

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Butler Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Butler Community College, El Dorado, KS, for the purchase of equipment in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Community College, 901 South Haverhill Road, El Dorado, KS 67042.

This funding will allow for the purchase of equipment to facilitate training necessary to model, render and interact with 3-D objects in the fields of architecture, bio-medicine, engineering, manufacturing, and unmanned aircraft systems.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Coffeyville Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, KS, for their Native American Center, including the purchase of equipment, in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Coffeyville Community College, 400 West 11th, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

This funding will provide for equipment and technology, travel and operating expenses necessary to plan, establish, train educators, recruit students, and fundraise for the Native American Center and scholarship program.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—University of Kansas Medical School—Wichita

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita (KUSM—Wichita) for development of the Clinical Skills Simulation Laboratory, including curriculum development and purchase of equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is KUSM—Wichita, 1010 North Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$1,000,000 for the World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic in Wichita, KS, for facilities and equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is World Impact's Good Samaritan Clinic at 3701 E. 13th Street, Wichita, KS 67208.

The funding would be used to expand and renovate its facilities to address the dramatic growth in medical and dental needs of the impoverished.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill. This legislation provides a total of \$730.5 billion, including \$163.4 billion in discretionary funds, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. In the current economic crisis, this bill makes vital investments to improve job training, shore up our Nation's health and social safety nets, and provide the educational opportunities that are critical to the nation's longer-term prosperity.

With health care reform looming in Congress, H.R. 3293 is a step in the right direction to provide a health care safety net to nearly 50 million people with no insurance and another 16 million who are underinsured. This bill includes \$603.5 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including funding for Medicare and Medicaid. H.R. 3293 provides \$73.7 billion in discretionary funds, including \$2.2 billion for community health centers, \$2.3 billion for AIDS initiatives, \$6.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and \$31.3 billion for critical research at the National Institutes of Health.

During this economic downturn, H.R. 3293 makes important investments to help Americans get back to work. This bill provides almost \$16 billion for the Department of Labor, including \$100 million for low-income youth education and job training, \$1.4 billion for Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities, and \$265 million in veterans' job training. In addition, the bill provides \$135 million for the Career Pathways Innovation Fund to provide new competitive grants for community colleges and local adult education providers for initiatives that prepare workers for careers in high demand and emerging industries.

I am particularly pleased that this bill makes significant investments in the Department of Education. As the only former state schools chief serving in Congress, I understand the devastating impact education cuts have had on our Nation's school systems. This bill includes \$14.5 billion in Title I grants to local districts, \$1.4 billion in Innovation and Improvement, \$12.6 billion for special education, and \$19.7 billion for student financial assistance including Pell Grants.

As the representative of Fort Bragg, however, I am concerned that this bill again underfunds Federal Impact Aid, which helps support the education needs of federally-connected students. The bill provides \$1.3 billion, which is less than two-thirds of the full funding

needs for Impact Aid. As Fort Bragg expands through the BRAC process, military children represent a significant burden to communities in Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, and Sampson Counties, and current funding is insufficient. Impact Aid allows school districts to use funds for either operating expenses or capital expenditures, yet by the Department of Education's own admission these funds are barely enough to support current expenditures for educating federally connected students. I hope that this flaw in an otherwise excellent bill will be improved in conference.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 3293 is fiscally responsible and represents the priorities of the American people. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

IN APPRECIATION OF JOHN
CARVER'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, mention John Carver's name on the San Francisco Peninsula and, odds are, you will be met with a smile. The long-time resident, business executive and philanthropist has helped more people than even he is aware and has shaped his community through his generosity, his leadership and his time.

John was born in Oakland and moved to the Peninsula with his family as a boy. After graduating from Stanford University, he married the love of his life, Susan Haigh Carver. Together, they raised three children, Thomas, Amy and Jonathan and have since been blessed with seven grandchildren: Jessica, Matthew, Christian, Ian, Caleb, Danika and Liam. This year, John and Susan will celebrate fifty years of marriage.

To know John Carver is to be in awe of him. His sense of humor is legendary and, while I did not know him as a young man, seeing John at 75 makes me only wonder what energy and passion he must have exhibited in his twenties and thirties.

John worked in retail most of his professional career, serving stints at Macy's, JC Penney and Bullock's. But John's home and heart was with the Gap, helping build the locally-based retailer into the global powerhouse it is today. For more than 25 years, John served in a variety of positions and it is through his work at the Gap that so many came to know his generosity, good-nature and phenomenal leadership abilities.

