

justified: This project will supply the U.S. Air Force and other military branches a secure supply of synthetic fuels to operate fighters, bombers and other aircraft and military equipment. It will help the Air Force to achieve its stated goal of certifying its fleet of aircraft on a synthetic fuel blend and purchasing 50 percent of its fuels in the form of a synthetic fuel blend by 2016.

Appropriated Amount: \$2,400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, \$2,400,000

Project Name: AutoScan Under-Vehicle Inspection System

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Kachemak Research Development, Inc., 59584 East End Road, Homer, Alaska 99603

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Kachemak Research Development, Inc. is a woman owned, HUBZone, 8(a) entity. AutoScan, an under vehicle inspection system developed by KRD, is a stationary system that captures the entire undercarriage image of vehicles, ranging in size from passenger vehicles to semi-trucks. Because of the unique capabilities of AutoScan, vehicles do not need to maintain a constant speed as they travel across the system. Funding will be used for product enhancement and beta testing of Autoscan generation 2 and 3 architecture. As part of the inspection protocol at every military base, CONUS and OCONUS, the undercarriage of every delivery vehicle must be inspected. Standard inspection protocols have been comprised of a mirror-mounted stick or search pits. AutoScan makes it possible for inspection personnel to maintain a safe stand-off distance. Additionally, it stores images for later comparison and analysis if needed. And it provides one, complete, clear image of any vehicle's under-side in real-time and capabilities that no similar system is able to provide.

Appropriated Amount: \$2,400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, and Testing, \$2,400,000

Project Name: Electromagnetic Interference

Hardened Expandable Rigid Wall Shelter

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Alkan Shelter, LLC, 1701 South Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The U.S. Marine Corps has a requirement to develop an EMI hardened, expandable composite rigid wall shelter, which currently does not exist. The USMC Electronic Maintenance Shelter Program, Calibration Laboratory Program, and the Communication Maintenance Shelter Program are several funded programs with an immediate need. Sufficient funding is not available for an EMI hardened, expandable rigid wall composite shelter development program. Alkan Shelter, LLC, a small business located in a HUBZone in Fairbanks, AK, proposes a three-phase development and test program for an expandable, composite EMI hardened shelter for the U.S. Marine Corps. First phase is to study the feasibility of EMI hardening to 60–80dB attenuation for the entire expandable shelter or hardening one wing of the shelter. The second phase is to manufacture the EMI hardened composite expandable shelter prototype. The third phase will be to perform EMI and envi-

ronmental testing to ensure requirements are met. The Marine Corps now uses 1980's technology rigid wall shelters that have aluminum skins and a paper honeycomb core. These shelters are: poorly insulated, have a limited roof and floor load, do not have ballistic protection, the roof cannot be sandbagged, are highly subject to corrosion and can only be stacked six-high on ocean going container ships. Additionally, the U.S. military does not have an EMI hardened expandable rigid wall shelter. Alkan's new carbon fiber hybrid composite expandable shelter will provide a technologically superior structure that will correct the deficiencies of old 1980's technology. Combining high tech carbon fiber composites with EMI protection will provide the USMC and the U.S. military with a lightweight, expandable, rugged, thermally efficient, and safer working environment for carrying out their sensitive electronics and calibration repair and maintenance missions.

Appropriated Amount: \$800,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, \$800,000

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR.
STEVEN KARL TEPLICK

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Southwest Alabama recently lost a dedicated medical professor and highly regarded academic physician. Dr. Steven Karl Teplick passed away on December 8, 2009, at the age of 68.

Dr. Teplick was Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of South Alabama's College of Medicine for nearly 15 years. He was known for his devotion to the teaching and training of medical professionals as well as leading the University's transition to digital cancer diagnostic technology.

Dr. Teplick was a graduate of the University of Vermont, and of Hahnemann Medical College in Pennsylvania. He completed his residency in Radiology and a fellowship in Neuroradiology at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Teplick served his country for three years as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps before returning as a faculty member at Hahnemann. Afterwards, he became Vice Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Arkansas, before coming to South Alabama.

A member of numerous medical committees and organizations, Dr. Teplick was most notably a fellow in the American College of Radiology, president of the Alabama Academy of Radiology and a founding member of the International Society of Biliary Radiology.

Dr. Teplick was a lover of nature and enjoyed farming and his horses and beloved pets. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carol; two children, Jennifer and Joanna; and four grandchildren.

As we pause to reflect upon the many contributions of Dr. Teplick to our community, we also extend our thoughts and prayers to his family for their loss.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr.

Account: RDTE—Defensewide

Project Amount: \$2,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lentix, 800 South Gay Street, Suite 1625, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929

Description of Request: The funding will be used for the development of a very high resolution benchmarking vision system for long-range surveillance with focus on SOCOM and Navy tracking needs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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 Departments of Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Sexual Assault Response Team Center

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center, Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, Alaska 99519

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used for the continued development and operations of the Municipality of Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center. This project will support victims through care while participating in investigation and prosecution and help in prosecution of sexual assault cases through professional evidence collection, documentation, preservation and processing.

Appropriated Amount: \$400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Development and Operations \$400,000

HONORING JANET M. RODERICK

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Janet M. Roderick of Rome, Maine.

Janet Roderick has been a longtime proponent of the small business community that drives Maine's economy, and her hard work

has helped numerous individuals and small businesses throughout Maine.

