, ten grandchildren, as well as two great grandchildren. I want to congratulate Bob and Cleola Richardson on their 60th anniversary and wish them the best of luck as they spend the rest of their lives together.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE), Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northrop Grumman Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067-2199

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$6,000,000 for the B-2 Stealth Bomber Advanced Tactical Data. The Advanced Tactical Data Link (ATDL) on the B-2 would profoundly alter how these stealth aircraft like the B-2, F-35, and F-22 communicate with each other in a high threat environment by allowing all three types of aircraft to communicate and share threat information. Sharing real-time threat information would improve lethality, increase survivability, reduce operating and support costs, and increase efficiencies. The USAF has acknowledged the need for such a critical capability and has provided funding to integrate a common data link into the F-35 and F-22. However, funding for integration of such a link on the B-2 has not occurred. This initiative would provide these significant improvements in the capability two to three years sooner than currently planned.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE), Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 14200 Kirkham Way, Poway, CA 92064

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$1,500,000 for Predator C Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. This project would provide the U.S. Air Force with a larger, next generation, jet-powered unmanned aircraft. The system would provide a more survivable, near-term covert capability to the U.S. Air Force and support our men and women in combat with intelligence and armed support. Improvements would provide higher speeds for quick response and repositioning, increased endurance, and the capability to fly into many areas of the world undetected. This project is aimed at meeting a Defense Department goal to rapidly increase the number of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance unmanned aerial vehicles.

Funding in FY10 would facilitate construction and rapid acquisition of a Predator C UAV (to include hardware/software installation,

spare parts, engineering, etc.) to begin testing and evaluation by the U.S. Air Force.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE), Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advatech Pacific

Address of Requesting Entity: 1849 N. Wabash Ave., Redlands, CA 92374

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$3,000,000 for the U.S. Air Force Advanced Vehicle Propulsion Center (AVPC) which serves as a unique, world-class center at Edwards Air Force Base allowing experts to examine current and future engineering, design, and development of propulsion systems, space vehicles, missiles, and advanced weapon concepts. The Center's efforts are estimated to save the Air Force millions of dollars in future program costs through the integration of the best engineering, design, analysis, and cost tools from government, industry, and academia.

Funding would allow the Center's engineers to incorporate recent technological advances into future Air Force space and missile systems, virtually demonstrating whether proposed designs are sound from operational, infrastructure, schedule, cost, reliability, and risk perspectives.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE), Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: HSAD Program Office located at the Naval Air Warfare Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Administration Circle, China Lake, CA 93555-6100

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$1,900,000 for the Tactical High Speed Anti-Radiation Demonstrator (HSAD). This Air Force and Navy program was established at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station in 2002 to demonstrate an advanced rocket propulsion system that can provide either twice the distance or half the time to target over solid propellant rocket motors. With flight testing successfully accomplished and propulsion system technology demonstrated, this funding request would allow the transition of HSAD designs into a tactical missile configuration for future use in Navy/USAF advanced weapon systems. In addition, funds would be used to develop next generation solid ramjet fuels and provide performance data to support missile performance.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Operations and Maintenance (OM), Defense Wide

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern California Logistics Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 18374 Phantom, Victorville, CA 92394

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling

\$1,000,000 for Upgrades to the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) (the former George Air Force Base). The Office of Economic Assistance in the Department of Defense is tasked with assisting communities that are adversely impacted by defense program changes, including base closures. This project would provide funding from this office to the City of Victorville and the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) to continue the growth and redevelopment of the former George Air Force Base, which was closed in 1992. This project would help SCLA better serve the logistics needs of the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps at Twenty-Nine Palms by connecting the fuel farm to the existing pipeline, installing defueling and AVGAS tanks, and connecting the fuel farm to truck loading racks located on the main tarmac.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE), Defense Wide

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Exquadrum, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12130 Rancho Road, Adelanto, CA 92301

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$2,000,000 for the Missile Defense Agency's Miniature Divert and Altitude Controls System (DACS). This project would help develop highly innovative, low-cost rocket motor technology. These motors would allow greater control of rockets and missiles in flight; a capability needed for missile defense efforts, new missile development, and space exploration applications. This technology achieves its goal by using safe, non-toxic propellants that are very high in energy allowing engineers to put more rocket propulsion capability in a smaller package.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day for the congregation of the Hopewell Baptist Church in Wellington, Alabama.

Hopewell Baptist Church was established in 1909 by Leona Gore, Jeff Turner and Mollie Turner under the direction of Reverend Milton. Through the years, the church has had a total of 22 pastors and has truly been a beacon of light for the Wellington community.

On August 1st, the church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary under the leadership of Reverend Carlos Woodward. This is an important occasion that speaks to the enduring faith of the Hopewell community, as well as its larger mission both in Wellington and in our state.

On behalf of the people's House, I would like to congratulate Hopewell Baptist Church on reaching this important milestone.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding eight earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. I certify that neither I, nor my spouse, have any financial interest in these requests, and certify that, to the best of my knowledge, these requests are (1) not directed to an entity or program named or that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended for a "front" or "pass-through" entity; and (3) meet or exceed statutory requirements for matching funds (where applicable).

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Small Responsive Spacecraft at Low-Cost (SRSL)

Project Amount: \$3 million

Account: RDT&E, Air Force

Requesting Entity: Utah State University Space Dynamics Laboratory

Address: 1695 North Research Park Way, North Logan, UT 84341.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would continue previous years' efforts in conjunction with Air Force Research Labs to develop and demonstrate technologies for new, low-cost space systems that have military utility. Current space-based reconnaissance assets are cost-prohibitive and too massive to be used in a quick-reaction tactical environment. This effort could lead to providing local field commanders a dedicated space asset for tactical actionable intelligence applications in a highly modular and customizable design to meet military needs under the Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) construct.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Optimizing Natural Language Processing of Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)

Project Amount: \$1.5 million

Account: RDT&E, Army

Requesting Entity: Attensity, Inc.

Address: 90 South 400 West, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

Project Description and Justification: Military intelligence collection methods must adapt to the highly-evolving and dynamic IT based sources. Project would fund an "all-source" fusion tool for collecting data from open sources such as the web, blog, social networking sites, and RRS feeds, in cooperative effort with the State University of New York at Buffalo to provide more effective intelligence analysis and decision-making tools for the Army in asymmetric warfare situations.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Laser Phalanx

Project Amount: \$1.5 million

Account: RDT&D, Navy

Requesting Entity: Colmek Systems Engineering,

Address: 2001 South 3480 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

Project Description and Justification: Phalanx is a combat-proven ship defense system that is effective against a variety of threats. Spiral development and integration of a laser into existing Phalanx system will significantly increase its defensive capabilities. Funding would enable new technology integration to fill emerging gaps, while also reducing acquisition and ownership costs.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Internal Auxillary Fuel Tank System

Project Amount: \$5 million

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Army

Requesting Entity: Robertson Aviation, Inc.  
Address: 14668 Heritage Way, Bluffdale, Utah 84065.

Project Description and Justification: Would purchase crash-resistant internal auxillary fuel tanks for installation on National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, including the Utah National Guard. Existing fuel tanks are not crash-resistant and pose threats to life and safety of military personnel when operating the helicopters.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: TranSim Driver Training

Project Amount: \$3.5 million

Account: Other Procurement, Army

Requesting Entity: MPRI, Inc.

Address: 2961 West California Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would continue efforts begun last year to offer high-tech simulator training for troops scheduled to be deployed overseas in the proper operations of Army tactical wheeled vehicles, such as the up-armored HMVEES. Such vehicles have challenging and particular handling characteristics for the drivers. Prior to this training, there were a number of deadly and tragic roll-over accidents in theatre that could likely have been avoided if this training had been offered earlier. It has already been proven to reduce accidents. Troops come from a variety of urban and rural backgrounds and life-experiences, and to simply put them behind the wheel of a large and cumbersome vehicle is not intuitive but requires a modicum of training. It is almost inconceivable that the military wouldn't fund this on their own accord, but instead, is another example of the Congress having to step in and fund essential programs for the health, safety and welfare of our troops. Project would continue training in a mobile configuration so that it could be moved around the CONUS where needed. Avoidance of even 1 accident could more than pay for the program, not to mention the lives saved.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Portable Armored Wall System

Project Amount: \$1 million

Account: Procurement, Marine Corps

Requesting Entity: Dynamic Defense Materials (DDM), Inc.

Address: 100 Sharp Road, Marlton, NJ, 08053.

Project Description and Justification: Would fund purchase of additional combat-proven modular armor wall systems for the Marine Corps that can be rapidly deployed and configured for a variety of applications to provide high levels of protection against most threats found in theater from IEDs to small arms fire and RPGs. Replaces antiquated and cumbersome sandbag method. International Armoring Corporation in Ogden, Utah is supplier to DDM.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Electric Actuation Systems

Project Amount: \$1 million

Account: RDT&E, Navy

Requesting Entity: Moog, Inc.

Address: 2268 South 3270 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

Project Description and Justification: Project would fund development and demonstration of shipboard qualified electric actuators that could lead to replacement of antiquated hydraulic systems which are heavy and have environmental hazards associated with hydraulic fluids. Would also reduce repair and maintenance costs over legacy hydraulic systems for Navy.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01)  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: Under Vehicle Inspection System

Project Amount: \$3 million

Account: RDT&E, Defense Wide

Requesting Entity: Kachemark Research Development, Inc. (KRD)

Address: 59584 East End, Homer, Alaska 99603.

Project Description and Justification: Funds research and development on modifying existing auto scanning equipment used at military bases to provide real-time quick inspections of delivery vehicles, to mobile versions, making the technology more accessible to different locations and situations, and reducing risks to military inspection personnel.

Matching Funds and Spending Plan: Not applicable

TRIBUTE TO ELDER ROBERT  
ERWIN WILSON

**HON. PARKER GRIFFITH**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elder Robert E. Wilson of Madison, Alabama, whose energy and enthusiasm rejuvenated the Presbyterian Church in North Alabama and engaged them in new and purposeful initiatives.

To honor Bob Wilson's transformational leadership, the Fellowship Presbyterian Men are honoring him with a "Bob Wilson Appreciation Day" commemorating his efforts and accomplishments. The event will be held at

Fellowship Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 22, 2009.

Mr. Wilson possesses a unique blend of humility and personal resolve. His gregarious personality makes him loved by everyone he meets, and he is relentlessly focused on achieving his goals for the church. His leadership is respected by members of the Presbyterian Church all over the country. In 2006, he was elected to the distinguished position of Vice Moderator for the 217th General Assembly.

Robert Wilson's unyielding determination to advance the cause of the Presbyterian Church is a testament to his lifelong commitment to the institution. Madam Speaker, I wish to show my sincere gratitude to Bob Wilson for his longstanding devotion to his family, his church and the Tennessee Valley. Understanding that his leadership is a lesson to us all, I appreciate the values that he so strongly advocates.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326, the FY2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation 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 \$5,000,000 to the Alliance for NanoHealth. This project will support collaborative research to advance nanomedicine, which has the potential to provide significant medical breakthroughs in disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation 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 \$2,000,000 to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. This project will support equipment, supplies and production at the Center for Cancer Immunology, a center utilizing innovation in immunotherapies and vaccinations to cure cancer. In the near future, the center will vaccinate children and adults against Leukemia.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation 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 \$1,000,000 for the Carbon Nano-Materials Advanced Aerospace Applications project to dramatically improve the efficiency of electrical systems used by the Air Force and in the longer term, to help make America energy independent.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Methodist Hospital System; 8060 El Rio; Houston, TX 77054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Nano-imaging Agents for Early Disease Detection project to support the research and creation of nano-imaging agents for early disease detection. Nano-imaging agents are safely injected into a patient and provide a three-dimensional image, creating a "night vision" that lights up tissue changes and cell anomalies and enabling more accurate diagnostics.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: CureSearch; 4600 East West Highway, Suite 600; Bethesda, MD 20814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research and Clinical Trials project to support pediatric cancer clinical care trials throughout the nation. Clinical trials have significantly increased the cancer cure rate for children from less than 10 percent in the 1950's to over 80 percent today.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks that I am requesting as part of the FY 2010 Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 MHRA Building, 1111 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, NC 27412

Description of Request: The purpose of this project is to develop a reform-based, problem-solving mathematics enrichment program for use in after-school settings with elementary school-aged children. Further, this project will help provide students with invaluable tools to enrich their educational experience.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: High Point, N.C. Mental Health Association  
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 5693, High Point, NC 27262