Madam Speaker, I have come to know John well in recent years, being privileged to serve with him on the board of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, an organization that is responsible for pumping more than \$70 million into worthy causes and non-profits around the Bay Area. But John's community involvement hardly stops there. He has also given his time, resources and knowledge to organizations as diverse as the Thacher School, Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation, Family Service Agency of San Mateo County, Hillsborough Beautification Foundation, SF Jobs for Youth, Coyote Point Museum, American Cancer Society, and A Better Chance.

John's greatest impact, however, might very well be the thoughtful and patient mentoring

he has provided for dozens of Bay Area men and women. Whether it is career advice, help in making an important decision, or just sharing the wisdom of a man who has done it all, John is eager to help and always more than generous with his time.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to call John Carver my friend and fortunate to represent him in the United States Congress. My only wish is that our earth was blessed with more John Carvers.

HONORING MARTHA DODD
BUONANNO'S LIFE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved friend of mine and many in this body, Martha Dodd Buonanno.

Martha Buonanno would best like to be remembered as a mother, grandmother, and wife. She died after a brief illness on July 6, 2009. Her five children, Helena, Bernard, Carolyn, Jody, and Margaret, and 17 grandchildren surrounded their father Bernard Buonanno crying and laughing as they celebrated the life of this remarkable woman.

Her love of family and children led her to volunteer for many worthy organizations in Rhode Island. She was a mentor in Providence public schools with the VIPS program; she served on the boards of the Providence Preservation Society and the RI Association of the Blind. She was proud to chair the research center at the University of Connecticut that had been named in honor of her father: Thomas J. Dodd.

Martha and I became friends more than 50 years ago at Trinity College in Washington, DC. We shared in common that we both came from political families—in fact, when we first met, both of our fathers were running for Senate.

But our friendship grew over many years because we had so much more in common: Martha loved to travel, she loved to laugh, and always, Martha loved Democratic politics. In fact, Martha volunteered on every single one of her brother, Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD's, campaigns. She adored all her siblings: CHRIS, Tom, Carolyn, Jeremy, Nick.

Martha Dodd Buonanno had a strong connection to this House, where her father and her brother served. She lived and raised her family in Providence and was admired by our colleagues PATRICK KENNEDY and JIM LANGEVIN, and Senators JACK REED and SHELDON WHITEHOUSE. Her roots were in Connecticut and Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO and Congressmen JOHN LARSON, JOE COURTNEY, and CHRIS MURPHY join me in expressing condolences to the Buonanno and Dodd families.

It is a fitting tribute to Martha's life that more than 3,000 people attended her wake, lining the streets for more than seven hours. Her funeral mass was moved from her parish to another simply to be able to accommodate everyone. Those who came to pay their last respects to Martha included Vice President BIDEN, United States Senators, and a Governor; but Martha would have been equally proud to know that children that she tutored, neighbors from her block, and friends from growing up joined that day. As I know well, when Martha made a friend, she stayed friends with them forever.

Although Martha was always a sparkling personality, she became even more so when she met Bernie. Their love, and their children and grandchildren, are her lasting legacy.

I hope it is a consolation to her family that all of her classmates at Trinity College loved her for more than 50 years, and will miss her.

I am honored to place in the RECORD the extraordinary eulogy of her beloved brother, Senator CHRIS DODD, which captures her spirit and honors her life.

A TRIBUTE TO MY FABULOUS SISTER MARTHA
(By Christopher J. Dodd)

Before sharing some brief comments about my sister Martha, I want to observe that anything I say will only pale in comparison to the incredible comments of Martha and Bernie's children, and the outpouring of love and friendship that over 3,000 people shared for over 7 hours at last evening's wake.

It was obviously a great tribute to Martha—but it is also a great tribute to all who waited for hours to say good by to this bright, shining lady.

Now, let me begin with the obvious: My sister Martha is one fabulous gal!

And so we gather today to celebrate the life of a spectacular wife, a devoted mother, an over-the-top grandmother, a trusted fiend, a tireless community activist, a political confidant, an amazing spark plug of a woman, and the best sister a sibling could ever hope to have.

When most people lose loved ones, they instinctively wish they could have had just a little more time with them. The Dodds and the Buonannos were lucky enough to be with Martha constantly in the last days of her life.

