

“Our hearts go out to the victims and survivors of the recent tsunami in American Samoa,” said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. “Today’s grant will support ongoing recovery efforts and help American Samoans put their lives back together.”

Of the \$24,857,608 announced today, \$8,285,870 will be released initially. Additional funding up to the amount approved will be made available as the territory demonstrates a continued need for assistance, according to the Department of Labor.

On September 29, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared all islands in the United States territory of American Samoa eligible for FEMA’s Public Assistance Program. As a senior member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Senator Akaka has been briefed by FEMA officials on initial recovery efforts to send food, water, cots, medical supplies, and working vehicles from the FEMA Pacific Area Office warehouse in Honolulu to American Samoa. Senator Akaka worked to establish and maintain this office beginning in 1991 in order to protect isolated Pacific island communities.

For more information on National Emergency Grants, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG>.

[Press Release, Apr. 21, 2010]

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NOTIFIES FALEOMAVAEGA THAT OVER \$16 MILLION WILL BE RELEASED TO ASG FOR ABOUT 2,200 TEMPORARY WORKERS TO CONTINUE CLEAN-UP AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) notified him this evening that it will release \$16,571,738 to ASG for about 2,200 temporary workers to continue clean-up and recovery efforts in the wake of the tsunami that struck American Samoa on September 29, 2009.

On October 19, 2009 a National Emergency Grant (NEG) was approved for up to \$24,857,608, with \$8,285,870 released initially. This incremental and final NEG award will bring total NEG funds awarded for clean-up and recovery efforts to \$24,857,608.

“I want to again thank my good friend and former colleague, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, for releasing more than \$24 million in NEG funds to help create about 2,200 temporary jobs in American Samoa,” Faleomavaega said. “I first contacted Secretary Solis in May of 2009 regarding NEG funds in response to Chicken of the Sea’s announced closure and, on May 7, 2009, I provided Governor Togiola with the contact information necessary to request assistance for our workers, noting that any request put forward must originate with the Governor.”

“While that effort was underway between ASG and DOL, American Samoa was struck by a tsunami on September 29, 2009. In response to the tsunami, DOL immediately and preemptively reached out to ASG and assisted ASG in preparing and processing a disaster national emergency grant application. On October 19, 2009, ASG was then awarded over \$24 million to create about 2,200 temporary jobs for clean-up and recovery efforts.”

“Discussions continue about how this grant might be more fully expanded, if necessary. For now, the American Samoa Department of Human Resources is responsible for the administration of the grant and ASG, in consultation with the DOL, determines who qualifies for temporary work.”

“Again, I thank DOL for its swift response in providing temporary work for the people of American Samoa. The DOL can be assured that the people of American Samoa are appreciative of the support the federal govern-

ment is providing them, especially as we work together to rebuild and retool.” Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, June 28, 2012]

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARDS \$500,000 IN SUPPLEMENTAL NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING TO AMERICAN SAMOA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Congressman Faleomavaega today announced that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) this week awarded approximately \$500,000 in supplemental National Emergency Grant (NEG) funding to the American Samoa Department of Human Resources.

According to DOL, the funding will provide for the continuation of workforce development services to workers who held temporary jobs to assist with the clean-up and recovery efforts following the earthquake and tsunami and subsequent flooding that struck American Samoa in 2009.

The initial NEG award of \$24,857,608 was approved on October 19, 2009, with \$8,285,870 released initially and a second increment of \$16,571,738 was approved and released on April 21, 2010. The supplemental funding of \$500,000 announced this week will bring the total NEG funds awarded for this project to \$25,357,608. With the supplemental funding, the project’s period of performance is also extended for two quarters, so that all participants have more time to finish their full complement of reemployment services.

“I want again to thank my good friend and former colleague, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, for releasing more than \$25 million over the past three years in National Emergency Grant funds for American Samoa,” Faleomavaega stated.

“Immediately following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck our islands on September 29, 2009, the Department of Labor notified my office as well as the offices of Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, informing us of the outpouring of millions of dollars of federal funding to help American Samoa with clean-up and recovery efforts. The funding also provided for needed jobs to employ American Samoans and help with our local economy.” Faleomavaega added.

“I also want to thank and acknowledge the great work by our local leaders in the American Samoa Department of Human Resources, including Department Director Evelyn Langford and NEG Program Manager Tuimavave Tauapa’i Laupola, for the tremendous job they’ve done in managing this program as well as their tireless efforts in addressing the multifaceted needs of the Territory in the aftermath of the devastating 2009 tsunami. I have every confidence that this funding will continue to help our Territory rebuild,” Congressman Faleomavaega concluded.

HONORING CLYDE HAWES

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clyde Hawes from New Madrid, Missouri for his exceptional years of service as Presiding Commissioner of New Madrid County.

Mr. Hawes has set a wonderful example of public service and dedication to bettering our community. This month he will be retiring after serving as Presiding Commissioner for 36

years. Before that Mr. Hawes also served as Assessor of New Madrid County for 20 years while owning and operating his family farm. Mr. Hawes has spoken at several public events sharing his knowledge about business, agriculture, and civic matters.

Apart from his work as commissioner, Mr. Hawes is a Sunday school teacher at his church. As a devoted family man, Clyde sets a precedent for others to follow by committing to a balancing work and family.

For his years of service and all the work he has done to strengthen our community, it is my pleasure to recognize the achievements of Clyde Hawes and congratulate him on his retirement before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT HEINEMAN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to a long time leader in higher education in my district. Dr. Robert Heineman has taught at Alfred University, my alma mater, since 1971, and was one of my professors of political science. He has shaped the thought of generations of Alfred University students and encouraged them to get involved in their communities and, specifically, to get involved in the political process.

Dr. Heineman holds a BA from Bradley University and both a MA and a Ph.D from American University. He has taught at Eastern Washington State College, Bradley University and Alfred University. He is a two time recipient of Alfred University’s Excellence in Teaching Award and is the author of many book chapters and articles on the American Political System.

His activities extend beyond the classroom and into the Alfred community. Dr. Heineman served as an elected member of the Allegany County Legislature, Village of Alfred Board and as Village Justice in the Village of Alfred. He is the current chair of the advisory board of the Allegany County Youth Court. He has worked extensively to make the communities of Alfred and Allegany County better places to live.

Dr. Heineman has been married to his wife Alice for over 55 years and they have raised three children Phillip, Karen and Cheryl.

Our system of representative democracy cannot endure without each new generation of citizens being educated to appreciate its underlying philosophy and precepts. A community cannot flourish without engaged citizens of all ages participating in civic life. Dr. Robert Heineman has dedicated his life to the work of encouraging young people to love and respect the political process handed down to us by the founders and, more importantly encouraged them to not just watch from the sidelines but get in the game and be part of our democracy. It is a privilege as one of Dr. Heineman’s former students to be able to praise him as a member of the House of Representatives.