

States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved: Rick Perry, *Governor.*

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

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

Account: USAF, Research and Development
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Atomics Aeronautical Systems

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

Description of Request: I was able to secure \$1,500,000 million for the Predator C. In July 2008, I took a trip to Iraq and Afghanistan to assess the current conditions on the ground. In a meeting with General David D. McKiernan, former Commander of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and former Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A), he emphasized that the most important tools needed to successfully conduct operations are more "eyes in the sky," also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV). Most importantly, this request will help save lives through better intelligence gathering and greater strike capabilities. Furthermore, Predator C means more jobs contributing to San Diego's local economy. Predator C will provide the USAF and other customers with an additional covert capability, enhanced by much higher operational and transit speeds for quick response and quick repositioning for improved mission flexibility and survivability.

THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, as the Representative of the Eighth Congressional District of Washington, it is my privilege to serve a vibrant cross-section of citizens in both rural and urban settings. And in some cases, I represent residents who are making a swift transition between the two. This is especially true of Sammamish, a city of 40,000 that was recently named by Money magazine as the 12th "best place to live" in the entire country.

I rise today to congratulate Sammamish on this great and well-deserved achievement. Nestled neatly on the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish and surrounded by a mix of urban, rural and beautiful open spaces, Sammamish is as beautiful as it sounds.

Some of the qualities noted for their newly-awarded distinction include the excellent schools, safe neighborhoods and beautiful natural setting of the city. Of course, since I often have the opportunity to visit Sammamish, I can definitely attest to that truth. Historically a place of timber and agriculture, Sammamish, barely ten years old, has impressed the entire Pacific Northwest region with its rapid, elegant and responsible development. The quality of life, the political leadership and the energy of its residents make Sammamish a very special place.

Perhaps most impressively, Sammamish has invested heavily in infrastructure and an expanding menu of city services without undermining its financial footing. Through careful budgeting and long-term planning, Sammamish is moving ahead without leaving responsible habits behind. As evidence, Sammamish recently received Standard and Poor's highest bond rating—AAA.

I am proud to represent such a city in Congress and look forward to continue working with Sammamish residents and elected leaders to continue to make it one of the best places to live long into the future. Working cooperatively, the residents and leaders of Sammamish have created an exceptional place to live and visit in a short period of time. I congratulate Mayor Don Gerend, the city council and staff and residents of Sammamish for creating such a wonderful place to live for long-time residents and newcomers, alike.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF JIM MCCANN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure I rise to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Jim McCann.

For several decades, Jim served the Central Ohio community as the principal of Westerville North High School, passionately dedicating himself to the education of thousands. We all should strive to make a difference in this world, and Jim brought a remarkable level of energy and decency to his job, winning admiration from the community for his commitment to "The Warrior Way."

After retiring, Jim continued to give back to the youth of Central Ohio by serving as a chairman of my academy selection board. From that position, Jim took an active role in mentoring applicants, often staying in touch with them years after their first interview. To this day, Jim continues to serve his community in a number of civic committees, while also still educating and guiding many youths in the Westerville and Central Ohio area through his home school program.

Through commendable volunteer work and civic leadership, Jim stands as a pillar of the Westerville, Ohio community. Therefore, I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for our area.

I offer my congratulations to Jim McCann for a career spent in service to others. I hope the spirit he daily brings forth in his life and work continues to inspire us to action and a renewed commitment to our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

West Chester University's Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, West Chester, PA—\$150,000 to create the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, which will sponsor faculty-led teams of students to provide the expertise start-up small businesses need to succeed; at the same time, students will learn the skills they need to become entrepreneurs. The project will encourage the development of emerging small businesses.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH L. TUCKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ruth L. Tucker on the celebration of her 100th birthday on July 22, 2009.

Ruth was an aspiring writer and a teacher at Pisgah country school. Her reputation as a quality teacher and writer has been recognized at Winterset High School where the Ruth L. Tucker Writing Award scholarship has been established in her honor. Ruth is known for her hospitality and being an excellent cook. She is also a member of the United Methodist Church in Winterset, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Ruth's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Ruth has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Ruth Tucker for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Ruth in the United States Congress and I wish her happiness and health in her future years.

RECOGNIZING MS. ABIGAIL ALLEN, MY FIRST NOMINEE TO THE HOUSE PAGE PROGRAM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of Ms. Abigail Allen,