Description of Request: This funding will expand capabilities at one of only two facilities in the High Point area providing services to the mentally ill.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Joseph's of the Pines

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Gossman Drive, Suite B, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Description of Request: This project will convert a semi-truck into a mobile source of health resources with the main goal of providing health services access to those who live in rural areas of Moore County.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. 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, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Requesting Entity: Communities-in-Schools, Bell-Coryell Counties Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4520 East Central Texas Expressway, Suite 106, Killeen, TX 76543

Description: \$250,000 in funding for the Communities In Schools (CIS) to continue serving military children and families of Ft. Hood soldiers. As the only non-profit organization housed on school property, the professional staff of CIS is able to monitor the academics, behavior, and attendance of at-risk students. Through professional campus support addressing individual student needs, increased parental involvement, and closely supervised activities, CIS tries to promote students staying in school and graduating, thereby improving their chances of success in life.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Requesting Entity: Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19051 F.M. 2484, Killeen, Texas 76542-5068

Description: \$255,000 in funding for the Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children to offer essential and practical enrichment program skills to over 6,000 children with chronic/

terminal illnesses, and special needs. "Having a BLAST at PKRC" will offer these special children a way to discover their natural abilities and interests and obtain the critical life and coping skills needed to reach their full potential via three primary components: Environmental Education Awareness; Recreational Therapy; and Coping and Life Skills.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Requesting Entity: Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Cooperative Way, Suite 200, Georgetown, TX 78625

Description: \$245,000 in funding for the collaboration between the non-profit Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center and Southwestern University to establish an entrepreneur and college internship program based on commercialization of bioscience technologies. In addition, the program will also foster the immediate use of bioscience technology for translational and clinical research for regional hospital systems and medical schools.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE) Entity: Texas State University, San Marcos

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description: \$1,000,000 in funding to establish the Round Rock Higher Education Center for Nursing Program. Funding is for equipment for the clinical and simulation laboratories and additional nursing faculty and staff for the simulation laboratories. The nursing school building will support an innovative curriculum with classrooms and a number of clinical practice and simulation laboratories. The project also provides for nursing faculty and healthcare practitioners to participate together in the active learning process of continuing education for health care professionals and the community.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Requesting Entity: Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 938 Canyon Creek Drive, Temple, TX 76502

Description: \$750,000 in funding will provide the seed money to acquire a state of the art cyclotron and related equipment for the production of radioisotopes. The radioisotopes are a critical component of expanding both clinical care and medical research in the Temple bioscience cluster. The cyclotron facility will provide resources for cutting edge medical research and support growth of the Cancer Research Institute, the Cardiovascular Research Institute and Center for Regenerative Medicine, all located in Temple.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RORY COOPER

### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rory A. Cooper, Ph.D. for his outstanding achievement of winning a gold medal at the 2009 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

While winning a gold medal is an exceptional achievement by itself, Dr. Cooper has proven himself again and again. Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper has won a total of five gold medals at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and has previously held the world record for the 10,000-meter wheelchair race. He has participated and won medals almost every year since he first started competing in 1987. In 1988 he won the bronze medal at the Paralympic Games in Seoul, Korea. He continued to stay active in Paralympic competition by serving as a member of the Steering Committee for the 1996 Paralympic Scientific Congress. He was also the Sports Scientist for the 2008 United States Paralympic Team. In recognition of his achievements at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, he was featured on a 2009 Cheerios cereal box.

When Dr. Cooper is not competing, he is a researcher in the field of assistive technology design at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. He is also the Director and Veterans Affairs (VA) Senior Research Career Scientist for the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence, Codirector of the National Science Foundation Quality of Life Technology Engineering Research Center, a member of the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Prosthetics and Special Disability Programs Advisory Committee, and a Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Research Foundation. He has published over two hundred peer-reviewed journal articles and two books, *Rehabilitation Engineering Applied to Mobility and Manipulation and Wheelchair Selection and Configuration*. Dr. Cooper is also a recipient of the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for "exceptional leadership, service, and advocacy of severely injured service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and other military medical facilities from October 2004 through May 2008."

Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper is truly an inspiration to all to us. I conclude my remarks by commending him for his outstanding achievements.

HONORING SUZI AND FRED DOW FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS

### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to pay tribute today to Suzi and Fred Dow, residents of Bisbee, Arizona who

have dedicated themselves to educating the public on the rich experiences of our National Forests.

Like other pioneers of the west, they possess a thirst for the unexplored, acting as guides to our nation's greatest resource, our National Forests. Together, Suzi and Fred have personally researched and surveyed 2,367 campgrounds in over 153 National Forests.

Since 1994, they have traveled over 275,000 miles in their meticulous journey through our nation's wilderness. Today, they are in the midst of exploring the Superior National Forest of Minnesota, the fifth destination of their current five month adventure.

Suzi and Fred publish their findings on a Web site, [www.forestcamping.com](http://www.forestcamping.com), hosting almost 4,000 photographs that illustrate National Forest sights and campgrounds. The Web site receives over 300,000 hits a day and features an active forum, blog, and monthly newsletter titled, *The Wanderings*.

In addition to their website, Suzi and Fred have published 9 books in an effort to promote national forests and camping opportunities. Through their Web site and books, they share an articulate, detailed narrative of their wanderings as well as practical advice, such as how to cook pasta at high elevations.

In 2003, the USDA Forest Service recorded more than 200 million visitors, who contributed over \$7.5 billion to the local communities in and around National Forests. Suzi and Fred's efforts indirectly stimulate the economy of these communities, at no cost to the government.

The Southwestern author Edward Abbey once said, "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit." Suzi and Fred encourage people to indulge in that necessity, while also developing an understanding of the importance of National Forests to the health and well being of our country.

Thank you, Suzi and Fred, for documenting the beauty of our country and sharing your experiences with all of us.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Valley State University and Mary Free Bed Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Michigan Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$1,460,000 for the Midwest Traumatic Injury Rehabilitation Center. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because this Center will combine the state-of-the-art medical

and rehabilitation team care currently delivered by Mary Free Bed Hospital and the curriculum development, evaluative and educational expertise of Grand Valley State University to provide comprehensive wounded warrior care closer to home to reduce the burden on families and establish a model for the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation Systems LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patterson Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Description of Request: This bill provides \$2,500,000 for the Precision Engagement Technologies Required for Unmanned Systems (PETRUS). This is a valuable use of taxpayer money because PETRUS will compress the timeline associated with an unmanned system finding, fixing, tracking, targeting, engaging and assessing targets of interest. This project will develop a system for small unmanned air systems that is capable of precisely tracking mobile targets of interest under a wide range of highly dynamic conditions.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010, H.R.3326.

