

Mr. Bacon is survived by his wife, the former Darcy Wheeler, and his daughters, Katharine and Sarah; his father, Theodore S. Bacon of Peterborough, N.H.; and his brother, Douglas A. Bacon of Concord, Mass.

To Mr. Bacon, being a refugee was something that could happen to anybody at any time.

"Even blue-blooded WASPs were refugees at one time; mine came over from England in 1630, fleeing debts for all I know," he said.

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REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL MOURNS THE
DEATH OF KENNETH H. BACON

WASHINGTON, DC.—With grief and a deep sense of loss, Refugees International announces that Kenneth H. Bacon, President of Refugees International, died this morning from an aggressive melanoma that spread into his brain. Mr. Bacon, who became President of Refugees International in 2001 and was only 64 years old at the time of his death, devoted the final years of his life to building the organization into the leading advocacy group on refugee crises.

"Ken Bacon was an extraordinary human being. He led by example and dedicated his efforts to help those most vulnerable—refugees and displaced persons across the globe," said Farooq Kathwari, Chair of the Board of Directors of Refugees International. "We are inspired by his passion, his integrity, his humility, and the dignity with which he faced the inevitable. We will sorely miss our friend and colleague."

Under Mr. Bacon's leadership, Refugees International doubled in size and grew from an organization that largely sounded the alarm on the latest refugee crisis to a program built on sustained advocacy to transform unwieldy and often ineffective international systems. During his tenure, the organization successfully advocated for increased protection and assistance for displaced people in places like Darfur and Iraq, where he focused much of his own work, as well as in Afghanistan, Burma, the DR Congo, Colombia, and Thailand. Mr. Bacon also launched new advocacy programs on peacekeeping and statelessness.

In the last few months of his life, Mr. Bacon turned his passion towards the growing threat of climate displacement. Just a few weeks prior to his death, he and his wife Darcy provided a generous donation to establish the Ken and Darcy Bacon Center for the Study of Climate Displacement.

"Ken's death is an enormous loss—to his family, his friends, and Refugees International. All of us here will miss his leadership, his kindness, and his quiet passion," said Joel Charny acting president of Refugees International. "He never stopped looking for new ways to bring attention to the millions of people who have been uprooted by violence and conflict. The world's most vulnerable people have lost one of their most tireless advocates."

In 2004, Mr. Bacon made Darfur his primary regional focus before throngs of activists and celebrities began calling for support to the region. In 2005, he accompanied UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to Darfur, and he met with Sudanese President Al-Bashir in 2007 to push for a ceasefire and greater access for relief workers in Darfur. Over the years, he travelled to Darfur four times, wrote op-ed pieces, conducted media interviews and testified to Congress in his trademark bowtie, participated in think-tank working groups, debated the merits of military action with journalists and humanitarian workers and gave advice to the leaders of the grassroots movements that made Darfur a household name. These efforts helped lead to the substantial funding the

U.S. has provided for aid to the people of Darfur and to African Union and United Nations peacekeepers in the region.

"Ken would walk the corridors of power one day and then meet with refugees in the most remote areas of Darfur the next. His unique mixture of expertise in the media, military affairs, and U.S. government policy, added to his compassion for vulnerable refugees, made him one of the great voices in humanitarian advocacy," continued Charny. "Ken always saw the best in people. His ability to connect with nearly everyone he met made it possible for him to convince officials at the highest levels of government and the United Nations to make the necessary changes to save lives and protect people from harm."

In 2006, Mr. Bacon pushed Refugees International to investigate the plight of Iraqi refugees at a time when no one was willing to acknowledge or speak out about this matter. Drawing on the findings of Refugees International's field research teams, Mr. Bacon was a leader in pushing the U.S. government and the UN to recognize the world's fastest growing refugee crisis at that time. His advocacy with senior administration officials and key members of Congress, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, was instrumental in achieving extensive press coverage and policy discussions on Iraqi displacement, the creation of a State Department task force on the problem, a sharp increase in international assistance for displaced Iraqis, and greater numbers of Iraqis being resettled in this country.

Mr. Bacon wrote a few months before his death, "When I came to Refugees International in 2001, I planned to stay for several years and then retire or move on to teaching or writing, but the challenge of the work and the commitment of the staff are too exciting to leave." When he thanked people for their support of the organization, he regularly noted, "We have a lot to do."

In 1994, Mr. Bacon became Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and Pentagon spokesman. During the U.S. and NATO operations in Kosovo, Mr. Bacon became convinced that the world needed more people working to stop human rights abuses and to assist people displaced by man-made and natural disasters. He became president of Refugees International in 2001 to help further that goal.

From 1969 to 1994 Mr. Bacon worked as a reporter and editor at The Wall Street Journal. Mr. Bacon received his Bachelor's degree from Amherst College, and a Master's degree in Business Administration and Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, his brother and his father. The board and staff of Refugees International express their deepest condolences to his family and friends.

A memorial service will take place in Washington, DC in September and forthcoming details will be posted on the Refugees International website. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has designated Refugees International for memorial contributions in honor of Mr. Bacon. For more information, go to <http://www.refugeesinternational.org/ken-bacon>.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

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

Entity Requesting: Exotic-Electro-Optics, 36570 Briggs Road, Murrieta, CA 92563.

Description of Earmark: \$3,000,000 is provided and will be utilized from the Advanced Materials for Weapon Systems program solely for the purpose of completing the research started in FY08 to address the challenges of EMI-shielding for large panel sapphire windows for the EOTS sensor and to ensure production-ready domestic sources for defense critical materials required for the production of the Joint Strike Fighter. This aircraft has been designed to be an affordable and stealthy tactical aircraft for the 21st century.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—Materials: Total- \$525,000; Labor: Total—\$2,528,202.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Defense Production Act

Entity Requesting: Surmet Precision Optics, 41618 Eastman Drive, Murrieta, CA 92562.

Description of Earmark: \$3,000,000 is provided in the legislation to meet the objective of the overall program which creates components for major defense acquisition programs, such as Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, C-17 aircraft, Small Diameter Bomb II (SDB-II), Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), and Joint Air to Ground Missile (JAGM).

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—During the previous years' effort, Surmet provided a 10–20 percent in-kind contribution to funding received from the Title III. Breakdown of the total FY10 program cost is projected as follows:

60 percent will go towards labor for design, production and evaluation of a large quantity of components. They anticipate an addition of 10 positions for this effort;

35 percent will go towards raw materials and equipment; and

5 percent will go towards infrastructure improvements.

HONORING ALLISON JACOBS FOR
HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Officer Allison Jacobs of Brentwood for her work unraveling an 18-year-old case and helping reunite a long-separated family. By acting on their instincts, Officer Jacobs, and her colleague Lisa Campbell, were able to serve justice by acting on suspicious behavior that resulted in removing an innocent mother and her two young children from a monstrous situation.

11-year-old Jaycee Dugard was tragically kidnapped on her way to school. For 18 years, she was subjected to unspeakable abuse. Ms. Dugard was denied contact with the outside world, and had it not been for Officer Jacobs' outstanding performance of her duties, the

abuse for Jaycee and her daughters would have continued indefinitely.

Allison Jacobs' and Lisa Campbell's intuition, combined with an effective utilization of their training, saved innocent people from further harm, led to the removal of a dangerous person from our streets, and reunited a family torn apart by a deranged criminal. I have the highest regard and admiration for their actions and am proud to represent such an outstanding officer.

TRUMBULL HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN
EAGLE MARCHING BAND

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of the Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band and its esteemed director, Peter Horton.

The Golden Eagles have had a remarkable year. Their numerous accomplishments include a distinguished season of competitions, participating in the Hollywood Santa Parade, and performing nationally on the ABC show Good Morning America.

I was very proud to support their participation in the 56th Inaugural Parade. The Golden Eagles represented Connecticut during this momentous occasion in our nation's history and created memories that will last a lifetime.