And those last days were beautiful. Even as I say these words, they sound so inherently contradictory.

Yet for a little more than a week, my sister insisted on spending time alone with each of her five children and their spouses, each of her 17 grandchildren, each of her five siblings, as many of her close friends as were available, and, of course, Bernie.

How many of us have lost someone without ever having a chance to say goodbye, or the chance to tell them how much they meant to us?

Martha left us with remarkable dignity, grace, and courage. She had the incredible gift of deep, deep faith. She was truly at peace.

And even though Martha has left us, we remain brightly lit by the incandescent life she led. Frankly, as sad as we are today, it's hard not to be overwhelmed with joy and love when we think about a life filled with such vitality and vigor, curiosity and compassion.

Martha was a few years older than me. At least, that was the case until about twenty years ago. I was always the younger brother until one night at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, when she introduced me as her older, white-haired brother.

But, for most of our lives, she made for one heck of a big sister.

I learned early how special my sister Martha was.

One summer afternoon, decades ago, we were about to head off for a family vacation. Our bags were packed, the station wagon was full, and all of us were itching to get out of town—but Martha's 8th-grade championship softball game was running late. So we all waited together and watched.

In the bottom of the ninth, with the bases loaded and her team behind, my sister Martha hit a grand slam home run to win the game and the championship.

As I sat next to her on that car trip for our family vacation, I was filled with the kind of awe you only feel when you're a fourth-grader with the requisite dreams of being a sports hero and you've just watched your twelve-year-old sister win the big game.

Every time I drive by that softball field in West Hartford, Connecticut, I can't help but think back to the day I officially, and forever after was dazzled by my big sister.

Nothing Martha ever did was shy or tentative. When she was just a toddler, during World War II, she once devoured our entire family's monthly ration of butter. And when our father wrote home from Nuremberg, Germany, in 1945, he always made sure to ask how "Miss Butter" was doing.

Over the years, Martha never lost her love of a good meal, but the most important part of any meal, any occasion for that matter, was always the company with which she enjoyed it.

If Martha were your dinner partner, you never had a better or more enjoyable time in your life. She was that much fun.

Like most people with a vibrant spirit and a contagious personality, she made a lot of friends in her life.

If you asked her, she'd tell you that our sister Carolyn was her best friend in the world. Martha had a lot of great friends, because when she made friends, she kept them forever.

I want to acknowledge the presence of several of my Senate colleagues who were with us last evening and today.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi is here with us today. She and Martha became friends in college, and have been close ever since.

I have never known two people who were better friends to their friends than my sister Martha and her friend Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi.

I want to also thank my good friend, and a Martha Dodd Buonanno fan, Vice President, Joe Biden, for making the effort to be with us yesterday.

Here also with us today are friends from high school, friends from college, friends she made during her 45 years in Rhode Island, and friends she accumulated at every stop along the way.

Martha was fiercely loyal and compulsively competitive.

She was a natural politico. She was involved and present in every part of every campaign I ever ran for Congress or the United States Senate. She was my unflinching advocate, my unyielding supporter.

And when I ran for President—a very brief run, you may recall—she showed up all over South Carolina, Iowa, and New Hampshire—and anywhere else there was a debate or forum or town hall meeting.

No matter where we were, she put the hard sell on anyone she encountered.

Even as her health was failing last week, she promised me that she would tear into any opponents I might have from wherever she was.

And in light of my present political circumstances, I told her there'd be no lack of opportunity to use her talents.

However, along with Martha's loyalty came the requirement that you stay true to yourself. So, she had no problem calling me anytime to tell me in no uncertain terms when I was screwing up.

Once, she called me and practically jumped through the phone. "Why did you vote with Jesse Helms?" she asked.

I asked her, "Well, what issue are you talking about?"

"I don't care WHAT the issue is! I just can't believe you voted with Jesse Helms!"

It is important to point out that Martha could be non-partisan in her outrage. She had a similar outburst once when I voted with my friend Bella Abzug!

When she was in her last days in the hospital in Boston, I received a very kind phone call from President Barack Obama, who was concerned about her failing health and wanted me to pass along his and the First Lady's thoughts and prayers.

After the call, I walked back into Martha's hospital room, and said in the presence of her family that I had just received a very important phone call—but I didn't want to be a name-dropper.