

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: UTRS, Inc. of 116
South Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701

Description: \$4,800,000 in funding will be used to support Titanium Extraction, Mining and Process Engineering Research (TEMPER) and the development of lightweight weapons at an affordable cost for the Army, enhancing lethality and performance while dramatically reducing life cycle cost.

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Name and Address: International Heart Institute Foundation at St. Patrick Hospital of 500 Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to develop a readily-available, sterile, freeze-dried vascular graft made from animal tissue for the management of traumatic vascular injuries.

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Name and Address: National Center for Health Care Informatics of 1300 West Park, Butte, MT 59701

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to develop "next generation" simulation training for the USAF Pararescuemen (PJs) which would realistically depict environments and challenges.

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Name and Address: Montana State University-Bozeman of 207 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717.

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to transition new technology to the U.S. warfighter in order to help save lives and improve effectiveness.

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Name and Address: Bridger Photonics Inc. of 2310 University Way Bldg. 4-4.

Description: \$800,000 in funding will be used to develop advanced helicopter landing aid—an advanced 3D active imaging sensor that can provide rapid and accurate imagery to a helicopter pilot operating in brownouts.

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Name and Address: American Chemet of 701 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana 59601.

Description: \$800,000 in funding will be used to give the military anti-fouling tools for paint in fresh water areas.

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Name and Address: Montana Tech of The University of Montana/Center for Advanced Mineral and Metallurgical Processing (CAMP) of 1300 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701.

Description: \$3,200,000 in funding will be used to support research, development, and construction of a reliable, durable, low acoustic, and low thermal signature battlefield power source.

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Name and Address: Western Computer Services, Inc. (WESCO) of 631 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601.

Description: \$2,400,000 in funding will be used to ensure a continued focus on the integration needs of Marine Expeditionary Rifle Squad (MERS), as the mission of the squad expands and the mode and means of trans-

port change to meet the threat and the environment.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR DAILY BREAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Our Daily Bread, and to congratulate them on their 25 years of service to the community.

Our Daily Bread is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing critical services to families and individuals suffering from financial hardship. Through robust community support from local faith-based groups, community organizations, local businesses, schools and universities, Our Daily Bread has grown to provide food, financial literacy education and assistance, school supplies, and holiday cheer to thousands of people in our area.

Our Daily Bread's mission is to identify and address the unmet fundamental needs of Fairfax area residents, and to empower the community to help our neighbors maintain self-sufficiency. This mission of sustainability and self-sufficiency evolved from humble beginnings. Our Daily Bread was founded in 1984 as a temporary homeless shelter that rotated among several area churches. When Fairfax County opened a county-run shelter in the Reston area, Our Daily Bread refocused its energies on feeding the homeless and opened a soup kitchen to serve those most in need. Recognizing the difficulties faced by those patrons unable to benefit from this service, Our Daily Bread again reinvented itself first by delivering sandwiches made by volunteers and later to delivering supplemental groceries directly to homeless families who were living in motels along Route 50 in Fairfax.

Our Daily Bread has a history of being dynamic in the face of changing demographics. Beginning in the 1990's and largely fueled by the high cost of rental housing, a new urgent need emerged. Families who were not homeless, families in which one or both parents were often juggling multiple jobs, were finding themselves unable to meet their basic needs and were just one crisis away from homelessness. Our Daily Bread rose to meet this challenge and began a program offering emergency financial assistance in the form of a modest one-time grant of up to \$350.00. More recently, Our Daily Bread expanded their services to provide financial mentoring, a back to school program and holiday meals and gifts. It is a testament to talent and commitment of the volunteers, staff, and supporters who make Our Daily Bread what it is today; an organization with the foresight and readiness to take on new problems, while continuing to deliver on core initiatives.

Today, Our Daily Bread provides critical services to the elderly, the working poor, the disabled and the homeless in the Fairfax area. In 2009, Our Daily Bread provided food assistance to 345 families, a 73% increase from the previous year. In addition, 279 families benefited from financial assistance and over 100 families took part in financial literacy training and mentoring. Nearly 3,800 families were served by the holiday program, and 350 chil-

dren received supplies for school. Over half of those assisted by our Daily Bread's program were children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Our Daily Bread for their commitment to the community. I would also to express my sincere gratitude to the volunteers and staff who contribute their time and energy and also to the Fairfax area business community for the support they provide to this worthwhile cause.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community activism of Florida House Representative Geraldine Thompson. State Representative Thompson grew up in the South Dade town of Perrine, Florida. She attended Miami Dade Community College and received a John F. Kennedy/Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship to attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida, where she enrolled shortly after that school ended racial segregation. In 1970, she received a bachelor's degree with honors in journalism and business education. She moved with her husband, Emerson, to Tallahassee where he attended law school and she worked in State government and higher education. Her first position in Tallahassee was as executive secretary to Representative Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, the first African-American woman to serve in the Florida House of Representatives. After working for several years, she sought a master of science degree in communication from Florida State University, which she received in 1973. She then joined her husband in Orlando and immediately became active in the central Florida community.

She began work in Orlando as a teacher in the Orange County Public School System. After 6 years, she left the classroom to accept a position as director of the Equal Opportunity Office at Valencia Community College where she served for 24 years as assistant to the president. Among her many accomplishments at Valencia Community College, she initiated the establishment of the "College Reach Out Program" which enabled thousands of low income and disadvantaged students to fulfill their dream of going to college. She also served on the boards of the Orange County Community Action Advisory, the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, WMFE Public Broadcasting Station, the YMCA, the Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Commission, the Holocaust Memorial and Resource Center, and the West Orange Healthcare District. In 1987, she was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to the Florida Commission on Human Relations. She received confirmation from the Florida Senate and remained on the Commission during the terms of Governor Lawton Chiles, where she was elected by her fellow commissioners to serve as chair.

Also considered a local historian, her passion for history led her to conducting research