

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.

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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.