

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. 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. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: An Achievable Dream, \$600,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: An Achievable Dream, 10858 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.

Project description and explanation of the request: Support programs at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School. The 1,250 students in grades kindergarten through 12th in 2009 (an increase of 250 over 2008) benefit from An Achievable Dream's support of social, academic and moral curricula proven effective over 16 years of operating the public/private partnership with Newport News Public Schools. This multi-faceted approach has continued to provide the tools needed for underprivileged youth to close the achievement gap. \$375,000 would be used for personnel expenses and \$225,000 would be used for supplies such as uniforms, reading materials, extended day materials, and Saturday school supplies. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23220.

Project description and explanation of the request: VCPI has provided over one quarter of a million training hours to more than 27,000 law enforcement officers in the state of Virginia since 1997 in over 1,000 courses. In recent years, VCPI has specialized in filling training needs that no one else is addressing including leadership, homeland security, crime scene investigation, gangs, human trafficking, drug interdiction, ethics, Spanish language acquisition, advanced court security, advanced search and seizure, cultural diversity, domestic violence, code enforcement, interview and interrogation, anti-terrorism etc. Additionally, VCPI is often turned to for the implementation and coordination of many public safety programs, including automated victim notification systems in Virginia's local and regional jails and court security assessments. VCPI supports training of law enforcement officers that cannot be met by local and state law enforcement agencies. Funding will be used for personnel and internal training (\$165,000), facilitation of external training across the Commonwealth (\$33,000), course supplies (\$30,000), instructor cadre and subject matter experts (\$45,000), operational and administrative expenses (\$27,000). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Stafford County Law Enforcement Technology, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22555

Project description and explanation of the request: Upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch system for Stafford County, VA. The CAD is part of the County's state of the art, interoperable communications system. Improve access to the communications system for interdepartmental users and federal and state law enforcement (including Marine Corps Base Quantico) along the I-95 corridor. 100% of the funding will be used to purchase a combination of hardware and software to move from a "text" environment to a "GUI" environment for the CAD. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Newport News Law Enforcement Technology, \$200,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Newport News Police Department, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

Project description and explanation of the request: 100% of the funds would be used to procure a Gunshot Location System. Networked sensors would be placed at specific coordinates on buildings and telephone poles to accurately detect and locate the origin of gunshots and weapons events. Data is sent to a central server accessible by law enforcement agencies. In the past year, Newport News dispatched officers to 2007 calls for gunshots. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies using this technology have seen gunfire-related violent crimes decrease and gunfire-related arrests increase. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: City of Hampton Law Enforcement Technology, \$200,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: City of Hampton, 22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor, Hampton, VA 23669

Project description and explanation of the request: The current 911 phone system in the City of Hampton's Emergency Communications Center is technologically out-of-date and due to age and its 24 hour a day duty cycle, it is suffering progressively more frequent failures and support issues. An upgrade will improve capability and delivery of emergency services with the minimum system failure rate. 100% of the funds will be used to procure equipment. During times of crisis, at the local, state and federal levels, the Emergency Communications Phone System will also serve as a key component of local physical infrastructure to maximize the City's ability to receive, process and deliver a coordinated response to a potential disaster scenario. An upgraded Emergency Communications Phone System will help the City of Hampton respond to and coordinate emergency services in the event of a disaster or crisis scenario. The Hampton Roads area is home to many critical national defense assets and military installations. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Project Name/Amount: Virginia Fisheries Trawl Survey, \$300,000

Requested by: Robert J. Wittman (VA–01)

Intended Recipient/Grantee: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Route 1208 Greate Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Project description and explanation of the request: Information collected by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Trawl Survey is used by various agencies, including

NOAA, the National Marine Fisheries Commission and the Commonwealth of VA to effectively manage key fisheries. Proper management of these finfish resources ensures ecological stability of the Bay and supports the economic livelihood of fishery participants. The Virginia Trawl Survey collects and reports critical data on the recruitment, current and future abundance, and general ecological health of the finfish populations in the Chesapeake Bay. Funds will be used for: personnel (\$59,415), vessel (\$46,800), equipment (\$143,500), supplies (\$17,300), and facilities costs (\$32,985). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bills.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennyriple Narcotic Task Force

Address of Requesting Entity: 511 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: The Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force (PNTF) covers a 20-county area. Based in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, it is a law enforcement organization dedicated to fighting the spread of drugs and, in particular, methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse. According to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), Kentucky currently ranks sixth nationally in the number of law enforcement responses to meth-related incidents. These funds (\$500,000) will allow the task force to purchase materials and pay for manpower to educate people in the school systems, health departments, law enforcement agencies, and civic organizations on the dangers of methamphetamine. These funds are vital to eliminating the threat of illegal drugs in Kentucky's First Congressional District. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Russell County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 410 Monument Square 110, Jamestown, KY 42629

Description of Request: The project will consist of installing outdoor warning sirens to warn the public in the event of a disaster, particularly in the case of a failure of Wolf Creek Dam, which is currently undergoing a major rehabilitation. This funding will help the rural communities be better prepared should a catastrophe happen.

A CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO SANDY SCOTT, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ABBEVILLE GRENADE BAND, ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is not often that I have the honor to rise and give tribute to a living legend. Today, I have that honor. Mr. Leland S. "Sandy" Scott, who resides in my district is indeed a living legend in our community. Mr. Scott was born in Greenville County, South Carolina. He graduated from Parker High School in 1960. He served as drum major for the marching bands at both Parker High School and Furman University. He later earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Lander University.

Mr. Scott served as Band Director at Ellen Woodside High School from 1962–1963 and at Belton High School from 1963–1965.

In 1965, Mr. Scott, came to Abbeville High School to take over as Director of Bands. It is a position he would retain until 1982. Throughout these years he touched many lives and helped mold a generation of students. While at Abbeville he established the Southeastern Marching Contest which drew some of the top bands in the country to Abbeville.

His Grenadier Band at Abbeville was the only high school band in the state and one of a few nationwide to feature a bagpipe regiment.

The Abbeville High School band under his direction became one of the most successful competitive bands in high school marching band history. Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville High School band won the South Carolina Band Director's Association State Class Marching Band Championships for eight consecutive years in Classes A, AA and AAA. His Abbeville band won the National Cherry Blossom Championships in Field Show and Parade Competition, and it won in the National De Soto Festival in Bradenton, Florida, including the Grand Championship. His band also won the Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Festival of States and the Heart of St. Petersburg plaque twice.

Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville band received many other awards including: Grand Champion of the Furman University marching contest; First Place Class AAA Carolinas' Carousel in Charlotte, N.C.; Double Superior rating at the South Carolina State Music Festival; Third Place Overall at the Greatest Bands in Dixie Contest as part of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1977, under his leadership the Abbeville Band represented South Carolina at the Presidential Inaugural Parade of President Jimmy Carter, an event that the students worked hard to raise the money to be able to attend.

Sandy's professional affiliations include the National Association for Music Education, South Carolina Music Educators Association, the South Carolina Band Directors Association, Phi Mu Alpha, Gamma Eta Chapter; and Phi Beta Mu, Theta Chapter. He served on the Marching Band Committee and the All-State Audition Committee. He has actively participated in civic affairs, was President of the

Abbeville Rotary Club, and was President of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the City Council as Mayor Pro Tem. In 1971, he was named Abbeville's "Young Educator of the Year" and the South Carolina "Young Educator of the Year" in 1972. In 1975 he received Abbeville's "Young Man of the Year Award".

Mr. Scott served as a band clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States. He also served as Minister of Music for three churches; Forestville Baptists of Greenville, South Side Baptist of Abbeville and Callie Self Memorial Baptist of Greenwood. Having retired from teaching, Mr. Scott now serves as Senior Pastor of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church of Greenwood.

Mr. Scott and his wife, Verlene O'Kelley Scott have two children, Keith and Lisa and four grandchildren. He is also a member of the South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen.

On April 5, 2009, more than 150 band alumni and their families gathered together in Abbeville to honor Mr. Scott. They presented a bronze plaque that will be permanently displayed in Abbeville as a tribute to Mr. Scott. Present to give tribute to Mr. Scott were his former Band Director from Parker High School, Mr. James Senn and Mrs. Virginia Ferguson, who served as instructor to the Color Guard and Bagpipe regiment. Former band members traveled from as far away as California, Virginia and Maryland to honor Mr. Scott and to see old friends.

Mr. Scott brought much more than music to Abbeville High School and his students. For many students, it was their first chance to travel outside the county, their first chance to belong to a "winning team." In addition to learning to play a musical instrument, his students learned the importance of hard work, dedication, commitment to a group activity, the benefits of setting goals, school spirit, the power of positive thinking, and patriotism. A favorite saying that his students recall even 30 years later is "If you can dream it you can achieve it."

Mr. Scott did not just bring his students together, but brought an entire community together. He brought parents as well as members of the community together to support and enrich the band program. Abbeville is a better community because of Sandy Scott. Music Education in South Carolina is better because of Sandy Scott.

The lessons these students learned have served them well as adults who have gone on to serve in their communities. His students have gone on to be doctors, nurses, paralegals, business owners, teachers, federal employees, congressional staff, first responders, ministers, members of the armed services, and even music directors.

I am honored to pay tribute to my constituent, Mr. Leland Sanders "Sandy" Scott.

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OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I

received as part of the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 North 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29171

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the West Columbia Police Department in West Columbia, South Carolina. A relatively new technology, Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), would assist the West Columbia Police Department in identifying offenders in real time, without waiting for information from the dispatcher. The ALPR technology allows vehicle license plates to be automatically scanned (up to 1,500 per minute) as officers patrol the city. The technology uses infrared scanning devices mounted on each patrol car, which recognize license plate numbers and compares them against multiple databases including wanted files, missing person files, AMBER alerts, terrorist watch lists, and gang databases. The technology then transmits data about the vehicle and the owner to the officers in the patrol vehicles, alerting them when a stop needs to be made. Using the ALPR technology, law enforcement officers can patrol with the benefit of getting data in real time, so they can interdict immediately. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orangeburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 1520 Ellis Avenue Ext, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the County of Orangeburg, South Carolina to expand and improve the Law Enforcement Automated Data Repository system (LEADR). LEADR creates a bottoms-up approach using open source software. Today, during routine police activities, an officer can search on partial license tags, names and addresses to rapidly correlate past contacts. The system shows probable matches with red and yellow alerts indicating additional caution is needed. All of the data in the system is derived from local and state law enforcement as well as local, state and occasionally federal government records. This funding will expand the capacity of the system and allow for mapping and location awareness so law enforcement can coordinate activities and have a graphical and pictorial representation of patterns and activities. It will also allow for the continued expansion of the system to additional states, making LEADR an even more powerful tool for law enforcement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.