

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. FORBES. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Commonwealth of Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,700,000 for a Tidewater Full-Scale Exercise, to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multi-agency, maritime Full-Scale Exercise, utilizing the experience and unique capabilities of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Asymmetric Warfens (CAW) and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA, 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 in the Defense Access Road (DAR) Program which provides a means for the military to pay a share of the cost of public highway improvements necessary to mitigate an unusual impact of a defense activity. This project would fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at the entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, following the installation's growth resulting from the 2005 BRAC Round.

INTRODUCING THE FOREIGN  
ADOPTED CHILDREN EQUALITY  
ACT OF 2009

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Rep. DIANE WATSON and I are introducing the Foreign Adopted Children Equality Act of 2009. This bicameral, bi-partisan bill is designed to improve upon the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, which was enacted to provide automatic U.S. citizenship to internationally adopted children of American citizens.

International adoption has been a rewarding experience for many families across the United States. However, it is a process that is stressful, complicated, and costly. The FACE Act is intended to cut through some of the

paper work and to treat internationally adopted children as we treat children born abroad to American citizens.

Under the Child Citizenship Act, an internationally adopted child of a U.S. citizen receives U.S. citizenship once the child enters the U.S. to reside permanently. Once in the U.S., the child then has to go through the naturalization process. The FACE Act is intended to improve this process in many ways.

First, it would amend the CCA so that once an international adoption is completed by an American citizen and the adopted child is determined to be adoptable under U.S. law, citizenship would attach. Therefore, instead of parents having to apply for a costly visa to bring their newly adopted child home to the United States, they would apply for a U.S. passport and Consular Report of Birth, making the process that of what is required from American citizen parents whose child is born while abroad. Passports are much less expensive than visas, and once in the U.S., the passport and Consular Report of birth would serve as proof of U.S. citizenship streamlining the application process for a social security card, filing for the adoption tax credit or even enrolling the child into school thus eliminating additional paperwork burdens for these new parents.

In addition, the FACE Act allows for internationally adopted children who are now over the age of 18 and who were not naturalized by their adoptive parents, to apply for and receive citizenship without going through the naturalization process, if they so desire. Unfortunately there are many cases where adoptive parents failed to naturalize their internationally adoptive children prior to their 18th birthdays and prior to passage of the CCA in 2000. Many of these children grow up believing they are U.S. citizens only to find out they are not when they try to register to vote, enlist in the military, or apply for college. There are even cases of these children being deported to their country of origins, where they do not speak the native language nor know the culture, for committing misdemeanors. This act seeks to rectify this situation and give these children the privilege of two heritages—that of their country of origin and of their new home, the United States.

Finally, this act seeks to amend Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the section of law that provides U.S. citizenship from birth to biological children of American citizens who are born abroad. The FACE act would add internationally adopted children of American citizens to this section providing them citizenship from birth. Thus, internationally adopted children would be given the same opportunities given to American children born abroad, such as the chance to run for President.

Together, these changes would finally treat internationally adopted children of American citizens as children of American citizens instead of as immigrants and would provide them equality with biological children born abroad to American citizens.

## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO EDWIN G. SUAREZ

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I remember the life of my good friend and former Rangel Staff Alumni, Edwin G. Suarez. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years, etched his name in history as a visionary and innovator who enriched and transformed housing projects and programs in my beloved East Harlem and the City of New York.

Edwin, a man whose life, to a remarkable degree, embodied the reverie of the American dream, was a great man of distinction which reflected his grand Puerto Rican heritage. Born on August 13, 1940, Edwin was a long-time community leader who devoted many years to the betterment of East Harlem. He was born and raised in Manhattan, as the only son of Avelino Suárez and Julia González Suarez and dedicated his life to giving back to his beloved city as an urban planner dedicated to doing his part to ensure safe and affordable housing for all.

In his capacity as a housing manager for the City of New York, and with the NAACP as a sponsor, Edwin was able to travel the world in order to confer with his counterparts in great urban centers, including those in Japan, Ecuador, Italy, France, Holland and Scandinavia. He returned from these fact-finding missions with critical information used to improve the various housing projects and programs in New York City's East Harlem community.

Edwin proceeded to touch more lives when he entered the political arena as an elected District Leader of the 68th New York State Assembly District, Part B. He also served as my Special Legislative Assistant and served as my Congressional Liaison to my East Harlem constituents, a position he served with a tremendous sense of professionalism. He went on to serve on numerous community and municipal boards, including President of the Metro North Housing and Development Corporation, and Vice President of the Union Settlement Federal Credit Union.