My Congressional District received \$1,700,000 for research at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Information Science and Technology's work with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. These systems control critical national and defense infrastructure such as gas pipelines, utilities, and railroads.

The Department of Defense, power companies, manufacturing plants and transportation networks rely on Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. The Department of Homeland Security has grown increasingly concerned over the lack of security of SCADA networks. This concern is due to the fact that SCADA control systems are primarily owned by private companies and have been assembled together in a patchwork fashion over time to improve efficiency. Even though many military bases, including those operated by the U.S. Air Force, have separate SCADA systems in place to provide local power, they remain vulnerable because they use commercially produced, potentially flawed SCADA system hardware and software. Likewise, the U.S. electric power industry uses SCADA systems and is a potential target for terrorist attacks. Nearly 1,700 of the 3,200 power utilities have some type of SCADA system in place, and roughly one quarter of these utilities have no separation between the corporate network and the system control network. Clearly, U.S. infrastructure is operating in a very dangerous mode. External entities

that may be able to gain access to control centers could turn off power, reroute trains, or shut down factories. Thus, a national security concern exists on two fronts: the capabilities of the military and public infrastructure safety.

This project will develop methods which will be used within SCADA systems to increase the authenticity and integrity of data that provide control information. To achieve this goal, researchers will work with the U.S. Air Force and local industries to assess the most commonly used SCADA legacy equipment. This research will be guided by a project-specific advisory board to ensure it is consistent and well-integrated into other national efforts and valuable to private sector infrastructure operators. This board could include members from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, Air Force Office Scientific Research, USSTRATCOM, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Nebraska Public Power District, Omaha Public Power District, Northern Natural Gas, and Union Pacific Railroad.

Education and Analysis Labs (mentioned above) will be used to conduct this work. The team is also well recognized in the cybersecurity community, as evidenced by the DoD-sponsored International Cyber Defense Workshop hosted at UNO in October 2008 with over 100 participations from 16 countries. UNO is also uniquely positioned to perform advanced cybersecurity research specifically in SCADA system security because its researchers have connections with personnel in the military, industrial, and public infrastructure sectors using SCADA systems. These strong partnerships will guide and direct the research and its application. Researchers will also collaborate with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, which has a SCADA system test bed and currently employs UNO graduates working on SCADA system problems.

I was pleased to see this funding included in the Defense Appropriations Bill.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, the following information is submitted regarding funding received in the first district of Texas as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

LeTourneau University Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative. LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, Longview, Texas 75607, Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, \$350,000 to purchase needed radar and control tower simulators for the new Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative program. This Initiative would benefit the nation by training students in a simulated real-world environment where air traffic control procedures and techniques can be learned, practiced, and refined, to help fill the national shortage.

Keeping America Competitive: Consortium for STEM Preparation for Engineering Project. The University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 Univer-

sity Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75799, Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, \$300,000 for researching and developing products and solutions to reform STEM education and build capacity to address the extremely critical shortage of world-class engineers, while lessening reliance on foreign engineers.

Angelina College Health Careers Program. Angelina College, 3500 South First Street, Lufkin, Texas 75904, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, \$200,000 for the expansion of the Health Careers program. This project will serve the valuable purpose of providing trained and licensed professionals in areas of shortage to address the health care needs and lessen the ongoing need for American healthcare providers having to recruit outside the United States. This will assist in providing Americans to supply the professional shortfall.

#### REMEMBERING THE FALL OF ZEPA

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on Saturday July 25 Bosnians commemorated the fourteenth anniversary of the tragic fall of Zepa. The town of Zepa was one of the six United Nations-declared safe havens in Bosnia during the war of aggression from 1992 to 1995. In May 1993, a United Nations Security Council resolution held out to this town in eastern Bosnia the promise of protection from the forces of Republika Srpska. In Zepa the local residents, people from the surrounding area, and refugees from other cities and towns gathered to be shielded from Serbian aggression.

But, Madam Speaker, the men, women, and children seeking refuge in Zepa were not shielded. The forces of Republika Srpska, who had laid siege to Zepa in the summer of 1992, were not impressed by UN safe havens, and neither the UN nor anyone else was committed to defending the safe havens. On July 25, 1995, the forces of Republika Srpska overpowered Zepa's defenders and began to occupy the town.

In July Avdo Palic, colonel of the Bosnian government force defending Zepa, performed a hero's work in evacuating as many civilians as he could, despite operating under constant shelling and the threat of starvation from the forces of Republika Srpska. Palic participated in negotiations which resulted in the safe evacuation of approximately 5,000 Bosnian civilians. On July 27 Palic traveled to the UN Protection Force Compound, in order to secure the evacuation of Zepa's remaining inhabitants: he has not been seen since and his fate is still unknown.

Madam Speaker, looking back on the tragedy of Zepa, we remember the loss of countless innocent lives. Our government cannot give back to the survivors the precious lives of the family members and friends of the people of Zepa, Srebrenica, Sarajevo, Bihać, Gorazde, and Tuzla, but it can support their pursuit of justice. Our government must do everything it can to discover the fate of Avdo

Palic and the other men and women who went missing in the genocide committed against the Bosnian people. To be sure, we must continue to look for Ratko Mladic and other criminals and genocideurs, but we must not forget their victims and their need for closure.

TRIBUTE TO OLLIE JOHNSON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former member of the United States armed services, a civic leader, avid golfer, and devoted husband, father and grandfather, and one of my best friends. Mr. Ollie Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the age of 73, after an extended battle with cancer. He has left a tremendous legacy, and his contributions deserve recognition.

Ollie was born on July 3, 1936, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Mack and Emma Johnson. He attended area Catholic schools and graduated from St. Peters Academy in Dallas, Texas. At an early age he was baptized and entered into a lifetime affiliation with the Catholic Church. He entered the Air Force in 1954 and served honorably for 21 years. His active duty military service included assignments in England and the Philippines. He served stateside in Arizona, Nebraska and Texas, and was honorably discharged while serving in Charleston, South Carolina.

While on active duty, he matriculated at Thomas Edison College and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education. After his separation from active duty, Ollie continued his education earning a Master of Education degree from Southern Illinois University.

In October 1957, he married Barbara Jackson and they became the proud parents of three children: two sons and one daughter, and were subsequently blessed with four grandchildren.

Ollie and his family moved to Columbia, South Carolina where he began 25 years of service in state government. During his tenure, he was employed at the Commission on Aging and became one of our state's most diligent advocates for aged and served as a delegate to a White House conference on aging.

Ollie believed strongly in civic responsibility, community service, and charitable works. He demonstrated these beliefs daily with his active participation in various civic groups while serving in different capacities: South Carolina Federal Credit Union, Supervisory Committee; Credit Union League, Fort Jackson Golf Club's Advisory Council. He served as President of the State Sertoma Club, and Carolina Sunshine, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Senior Catering and the Elder Care Trust Fund.

Ollie and I were frequent golf partners, and we joined with other golfing buddies to turn our passion for golf into support for various causes. One of them was a tournament known originally as the Palmetto Institute Classic to raise college scholarships for deserving students.

When one of our founding buddies died suddenly of a ruptured aorta at the age of 56,

we renamed the tournament the Rudolph Canzater Memorial Classic in his honor. The Canzater Classic has contributed more than \$600,000 to college students since its inception. This year's Canzater Classic will be held for the 19th time on August 8–9, and Ollie's presence will be sorely missed. A few years ago we started holding a Health Fair in conjunction with the tournament and when it is held next week, we will rename the Health Fair in Ollie Johnson's honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Ollie Johnson for his service to his country and his community. I will forever feel indebted to him and thank Ollie's family for allowing him to share his talents and his gifts with us. Our country and community are better for his service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

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

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Operations and Maintenance (Army)

Project Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 3702 Spectrum Blvd Suite 175, Tampa, Florida 33612–9444

Description of Request: The Center for the Study of International Languages and Cultures (CSILC) is a resource within the University of South Florida that promotes global understanding through integrated programs of language and culture studies in critical world regions. In its first two years of existence, it has garnered \$1.5 million in support of its programs above and beyond previous appropriations.

Current military doctrine provides for preparation of personnel with language competency together with knowledge of the relevant culture and expertise in the given region. At CSILC, USF has been creating a wide variety of integrated language and culture-based lessons designed to fulfill our urgent need to better understand critical world regions.

In 2007, our military commanders in the Gulf region requested that military personnel engaged in sensitive diplomatic work on behalf of the United States be afforded a much higher degree of language training in mid-east language dialects, S.E. Asian languages as well as Chinese and Korean. In an effort to meet this demand, Congress funded a unique project in the State of Florida, headquartered at the University of South Florida, to work in tandem with the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, California. This project, now in its third year, has grown to include not only continuing distance learning education and training for military personnel who leave DLI

after short intensive training in languages such as Arabic, Farsi (Persian), Dari and Pashto (from Afghanistan), and Urdu (from Pakistan). These programs will allow potential military and civilian personnel to better prepare themselves for assignments in these world regions.

HONORING HARLEY DREW ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN RADIO

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of a remarkable radio personality in my district: Mr. Harley Drew. After serving 50 years in radio, "Handsome Harley Drew" has established himself as a broadcasting icon in Georgia radio, having distinguished himself in every area of radio broadcasting.

At an early age, Harley displayed an aptitude for radio. He was only nine years old when he began to explore electronics and, as a young teen, received his first part-time radio job at WBRO in Waynesboro, Georgia. It was July 1959 when young Harley got his broadcast license; he had been bit by the radio bug.

In 1962, he helped put WFNL on the air in Augusta. Two years later, he landed a job at WBBQ as its program director and stayed with the station for the 25 years. Harley has worn many hats over the years—operations director and later vice president at WBBQ, national program director for the Arrow Communications Group, and general manager at Sunny 105.

For the last 16 years, Harley has been with Beasley Broadcast Group, one of Augusta's largest radio broadcasters, where he is currently program director and host of "Augusta Morning News." Thousands wake up each weekday morning in the Central Savannah River Area to the beloved, baritone voice of "Handsome Harley Drew." For three hours in the mornings, he and his co-host, "The Lovely and Vivacious Mary Liz Nolan", deliver news of current events to their loyal listeners, culminating in "The Morning News Coffee Break." This 30 minute program touches the lives of thousands of people each morning with an uplifting and informative program to start their day.

In May of this year, Harley inspired countless listeners to go to their doctors and undergo tests for heart disease after Harley spent seven weeks recovering from triple-bypass surgery. Harley became aware of his own heart condition when a physician guest on his morning show suggested Harley have a Cardiac Calcium Score. When Harley returned to the airwaves, he did not try to hide his medical history, but instead used the opportunity to bring awareness to this vital issue.

Harley Drew is known far and wide for his honesty and integrity in broadcasting. He is a founding board member of The Georgia Radio Hall Of Fame and also serves on the board of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters. He has received numerous awards and is well-respected and loved for the positive impact he has made on the lives of the people in Augusta and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the great work of Harley Drew and congratulate him on celebrating 50 years of broadcasting excellence.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PROXY VOTING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009"

**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, this week the House Financial Services Committee is scheduled to markup legislation requiring mandatory "say on pay" shareholder votes on executive compensation packages and corporate golden parachutes. Today, I am introducing legislation that will make sure all investors will be able to hold the institutions that cast these votes accountable for their decisions.

The "say on pay" legislation introduced by House Financial Services Committee Chairman BARNEY FRANK (D-MA), H.R. 3269, gives shareholders an important new tool by requiring annual nonbinding shareholder votes on executive compensation and golden parachutes. This legislation is much needed given the abuses that have come to light during the financial crisis, as numerous CEOs have walked away from failing companies with multi-million dollar paydays.

The "say on pay" votes mandated by H.R. 3269 will be executed through the corporate proxy process where traditionally votes are cast on corporate bylaw changes, director elections, and other matters. Many of these proxy votes are not cast by individual shareholders but rather by institutional investors who own shares on behalf of individuals, such as mutual funds, pension plans and hedge funds. Unfortunately, the only institutional investors currently required to disclose how they vote their proxies, including votes on executive compensation, are mutual funds. Some other institutional investors have voluntarily decided to disclose their proxy votes, but they are not legally required to do so.