Janet has been a Maine Small Business Development Center (Maine SBDC) certified business counselor since 2006 at the Maine SBDC service center at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. On December 21, 2009, Janet will be acknowledged as the 2009 Maine State Star. This honor recognizes her exemplary service on behalf of the small business community in Maine, particularly in Kennebec and Somerset counties in central Maine.

The State Star award is presented each year by the national Association of Small Business Development Centers and recognizes an outstanding SBDC employee from each state. The 2009 award is based on Janet's efforts in 2008 when she worked with 148 small businesses, provided 1,070 hours of one-on-one counseling, and helped to launch 20 new businesses in central Maine. Her efforts led to the creation of 37 new jobs and the retention of 21 jobs. Through her efforts, her clients were able to access capital totaling over \$4 million.

Janet has long been involved in helping small businesses, and she has been especially active with women-owned businesses and nonprofits. A certified public accountant, Janet was previously a counselor for 11 years with the Women's Business Center at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. in Augusta. Later, she was an accounting supervisor with an Augusta-based accounting firm, where she specialized in small and women-owned businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Janet was the SBA 1993 Accountant Advocate of the Year and the SBA 2002 Women's Business Advocate of the Year and this further recognition is well deserved. The State of Maine and its small business community owe a debt of gratitude to Janet M. Roderick for her commitment to the success of small business. I applaud Janet's work and extend congratulations to her as the 2009 State Star.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Janet M. Roderick for her life of dedication and service to her community and the growth of Maine's small businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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 Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Port of Bristol Bay Expansion
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Bristol Bay Borough, 1 Main Street, Naknek, AK, 99633

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Shovel ready dock expansion where the largest run of sockeye salmon is processed and shipped. This project is the economic engine for the low-income area of Bristol Bay. These funds will go toward con-

structing a sheet pile dock and addition to the 27 year old structure.

Appropriated Amount: \$1,000,000
Detailed Finance Plan: Construction \$1,000,000

THE NATIONAL EMANCIPATION COMMEMORATION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of myself and my colleagues DAN LUNGREN of California, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida, the National Emancipation Commemoration Act of 2009. This legislation will establish an 18-member National Emancipation Commemoration Commission to provide for an appropriate national observance of the 150th anniversaries of the Emancipation Proclamation in 2013, the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 2015, and related events, and to conduct a study exploring why modern slavery continues to exist in the United States and elsewhere.

Our Nation's history is unfortunately intertwined with the story of slavery and the slave trade. For hundreds of years, men, women and children were captured and taken from Africa and enslaved in the American colonies. Yet alongside the history of slavery in the United States, we also remember the stories of those who fought against the abhorrent practice—some with the pen, and some with the sword. The work and lives of historical figures like Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman are familiar to our classrooms and history books. Other abolitionists are less well-known, such as Levi and Catherine Coffin, a Quaker couple in Indiana who helped over 3,000 slaves escape to freedom.

The struggle for freedom for all Americans reached a new height on January 1, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. With it, he declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the States rebelling against the Union "are, and henceforward shall be free." As the Union Army advanced on the Confederate territory, thousands of slaves gained their freedom each day. Shortly after the war ended, the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude throughout the United States.

Despite these milestones, slavery has not yet been relegated to the pages of history. An estimated 27 million people are still in servitude worldwide—including an estimated 50,000 or more people enslaved in the United States.

The National Emancipation Commemoration Commission's work is two-fold. It will advise the Attorney General on making grants available to government and non-profit entities for activities and programs related to the commemoration. These activities may include the publication of scholarly research, production of a commemorative stamp or coin, and the development of informational displays and programs at National Parks and historic sites related to slavery, the Underground Railroad, and the Emancipation throughout the United States.

The Commission created by this bill is also tasked with connecting the commemoration of Emancipation with the problem of modern slavery in the United States and around the world. The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution is a living promise of freedom that places a duty on all of us to prevent involuntary servitude. In support of that duty, the Commission will conduct a study addressing why slavery in all its forms still exists, analyzing the persistence of modern slavery in the United States from 1865 to the present, and make recommendations to address issues and concerns highlighted by the study.

For as long as there have been slaves in this country, there have been justice-minded individuals and groups dedicated to the abolition of slavery. It is appropriate that we commemorate their work and the 150th anniversaries of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment, and in so doing, renew our commitment to ending modern slavery in the United States and around the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2009

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009, which will support a high quality and cost-savings approach to long-term care mental health services.

Five million Medicare beneficiaries have mental disorders other than mental retardation and 1.3 million of these individuals are under the age of 65. Medicare Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) provide a structured and clinically intensive alternative to hospitalization for patients who otherwise might require sustained inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. PHP psychiatric patients typically receive four to six hours of treatment per day, five to six days a week in hospital-based settings and community mental health centers.

The severity the patient's illness often prevents the individual from obtaining or seeking transportation to the PHP facility, or from accessing high quality food. Additionally, some psychiatric medications that are prescribed to the patient cannot be safely administered without food. These patients often live in group-supervised settings due to difficulties in maintaining family relationships and their financial instability.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the costs of nutritional planning, meals or transportation for patients who receive psychiatric treatment in a PHP setting. Therefore, PHP facilities are responsible for the cost of providing food and transportation. This aggravates financial burdens that many PHPs and countless other community organizations are experiencing in these difficult economic times.

The Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009 requires Medicare to reimburse PHPs for providing transportation and food and nutritional services. The bill also establishes a Behavioral Health Advisory Committee in which a diverse group of behavioral health stakeholders would examine and provide recommendations on how to address the