The death of Edwin Suarez on June 20, 2006, brought immense sorrow and loss to his family and friends, countless community leaders and colleagues in government, and me personally. He is survived by his three children, Darlene Suárez Casey, Edwin Suárez II and Desiree J. Suárez; his only grandchild, Jasmine Suárez Osorio van Wijgerden, and his former wife, Josephine Suárez Reyes. Such a benevolent amalgamation of intellect, steadfastness, and vigor as that demonstrated by Edwin over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others will greatly be missed.

This past weekend, on June 20, 2009, Edwin was memorialized by those that loved and cherished him with the renaming of the Northwest corner of East 101st Street and First Avenue in my district. It is my hope that this act will help preserve the memory of this remarkable man, not only for the benefit of those who knew him but for all who value the promise of America.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Domestic Preparedness

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama 36202

Description of Request: "Center for Domestic Preparedness—\$40,000,000" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used by the Center for Domestic Preparedness in order for it to continue to provide the highest quality all hazards training to first responders from around the nation and world to ensure that they have the necessary skills to keep their communities safe. This is a Federal training facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Shorter, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 2521 Old Federal Road, Shorter, Alabama 36075

Description of Request: "Emergency Operations Center—\$500,000" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to help provide emergency services to the citizens of Shorter, Alabama. Shorter is a small community in Macon County and as it develops economically it needs to be able to provide coordinated emergency services. This project will enhance community safety by allowing improved communications and coordination between first responders.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEAN HELLER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 417, Article III of impeaching Samuel B. Kent, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my re-

quest in H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

Clearwater Wastewater Biosolids Project  
Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants Infrastructure Grants

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, 112 S. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of Clearwater to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant by making biosolids improvements; headworks repairs; renewal and replacement of gravity sewer lines, force mains, and pumping stations; pump station compliance; generator replacement at the wastewater treatment plant; and reclaimed water. Previous federal funding for this project is as follows: FY 2002—\$900,000, FY 2003—\$450,000, FY 2005—\$500,000, and FY 2008—\$500,000.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN FLEMING**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting information regarding the following earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. I hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in these projects.

Congressman JOHN FLEMING  
H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Title I, Acct: APA, Line: 26

Intended Recipient: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Stratford, CT

UH-60A to UH-60L Upgrade for the Army National Guard, \$20.4 M, FY10 funds would provide for critical avionics upgrades to modernize Army National Guard Black Hawk medium-lift utility helicopters.

Congressman JOHN FLEMING  
H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Title XXIII, Acct: MCA, Line: N/A

Intended Recipient: Fort Polk, Leesville, LA  
Multipurpose Machine Gun Range, \$6.4 M, FY10 funds would provide for the construction of a standard design Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range, required to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to detect, identify, engage and defeat targets in a tactical environment. Fort Polk does not currently have a suitable training area that meets the requirements needed for machine gunnery. Without this facility, the soldiers of Fort Polk, Reserve, and National Guard units will not be able to maintain efficiency for live fire training for machine gun engagements.

INTERIOR PROJECT REQUEST  
INSERT**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Naperville Heritage Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 523 S. Webster Street, Naperville, IL 60540

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to improve drainage and management of storm water at Chicagoland's only nationally accredited outdoor history museum. This request will improve the water quality in the DuPage River watershed by mitigating the impact of storm water on Naper Settlement's grounds and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

THE SPECTRUM RELOCATION  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009 along with my colleagues, Mr. UPTON of Michigan and Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia. This bipartisan bill reforms the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act (CSEA) to make the current spectrum relocation process more transparent and reduce relocation risks for federal agencies and those interested in bidding in future auctions of federally encumbered spectrum.

Washington State is a leader in the technology industry. It is home to companies large and small that are producing the most cutting edge Internet service technologies that benefit not only my constituents in the first District, but Washington State and the country as a whole. However despite the innovative efforts going on in Washington, and across the country, the United States ranks 15th in broadband adoption of 30 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries; a ranking that President Obama has called "unacceptable."

Investment in broadband infrastructure and services is a necessary economic driver, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated \$7.4 billion dollars to aid the build out of our nation's broadband infrastructure over current spectrum, to unserved and underserved communities. This investment demonstrates the importance of broadband services, not only for America's economic recovery, but its ongoing prosperity.

Meeting the broadband infrastructure objectives desired by the American people and outlined by President Obama will require the allocation of additional spectrum for commercial use. In order for consumers to experience the next generation of voice and broadband wireless services, the government must identify more sources of spectrum. Once the government has auctioned spectrum to carriers, it is in everyone's interest to see that consumers