The legislation I am introducing today will require mandatory disclosure of all institutional investor proxy votes on "say on pay" issues and all other matters, including the elections of corporate boards. This bill will bring long overdue disclosure to the proxy voting records of hedge funds and other institutional investors.

The need for disclosure of institutional investor proxy votes is a central recommendation of the July 2009 report of the Investors' Working Group (IWG), an independent task force sponsored by the CFA Institute and the Council of Institutional Investors. The IWG task force is chaired by former SEC Chairmen Arthur Levitt, who was appointed SEC Chairman by President Clinton, and William Donaldson Levitt, who was appointed SEC Chairman by President George W. Bush. This bipartisan report recommends that:

Institutional investors—including pension funds, hedge funds and private equity firms—should make timely, public disclosures about their proxy voting guidelines, proxy votes cast, investment guidelines, and members of their governing bodies and report annually on holdings and performance.

The IWG task force is one of many voices calling for disclosure of institutional investor proxy votes. Both the AFL-CIO and the Investment Company Institute support their disclosure:

The AFL-CIO strongly supports increased transparency in proxy voting by all capital market participants . . .

Greater transparency around proxy voting by institutional investors should enhance the quality of the debate concerning how the corporate franchise is used, particularly in the context of "say on pay" proposals, where the public disclosure of advisory votes would maximize their influence over management.

The legislation I am introducing will make sure all investors can monitor corporate proxy votes cast by institutional investors. It accomplishes this by requiring annual disclosure of proxy votes by any entity that is required to file ownership reports pursuant to Sec. 13(f) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Today, Sec. 13(f) filers, who by definition invest more than \$100 million in equity assets, must report their holdings quarterly. My legislation simply requires that once a year these institutions use their 13F forms to disclose their comprehensive proxy voting records.

As Congress works on legislation providing new consumer protections and tougher regulation of Wall Street, I believe we must increase transparency and disclosure throughout the capital markets. This legislation marks an important step in that direction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army, RDTE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Raytheon Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1010 Production Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Description of Request: The Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) requires an additional \$7.2M in FY10 to develop an updated Joint Ground-Air Component Interface to enhance the responsiveness, accuracy and safety of air support to ground troops. The Joint Fires Interface updates will provide the ground commander with an improved capability to see near real time friendly air picture and capabilities. It will enable ground components to fully integrate and coordinate both surface and air delivered (from USAF, USMC and USN aircraft) conventional and precision munitions options used in support of combat operations. This capability will provide a reliable, complete digital connection between the Army and USMC fires system (AFATDS) and the Air Force Theater Battle Management Core System (TBMCS).

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326

Account: Medical Advanced Technology

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 for the Center for Ophthalmic Innovation. This funding will be used for the Bascom Palmer Institute at the University of Miami. Bascom Palmer sponsors numerous programs bringing eye care to the underserved of south Florida, a uniquely diverse population of ethnicities and races that presages the future of our nation. Effective treatments and cures for blinding eye trauma and disease are within our grasp. While remarkable advances have been made in recent decades, the remaining problems of eye trauma and eye disease are enormously complex. Nevertheless, the knowledge and technologies are out there in our universities and industry, waiting to be captured by ophthalmology. ONOVA (an acronym for the Center for Ophthalmic Innovation) at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute brings together ideas, people, and cutting-edge technology from diverse backgrounds and venues—across medicine, biotechnology, and biomedical engineering—to develop practical solutions. The objective of this program is to bring the research efforts to the patient and to assemble the required multidisciplinary teams to accomplish this goal in the most efficient manner for rapid implementation. Severe ocular injuries from combat encountered in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan represent a significant and frequent source of lifetime visual disability and is of immediate concern to the DOD. Approximately 10% to 17% of war casualties are due to eye trauma. For instance, in Operation Iraqi Freedom there were 797 ocular injuries between March 2003 and December 2005 resulting in 438 open eye injuries (i.e. ruptured globes). During an 8-month period alone from January to September 2004, 207 active military personnel in Iraq suffered severe ocular or ocular adnexal injuries, including 132 open globes with 82% of all ocular injuries caused by blast fragmentation from munitions and improvised explosive device. In addition, millions of retired military personnel suffer from disabling eye diseases with similar prevalence as the U.S. population. The current appropriation request will enable ONOVA not only to continue its current projects but also to perform new research projects based on the following ONOVA research framework. This scientific framework consists of inter-related modules that tackle the difficult problems of trauma and disabling eye diseases in a logical organized manner. Progress requires integration of state-of-art technology and utilizes interdisciplinary research teams in prevention, imaging & telemedicine, and regeneration & restoration to provide solutions to ocular trauma and disabling eye diseases from different angles. This team approach has and will continue to catalyze innovative ideas and concepts that will lead to the development of novel diagnostic techniques and effective treatment strategies. In the coming year we will add the artificial cornea (keratoprosthesis) project that develops and tests new types of cornea prosthesis. Prosthetic corneas have the potential of restoring vision in severe eye injuries involving the front part of the eye. Unlike donor

corneal tissue, corneal prosthesis can be readily available. We will also add new projects focusing on advanced diagnostic ocular imaging techniques combined with effective telemedicine that will lessen the morbidity of traumatic ocular injuries in military operations as well as explore newer modalities to assist in the visual restoration of the injured personnel.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Operating Forces 1A3A Intermediate Maintenance

Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Gulf Coast University

Address of Requesting Entity: 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 for developing and testing environmentally safe decontaminating agents for bio-defense. This funding will be used for the diversification of economy through development of new technologies attracting high tech-high wage jobs and development of environmentally friendly detection and detoxification technologies. Many commonly available biocides and toxin decontamination procedures are both too toxic and too persistent for certain applications. Chlorine, for example, is a very effective agent for sterilization and toxin destruction, but it can engender serious problems arising from its persistence and reactivity. Sometimes, the intake air or water entering a sealed compartment must be completely decontaminated, but new hazards arising from the deployed decontamination treatment must be avoided, particularly when the protected space is occupied by people. Currently, decontamination procedures are problematic because harsh, persistent agents are utilized, and although harsh decontaminating agents will destroy microbes and toxins, they can also harm human health, sensitive electronic equipment, furnishings and documents. Clearly, new biocides and toxin decontamination agents are needed and we have been researching alternatives and developing new applications. Short persistence times, acute toxicity in the killing zone, (immediately followed by a cessation of toxicity) and/or the ability to switch the biocidal activity "off," are highly desirable attributes. Our proprietary photocatalytic technology (a patent has been filed) produces biocidal oxidants during UV illumination, but when the light is turned off, the biocidal oxidant activity ceases within seconds, and residual oxidants spontaneously decompose or biodegrade. Further, the photocatalytic coatings we have discovered have electrical properties with a sensor activity, making them amenable to the creation of a device which can both detect and decontaminate, (with both capabilities contained within one unit). We have also begun to develop a family of alkaline biocides, with an enhanced permeability component to increase lethality. These biocides can be switched off by dilution and neutralization. New enhancements of existing oxidant systems are also being investigated. We intend to combine our expertise in materials science, biochemistry, molecular biology, analytical chemistry, marine biology, microbiology, and engineering to develop new biocidal technologies and solve problems of disinfection and toxin destruction in the context of biomedical, environmental and bio-defense applications. The tech-

nologies described above are "multi-use" and have applications in the fields of medicine, agriculture, aquaculture, and bio-defense.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, the following information is submitted regarding funding received in the first district of Texas as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Regional Geospatial Service Centers. Stephen F. Austin State University, Box 6078 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962, OM,ARNG account, \$2,156,000 for the continuation of an initiative to establish Regional Geospatial Service Centers in Nacogdoches, Texas; El Paso, Texas; and Beaumont, Texas, and to provide emergency geospatial information services. The Center provides critical geospatial information to support emergency managers, planners, resource managers, landowners, individuals and policy makers, as demonstrated through its dramatic usefulness after the Columbia Shuttle disaster. These applications are now also assisting with national needs and have extremely important national security relevance.

Organic Semiconductor Modeling and Simulation (COSMOS). The University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75799, RDTE,A account, \$1,100,000 for the Organic Semiconductor Modeling and Simulation Initiative—a collaborative research and development project. The funds will provide for research to improve the ability to design and fabricate flexible electronics, leading to the production of electronic textiles with far-reaching benefits to the Department of Defense, particularly for our armed forces, with demonstrated potential to revolutionize military uniforms and equipment to levels previously only seen in super-hero comic books. Yet, the research thus far has been very promising for producing electronic threads that receive light, convert it to energy, discern the colors or shapes around it, and morph accordingly.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326, the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ashland Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 E. River Center Blvd, Covington, KY 41012

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 to continue development of advanced coolant and lubricant systems utilizing nano-particle systems to enhance the capabilities of military ground vehicles and simplify supply logistics. Military vehicles must meet arduous cooling performance requirements. An Army goal is to increase the performance and durability of engines, power trains and their component parts in support of mobility, durability, reliability and survivability as well as reduce logistics costs. This project will help the Army meet these goals. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the reduced maintenance and longer engine life in military vehicles, which it enables, has the potential to reduce maintenance costs and enhance combat readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Other Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Sustainment Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 7375 Industrial Road, Florence, KY 41042

Description of Request: Appropriate \$3,500,000 to procure the next generation of mobile Army refrigeration systems/the Multi-Temperature Refrigerated Container System (MTRCS). This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because MTRCS provides the Army with more efficient space utilization and reduced transportation requirements for food and refrigerated medical products. As a result, fewer vehicles will be required to transport these items on the battlefield, reducing the number of soldiers exposed to danger from IEDs, etc.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: MAG Industrial Automation Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 3940 Olympic Blvd., Erlanger, KY 41018

Description of Request: Appropriate \$2,000,000 to develop a machine to produce lighter weight parts for military vehicles. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports development of technology that delivers light weight materials to produce lighter parts that reduce the weight of military vehicles. The results will be improved fuel efficiency, cost savings and enhanced combat readiness.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3293, The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education—National Projects

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009  
Description of Request: Reading is Fundamental (RIF), a national project, will use the \$24,803,000 listed in H.R. 3293 to provide millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement throughout the fifty states. New Jersey will benefit through its 74 programs which serve over 76,000 students.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Administration for Children and Families (AFC)—Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Polaris Project, 182 Biltmore Street, NW, Unit D, Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: The Polaris Project will use the \$250,000 listed in H.R. 3293 to fund the New Jersey Trafficking Intervention Program which combats human trafficking in the State and provides direct assistance through multiple activities to the victims of human trafficking, law enforcement and service providers. The Polaris Project also provides community leadership and serves on the NJ Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Meridian Health, 1350 Campus Parkway, Neptune, NJ 07753

Description of Request: The current Emergency Department (ED) at Ocean Medical Center does not have sufficient capacity to meet patients' needs, and serves over 44,000 visits annually in a facility designed to handle 20,000. Meridian Health will use the amount of \$100,000 listed in H.R. 3293 to redesign and renovate the ED in order to provide increased space to serve more patients and provide needed dedicated space for cardiac/stroke patients, pediatric patients, and behavioral health.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: St. Francis Medical Center, 601 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08629

Description of Request: St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) serves an underserved inner-city population in an aging facility. The funding amount of \$350,000 listed in H.R. 3293 will be used to replace outdated information technology equipment and infrastructure and medical equipment which will help improve the efficiency of operations and the quality of care provided to patients.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Beth Medrash Govoha, 617 6th Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: Beth Medrash Govoha will use the amount of \$150,000 listed in H.R. 3293 to expand and revamp career and job skills counseling and job training at the institution which will assist students and graduates in a difficult job market and will suggest economic development particularly in the region.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education—National Projects

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read (National Project), 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129

Description of Request: Reach Out and Read (ROR), a national project, will use the amount of \$4,965,000 listed in H.R. 3293 to promote early language, literacy development and school readiness in infants and young children throughout the United States. Pediatricians and other health care providers who interact with parents in the very early years of their children's development will serve as a guide and encouragement for parents and will send families home from each doctor's visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, there are eight clinical locations serving over 12,500 children annually in the 4th District of New Jersey.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING COLONEL DANA R. HURST FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Dana R. Hurst has served in the United States Army since 1982; and

Whereas, Dana R. Hurst has commanded the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, providing leadership and guidance across the Ohio River Basin; and

Whereas, Dana R. Hurst has served in Korea, Kuwait, and across the United States; and

Whereas, Dana R. Hurst is the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; and

Whereas, Col. Hurst's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Corps of Engineers, and the United States Army; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and acknowledge Colonel Dana R. Hurst for his contributions to his community and our great nation.

**EARMARK DECLARATION**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. POE 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 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 3080 College Street, Beaumont, TX 77701

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 in funding for Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas to help renovate their 40 year old Behavioral Health Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lamar University

Address of Requesting Entity: 4400 MLK Boulevard, P.O. Box 10119, Beaumont, TX 77710

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 in funding for Lamar University's Community and University Partnership Service (CUPS) to coordinate, plan, and promote quality healthcare for underserved populations in Southeast Texas. CUPS will provide critical access to resources and expertise for quality healthcare coupled with traditional community-based delivery systems through efficient utilization of University resources and partnerships.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Digital Workforce Academy

Address of Requesting Entity: 2209 Rosewood Drive, 1st Floor, Austin, TX 78702

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 in funding for the Digital Workforce Academy to help retool and train individuals for the skilled and highly demanding jobs required to take on the sophisticated construction, pipe fitting, welding, and related skill sets to participate in the petrochemical infrastructure expansion occurring in Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange, TX. The Academy focuses primarily on the underserved, the overlooked, the unemployed.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. SMITH 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 the FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Act

Account: RDTE, Navy

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 \$1,500,000 for the University of Texas at Austin for next Generation Manufacturing Processes and Systems. This initiative will establish a research and education program for enhancing U.S. competitiveness in flexible, rapid response manufacturing. This program addresses national security issues in addition to developing a strong domestic engineering workforce (in both manufacturing and design) and a means for U.S. industry to maintain and enhance an important capability in the world manufacturing marketplace. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Act

Account: RDTE, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Trauma Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 16500 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 350 San Antonio, TX 78232

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,500,000 for the National Trauma Institute. In the U.S., hemorrhage is responsible for 30% to 40% of deaths following a traumatic injury. Funding would be used to develop techniques to manage noncompressible hemorrhages following combat injury. If advances are funded it seems likely that the rates of late complications and mortality from noncompressible hemorrhage will be decreased and outcomes improved, resulting in a direct and positive impact on the survivability of soldiers with battlefield injuries. I certify that nei-

ther I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF FORT BELVOIR'S FAIRFAX VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center at Fort Belvoir. Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center is the fourth of five centers to be built and will be the "greenest" building on Fort Belvoir.

Under the U.S. Army's Residential Community Initiative, a 50-year public-private partnership was created to develop, rehabilitate and construct thousands of homes on 576 acres of land at Fort Belvoir. Environmental concerns have played a major role in this endeavor. Throughout the planning, design and construction, the goal has been to create environmentally friendly, vibrant neighborhoods while reducing the developmental footprint. This would be accomplished by incorporating the construction of neighborhood centers, improved streetscaping and walkable retail destinations within each village. Every new home that has been built is Energy STAR certified, thereby improving energy efficiency and reducing utility costs for our military families. Over 1,000 trees have been preserved during construction and upon completion another 4,000 trees will have been added.

Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center has exceeded community and environmental goals and will serve as a new benchmark for sustainable construction on other military installations. The building utilizes a geothermal heat system, photovoltaic solar panels and efficient lighting controls to help minimize energy consumption. This facility is the very first military project to receive the LEED Platinum Ranking for New Construction.

Equally as important as the environmental accomplishments, Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center will provide significant educational and recreational benefits to the children and families who live at Fort Belvoir. The facility includes a butterfly garden, a sustainable playground and related amenities. The neighborhood center itself will serve as a town center and will foster a sense of community where residents can gather with their friends, families and neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfax Village Neigh-

borhood Center and to support similar infrastructure investments that improve the quality of life for our military personnel and their families while promoting a healthy environment.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 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. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Operations and Maintenance, Army National Guard (2060)

Project Funding Amount: \$2,900,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 82 Marine Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Description of Request: The Florida National Guard has the foremost Counterdrug Program in the nation. Florida is a key gateway for drugs entering the Southeastern United States. These Drug Supply Reduction efforts support Federal, State, and Local partners in numerous initiatives that resulted in the seizure of more than \$2.6 billion in narcotics and drug related assets in FY08. The program also leads Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) efforts by presenting its nationally recognized, anti-drug curriculums to more than 98,000 school-aged children during the last year alone. Utilizing mobile training teams and traditional residential classes, the Florida Counterdrug Training Academy continues to provide law enforcement and community coalition students valuable procedural and technical training, that many of them would otherwise not be able to receive or afford. Annual contributions of the Florida National Guard Counterdrug Program equate to a taxpayer return of \$233 for each \$1 spent. Requested funding will ensure continued successful execution of the President's and Governor's counter-narcotics initiatives, operationally posture the program to meet evolving threats, and ensure the re-employment of Florida National Guard Counterdrug Members returning from deployment in support of the "War on Terrorism".

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

- 9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation. SR-418
- 10 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. SD-406
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-342
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226
- Foreign Relations  
Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Pakistan's internally displace persons (IDP) crisis. SD-419
- 2 p.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine medical research and education. SD-562
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel R. Elliott, III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be As-

sistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. SR-253

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps. SD-419

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance. SD-538

## Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. SD-138

## 3 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. SD-342

JULY 30

## 9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John M. McHugh, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, Joseph W. Westphal, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Juan M. Garcia III, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense. SD-106

## 10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on assessing economic sanctions and other United States policy options. SD-538

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine climate change and national security. SD-406

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a comprehensive strategy for Sudan. SD-419

2:15 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the increase of gang activity in Indian country. SD-628

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine climate services, focusing on solutions from commerce to communities. SR-253

3 p.m.

## Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies. SD-106

## Judiciary

## Constitution Subcommittee

Business meeting to consider S. J. Res. 7, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of Senators. SD-226

AUGUST 3

2 p.m.

Environment and Public Works  
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting the Chesapeake Bay, focusing on reauthorizing the Chesapeake Bay Program. SD-406

AUGUST 4

10:30 a.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine children in disasters, focusing on evacuation planning and mental health recovery. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Performance Rights Act and parity among music delivery platforms. SD-226

AUGUST 6

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

## Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on employment-based immigration to protect America's economy while protecting America's workforce. SD-226

## Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration. SR-428A