

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District
 Address of Requesting Entity: Clock Tower Building, PO Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204
 Description of Request: \$17,713,000 to address the adverse impacts to the aquatic ecosystem caused by maintenance of the river's navigation channel. This includes habitat rehabilitation and measures to determine if enhancement projects are effectively preserving and improving fish and wildlife habitat on the river.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, Education, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507

Description of Request: Provides \$1,000,000 to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) Health Center to provide optimal accessibility, convenience, continuity and quality of care by co-locating primary care practices, specialist offices, surgical practices, physical, occupational and speech therapy services in one location in close proximity to the interstate and within the heart of the city's pediatric population. Chesapeake, Virginia has the second highest concentration of children in the Hampton Roads region, with 20 percent of the pediatric population (ages 0–17) from the south side living within this community. The need for pediatric specialists in the Norfolk, Virginia area has outstripped the capacity of the current CHKD building, with all inpatient and outpatient services at or beyond capacity. Funds will be used to assist in the building of a centralized multi-specialty children's health center in the Norfolk area. CHKD has already demonstrated success in building a regional facility at Oyster Point in Newport News, Virginia, which is exceeding all patient forecasts.

TRIBUTE TO DELTA SIGMA THETA:
 BERKELEY BAY AREA ALUMNAE
 CHAPTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, Ms. LEE of California and I rise today to pay tribute to the Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the occasion of their 75th Diamond Anniversary on March 28, 2009. The Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter is the local chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and encompasses the

Berkeley, San Francisco, and California Bay Area.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a sisterhood of more than 250,000 predominantly African American college educated women. The sorority currently has over 950 chapters throughout the world including the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea.

The local Berkeley Bay Area Chapter was chartered in 1934 and has membership representation from all cities in the California Bay Area. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, political awareness and involvement. Through their outreach they provide a myriad of programs and services benefitting local cities and communities.

This past week we were honored to welcome members of the Berkeley Bay Area Chapter along with approximately 1,100 members of Delta Sigma Theta from across the country to Capitol Hill during their 20th annual "Delta Days in the Nation's Capitol Conference." During their visit in Washington the Sorority members discussed a variety of issues including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, DC Voting Rights and the 2010 Census.

"In Full Stride at Seventy-Five" is the Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta's 75th anniversary theme. We are honored to recognize this exemplary organization as it celebrates three-quarters of a century of service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
 BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF
 PRINCETON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th birthday of the great City of Princeton, West Virginia.

In West Virginia, transportation industries and coal mining have played an integral role in the economic development of the region. The City of Princeton is no exception. As early as the nineteenth century, emerging transportation technology, the railroad, and a Nation demanding West Virginia's coal helped form booming new industry in the Princeton area. Much of the coal produced was sent west to the Great Lakes region or east to Baltimore, New York City and New England, heating our great Nation and providing steam power to the U.S. Navy.

What was once a small railroad-side village in beautiful Mercer County is now a thriving city with a population of 6,300. Between 25,000 and 28,000 pass through each day, bringing business and goods to a city with a history as rich and varied as the state itself.

Many notable actors and sports team owners at one point called Princeton home. Kevin Sizemore, of the television show Prison Break, and Sam Eliot, who was in We Were Soldiers both hailed from our hallowed hills. And Ken Kendrick, owner of the Arizona

Diamondbacks, and Rod Thorn, President and Manager of the New Jersey Nets called West Virginia home in their childhoods.

February 20th marked the 100th birthday of the City of Princeton. I invite you all to join me in celebrating this great City! Happy birthday Princeton!

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE
 REFORM ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, America faces a crisis in health care. Health care costs continue to rise while physicians and patients struggle under the control of managed-care "gatekeepers." Obviously, fundamental health care reform should be one of Congress' top priorities.

Unfortunately, most health care "reform" proposals either make marginal changes or exacerbate the problem. This is because they fail to address the root of the problem with health care, which is that government policies encourage excessive reliance on third-party payers. The excessive reliance on third-party payers removes all incentive from individual patients to concern themselves with health care costs. Laws and policies promoting Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) resulted from a desperate attempt to control spiraling costs. However, instead of promoting an efficient health care system, HMOs further took control over health care away from the individual patient and physician.

Returning control over health care to the individual is the key to true health care reform. The Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act puts control of health care back into the hands of the individual through tax credits, tax deductions, improving Health Savings Accounts, and Flexible Savings Accounts. Specifically, the Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act:

A. Provides all Americans with a tax credit for 100 percent of health care expenses. The tax credit is fully refundable against both income and payroll taxes;

B. Allows individuals to roll over unused amounts in cafeteria plans and Flexible Savings Accounts (FSA);

C. Provides a tax credit for premiums for a high-deductible insurance policy connected with a Health Savings Account (HSA) and allows seniors to use funds in an HSA to pay for a medigap policy;

D. Repeals the 7.5 percent threshold for the deduction of medical expenses, thus making all medical expenses tax deductible.

By providing a wide range of options, this bill allows individual Americans to choose the method of financing health care that best suits their individual needs. Increasing frustration with the current health care system is leading more and more Americans to embrace this approach to health care reform. I hope all my colleagues will join this effort to put individuals back in control of health care by cosponsoring the Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act.

HONORING JUSTIN BALFANY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a young Nebraskan who left this world too soon. Justin Balfany, 15 years old, will be laid to rest tomorrow afternoon. My heart goes out to his parents Greg and Susan, his sister Kaci and the rest of his family, and I pray they find comfort in the coming days.

Justin had a strong faith in God and in his fellow students. He has been described as a "tremendous young man" who competed in tennis, baseball, and basketball. He was active in his church and in other groups in his hometown of Kearney.

Last year, he was invited to attend President Barack Obama's nomination acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, where he served as a correspondent for his hometown newspaper, the Kearney Hub, as well as the Sidney Sun Telegraph.

I was fortunate to have met Justin last year. I was impressed with his intelligence, his spirit, and his dedication.

Justin's spirit and his enthusiasm with his church, his friends, and his community reminds us what it means to be a Nebraskan. He will be missed by many.

HONORING EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEMBERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims, Supervisor Judy Case, Julianne Tuggle, and Darren Rose for their heroic efforts in an emergency situation in Washington, D.C. on February 11, 2009. Sheriff Mims, Supervisor Case, Julianne Tuggle from Supervisor Susan Anderson's office, and Darren Rose from my district office deserve full recognition for their responsiveness and public service in the nation's capital, where they gave first aid to an individual who was in a state of cardiac arrest. The 21-year-old man was unresponsive and lying face down on the ground in a crowded Metro station near the Capitol building.

Julianne and Darren were the first upon the scene; Julianne initiated the emergency response among the eclectic mix of Fresno County Officials in the vicinity while Darren Rose called 911 and coordinated the response with DC fire and emergency medical services. Julianne was able to procure a pocket face mask. Supervisor Case affixed the mask and breathed for the patient. Sheriff Mims and Supervisor Case began skilled compression and breathing coordination efforts until the man, who originally had no pulse, was able to breathe on his own. Sheriff Mims has been trained in first aid, and Supervisor Case is a registered nurse who had just been recertified in CPR, and knew the most current standard medical procedure. Together, they performed

chest compressions and provided air for his lungs, which kept him stable and breathing until the Washington medics arrived 10 minutes later.

I had the honor to be able to meet with these local heroes when they were in Washington with the Council of County Governments (COG) as part of the "One Voice" delegation, which unites communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to promote and bring attention to the needs of the local community and regions.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and thank Sheriff Mims, Supervisor Case, Julianne Tuggle from Supervisor Anderson's office, and Darren Rose from my office for their service to the community and their heroism in providing emergency services to stabilize and preserve the life of this citizen in D.C. and in their everyday efforts on the job.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year.

CAL was established in 1959 in Washington, DC by a grant from the Ford Foundation. At the close of the 1950s, issues of U.S. language capacity, interest in U.S. and international language policy, and the emergence of English as a world language created a demand for expertise in linguistics and language training. CAL's primary function was to serve as a liaison between the academic world of linguistics and the language-related concerns of the practical world. CAL was the first organization to focus on the identification of qualified personnel for language-related professions, professional development for language teachers and development of linguistically sound materials for English as a second language as well as foreign language instruction.

CAL's original mandate was to improve the teaching of English around the world; encourage the teaching and learning of less commonly taught languages; contribute new knowledge to the field by conducting language research; and serve as a clearinghouse for information collection, analysis, and dissemination and as a coordinating agency to bring together scholars and practitioners involved in language-related issues. This was accomplished by convening meetings and issuing papers that addressed crucial language and education issues; consulting with ministries of education of countries that were newly independent, particularly in East Africa and the Middle East; working on English language learning among Native American populations; and developing materials in the less commonly taught languages.

During the Cold War, CAL enabled Eastern European scholars to disseminate their work in linguistics. During the height of the civil rights movement, CAL developed the Urban Language Program and invested resources in American dialect work, beginning with African American varieties and expanding to other

ethnic and regional dialects. When large numbers of refugees arrived from Southeast Asia, CAL responded with resources to support their orientation and resettlement. In the last several decades, attention to the education of child and adult immigrants has expanded significantly. Recently, the organization has addressed national security needs by expanding the availability of resources in critical languages, such as Arabic and Chinese.

From its inception, CAL has grown and evolved to meet the needs of a changing world by providing reliable and objective information and by making complex linguistic issues comprehensible to students, researchers, teachers, parents, policy makers, and the general public. Central to its work is its research and seminal publications that serve as the basis for assessment, language education, bilingual education, English as a foreign/second language, language policy, and second language acquisition. Details of CAL's current work can be found at its website www.cal.org.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 1105, the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Project Name: CEDARS Children's Crisis Center

Amount: \$142,500

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., located at 620 North 48th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504.

Description: The funding will be used for construction of a new Children's Crisis Center for abused, homeless, and runaway youth in Southeast Nebraska. CEDARS Youth Services plans to build a children's crisis center to provide short-term emergency shelter, immediate professional assessment of each child's needs, intense family-centered therapeutic services, and an environment that inspires a rapid return to stable and enduring family living. The 18,000 square foot facility will not only provide immediate safety and protection for vulnerable children and youth across the Midwest, but also a comfortable family-friendly setting for them to begin reunification or to meet prospective foster parents in a safe, professional supervised setting. While primarily helping persons from the Midwest area, the Center has recently served youth from the states of Tennessee, Georgia, California, Michigan, Texas and others. CEDARS is the only emergency shelter provider for children and youth in Southeast Nebraska, and this children's crisis center will expand the current service capacity by as many as 12 children each day. This is a 50% increase.