These accomplished students have not only continued to distinguish themselves musically, they have also shown their commitment to public service. This year, the band organized the collection of almost 4,000 coats for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, a non-profit dedicated to providing aid and services to the urban poor and addicted. I applaud these efforts, and believe the students of the Golden Eagle Marching Band to be outstanding role models to the young people of our Nation.

While the Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band is lucky to count such talented students as members, these achievements would not have been possible without the direction and commitment of their director Peter Horton. In celebrating his 20 years as band director, I am thankful for Peter's service and dedication to the community, the school, and above all, the students. He has left an indelible mark on the minds of all those who have been given the opportunity to learn under his care, and reminded us all of the importance and value of musical education.

This fall, the band will be hosting its 27th Annual Trumbull Golden Eagle Marching Band Classic competition on Saturday, October 3, 2009. As many as 18 bands from the surrounding area will once again converge on Trumbull to compete. I wish the Golden Eagles and Peter Horton good luck, and congratulate them on their impressive achievements thus far.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leader-

ship standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY 2010.

Name of Requesting Member: J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: HR 3326

Account Number: 0603001A 29 Warfighter Advanced Technology

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Greenwood Mills, Inc., 300 Morgan Avenue, Greenwood, South Carolina, 29646.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$1.5 million of funding for Improved Thermal Resistant Nylon for Enhanced Durability and Thermal Protection in Combat Uniforms. The objective of this program is to develop increased thermal protection for our soldiers due to the changing improvised explosive device (IED) threat. This program will develop and provide flame resistant combat uniforms with proven performance and enhanced durability to ensure comfort and safety to the deployed forces and cost-savings to the DOD. This program aims to develop a nylon product with increased ignition resistance and self-extinguishing performance for protection against extremely high intensity, short duration exposure to blast effects and low intensity flash fires. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR.
AND MRS. RICHARD AND MYRNA
WHITNER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on August 8, 2009, Richard "Preacher" Church Whitner and his wife Myrna Allen Whitner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In 1959, they were married in Moncks Corner, South Carolina—Myrna's hometown. Preacher hails from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

As long time friends, I want to congratulate Preacher and Myrna of Indigo Run on Hilton Head Island on five decades of marriage and wish them many more years of health and happiness.

RUSS KIMBALL NAMED TO
FLORIDA TOURISM HALL OF FAME

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Russ Kimball, the General Manager of the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, Florida, since its opening more than 30 years ago, was inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame last month.

Russ is not only a constituent and good friend, but he is one of our community's most respected business leaders and experts in the tourism industry. He is the longest serving

member on the Pinellas Tourist Development Council, which oversees an industry in Pinellas County that welcomes 13.5 million visitors to our community annually and generates almost \$7.0 billion for our local economy.

Russ is an outstanding businessman but he runs his business as if his employees are his family. That explains why his hotel has one of the longest serving staffs of any establishment in Florida and our nation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Russ Kimball on this great honor for all his work and his leadership in Florida tourism. He joins some of the greats of this industry including Walt Disney in being honored by his peers for his hard-work and vision in making Florida not only a national but an international tourist destination.

HONORING MAMIE GEORGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Mrs. Mamie George—a very special woman who devoted her life to serving those in Fort Bend County, Texas.

Mamie is remembered as a gracious and selfless community servant and philanthropist. In 1896, she married Albert George, and they began to grow the thriving 22,000 acre George Ranch, in Richmond, Texas. With the fortune that they created, they set out on a lifetime of helping those around them. Having no living children of her own, Mamie was famous for making everyone feel like family, regardless of social status or race. She was very active in her own church and began studying the financial needs of other churches throughout Richmond. Overwhelmed by the need, she was inspired to create the George Foundation, a private charitable trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes for the residents of Fort Bend County.

To date, the foundation has made well over \$50 million in grants to Texas organizations, ministries, humanitarian and educational foundations.

The legacy of Mamie George will long live on through the organizations that are supported by her generous contributions. I am honored to recognize her years of service here on the floor of the House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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 Education Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)