

and operatives in Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland and Turkey. Though much of the network was taken down following his confession, there is no conclusive evidence that it was destroyed.

Khan is again a loose nuke scientist with proven ability to sell the worst weapons to the worst people. Hopefully, appropriate Pakistani officials worry as we do that their civilians could become nuclear targets—as could NATO soldiers in neighboring Afghanistan or civilians in any number of Western countries.

Our bill provides a path for the Zardari government to do the right thing—to allow the U.S. to evaluate the full extent of A. Q. Khan's proliferation activities in order to halt any ongoing or future harm.

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to honor Veolia Environmental Services and their facility in Port Arthur, TX, for their successful destruction of 1.5 million gallons of what was once the deadly nerve agent VX. Working in conjunction with Tri-State Motor Transit (TSMT) and the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), they were able to complete the project safely and on time.

In the 1950s, the United States began to stockpile VX. Signed by the U.S. in 1993, The International Chemical Weapons Convention requires destruction of all chemical agents by participating nations by specified target dates. The U.S. had a stockpile of VX at the Newport Chemical Weapons Depot in Newport, Indiana where they could deactivate the chemical. They needed a facility to destroy hydrolysate, the caustic wastewater created by the agent's destruction.

The CMA discussed building a \$300 million facility in Indiana to handle the process but the terrorist attack of 2001 forced them to reconsider. In 2007 they awarded Veolia with a \$49 million contract to incinerate the corrosive wastewater. The wastewater would be put in specialized containers and hauled more than 1,000 miles through 8 states by TSMT to Veolia's Port Arthur facility where it would be destroyed.

This is not the type of project that a community greets with open arms. Two other sites denied the venture due to political and community concerns. Public protests and a federal lawsuit almost derailed the project once more, but Veolia made a promise to handle the job safely, in accordance with all regulations and without impact to the environment, 18 months and 428 shipments later, the process concluded without a single incident of any kind.

The project was successful on a number of levels. By utilizing the Port Arthur facility, taxpayers were saved close to \$250 million. Veolia was able to assist the U.S. government in accomplishing its treaty obligations in an expeditious and safe manner. They also brought money and national attention to Southeast Texas.

I would like to commend Veolia Environmental Services and their employees for their hard work and dedication during this project.

Companies like Veolia that care about the community they serve make Southeast Texas such a special place.

INTRODUCING THE NURSING HOME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act. This act makes private, for-profit nursing homes eligible for the same federal aid as is currently available to public nursing homes. Under current federal law, only public nursing homes may receive federal disaster assistance. However, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes do not distinguish between private and public, or for-profit and not-for-profit, nursing homes.

As I have recently seen in my district, all nursing homes face unique challenges coping with natural disasters and their aftermaths. It is not fair to the taxpayers who work in, reside in, or have entrusted the care of their loved ones to, a private nursing home that private nursing homes are denied the same federal aid available to their public counterparts. Mr. Speaker, the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act ensures all residents of nursing homes can benefit from federal disaster aid. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues Rep. FRANK WOLF and Rep. JAMES MORAN, to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. More than 80 awards were presented at this year's ceremony in a variety of categories: The Lifesaving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Two members of the Town of Herndon Police Department have earned this highest honor. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipient of the Lifesaving Award: Captain Robert L. Presgrave.

Recipient of the Certificate of Valor: Sergeant Darcy L. Nidell.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men

and women who serve in the Town of Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING NATIONAL TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to The Talladega College Tornadoes Men's Basketball Team for winning their first United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship Title.

The Talladega College Tornadoes won the national title on Saturday, March 7th in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on the Penn State Fayette campus by beating Rochester College 45 to 31.

I am proud to recognize Head Coach Matt Cross, President Billy Hawkins and the entire Tornado team and staff for their outstanding athleticism both on and off the basketball court. I congratulate each of these young men in claiming their first national championship for Talladega College.

Players: Romondo Banks, Jorge Canedo, Jeral Davis, Michael Ervine, Tory Guillory, Micah Hagans, Ricardo Moss, Donell Pope, Patrick Rodgers and Tarium Taylor.

Coaches: Matt Cross—Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach; Randy Pulley—Assistant Coach; Ricky Smith—Assistant Coach; Hellion Knight—Assistant Coach; and Demond Walker—Athletic Trainer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, "Pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105."

1) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$382,000 to complete investigations at Freeport Harbor, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

2) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers