

Requesting Entity: Pulmonary Hypertension Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910

I have supported strengthening Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) education for over ten years; and for this reason and for the third year in a row, I have requested funding to strengthen and continue a successful partnership between the non-profit Pulmonary Hypertension Association and the Centers for Disease Control. PH is a serious and often fatal condition where the blood pressure in the lungs rises to dangerously high levels. In PH patients the walls of the arteries that take blood from the right side of the heart to the lungs thicken and constrict. As a result, the right side of the heart has to pump harder to move blood into the lungs, causing it to enlarge and ultimately fail.

This request will allow the partners to continue to develop a pulmonary hypertension awareness program to better educate the medical community and the public about the disease, and lead to earlier diagnosis and longer life spans.

The \$250,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to continue two components in the fight against pulmonary hypertension: the PHA Online University, a curriculum-based website for medical professionals, and a significant expansion of PHAware, a grassroots media campaign.

I also appreciate the Committee's support through report language encouraging further collaboration and research efforts on pulmonary hypertension within government agencies. The efforts of these organizations on issues including lung transplantation, the establishment of a PH Clinical Research Network and the increase in pulmonary hypertension diagnoses related to the abuse of methamphetamine will further our understanding of this disease.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: SHSU Regional Crime Lab

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Requesting Entity: Sam Houston State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1803 Avenue I, Huntsville, TX 77341

Law enforcement agencies in rural communities experience long waits and backlogs when requesting services from major cities like Houston. This request allows Sam Houston State University—one of the nation's foremost criminal justice universities—to use its expertise in forensic science to begin operations of the Regional Crime Laboratory started with funding I previously secured. This lab will provide important forensics services to local law enforcement such as identification of controlled substances, toxicology screening and fingerprint matching. The lab will be able to serve communities in a 75-mile wide area.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to staff the SHSU Regional Crime Lab and make it operational for serving regional law enforcement agencies. Specific budget items include: capital outlays (54%); salaries and benefits for laboratory staff (37%); lab supplies (8%); and sub-contracts for staff training (1%).

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican earmark standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Florida MEP)

Address of Receiving Entity: 1180 Celebration Blvd., Suite 103, Celebration, FL 34747

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 in funding in H.R. 3228, in the Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services account for Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Celebration, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to deploy the proven Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T.) program in Florida. The program is a three-phase rapid training and job placement initiative in which nearly 100 percent of trainees who successfully complete the 2-week Phase I receive job offers from the participating manufacturers.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the program provides skills to veterans, the disadvantaged, and TANF families that lead to jobs and medical coverage, a capability that does not exist in current training programs.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities Construction and Equipment

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Shands HealthCare

Address of Receiving Entity: 720 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 360A, Gainesville, FL 32601

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 in funding in H.R. 3228, in the Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account for the purchase of equipment.

The purpose of this funding is to purchase a biplane angiography system at Shands Jacksonville to continue to maintain the expert quality of care for its Level One trauma center and its JCAHO Accredited Stroke Service. This biplane angiography system will improve patient care, enhance operational efficiency, and replace outdated equipment.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because funding will help purchase a biplane angiography system that will allow physicians to accurately visualize clots or other vascular abnormalities. This will reduce diagnostic and procedure time while helping to avoid more invasive procedures.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

#### HONORING ROBERT G. KIGGANS

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert G. Kiggans of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, and fellow alumnus of the Citadel, for a lifetime of distinguished leadership and service to the citizens of our State and our country. From his early days as a cadet at the Citadel to his current position as chief operating officer and president of the South Carolina Research Authority's, SCRA, Federal Sector, Bob has led an exemplary life and maintained a steadfast work ethic. His contributions to South Carolina and the United States in the fields of advanced computer and data technologies, program and technical management, manufacturing technologies, and command and control systems is recognized internationally. He is the embodiment of what makes America strong.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from the Citadel—where he excelled in both academics and athletics, achieving All-Time Letterman status as a member of the men's basketball team—Bob earned his master's degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, Bob served his country as a navigator on B-52 model aircraft with the United States Air Force, operating from bases in Southeast Asia. He also directed advanced computer technology programs for the Air Force Strategic Command, SAC, including the development of a multi-million dollar automated executive information system, as well as other assignments. Having served his country with distinction, Bob retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. After his military experience, Bob served as the deputy director of the Information Science and Technology Office at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, DARPA, assistant for program integration with the Department of Defense Joint Program Management Office. In addition to the foregoing achievements, Bob was appointed by the Department of Commerce to serve as head of the U.S. Delegation to the international Intelligent Manufacturing Systems Steering Committee and worked as a research fellow with the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

After serving his country in both a uniform and civilian capacity, Bob entered the private sector where he has worked for a variety of companies and nonprofit corporations including Cincinnati Electronics and the first president of the Advanced Technology Institute, ATI, a world leader in distributed technology management and affiliate of his current employer, the South Carolina Research Authority. Since its establishment in 1983, SCRA has fostered entrepreneurial development, introduced technological advancements, and supported countless industry leaders and small businesses throughout South Carolina and the Nation.

Through hard work and dedication, Bob has made significant contributions to our country's information technology and manufacturing technologies. His distinguished leadership and service has been invaluable, and for this I applaud him. His dedication to his family, friends,