

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH CANNON
HOUGHTELING

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great California statesman and public servant, Joseph Cannon Houghteling, who passed away on June 23, 2009.

On July 16th, 2009 Joe's family and friends will gather on San Francisco's historic ship the *Balclutha* to celebrate his life, and I wish to honor my friend by submitting his obituary from the San Francisco Chronicle.

Joseph Cannon Houghteling, former chairman of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and Democratic activist, died at home June 23 in San Francisco after a short illness. He was 84. Houghteling spent many years in pro bono public service, with an emphasis on regional government, transportation and the balance between conservation and development. When he stepped down as chairman of BCDC, The Chronicle editorialized "He has served with wit, style and patience . . . and has brought a spirit of compromise to its responsibility of allowing development but protecting the environment, two goals often hard to reach." Born in San Francisco in 1924, son of the late William and Virginia LeSeure Houghteling, Houghteling attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He then joined the Navy V-12 college officer-training program and attended Bates College and the College of the Holy Cross. He served aboard the USS *Ocklawaha* in 1945-46 with the forces occupying Japan. He graduated from Yale in 1947. After college, Houghteling moved to the Peninsula, where he was publisher of community newspapers including The Gilroy Dispatch, The Los Gatos Times-Observer, The Sunnyvale Standard, The Pleasanton Times and The Mountain View Register-Leader. He owned The Nevada County Nugget for a time. He also founded Diablo Press, which published books on controversial topics including abortion and "We Accuse," a collection of essays on the new American political anger during the Vietnam War, as well as "The Sinking of the Lollipop" by Rodney G. Minott, about the congressional campaign of Pete McCloskey and Shirley Temple Black. Although he came from a family of Illinois Republicans, including great-grandfather "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Republican Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Houghteling became a committed Democrat. He was a California delegate to the Democratic Conventions of 1956, supporting Adlai Stevenson, and of 1960, supporting John F. Kennedy. He was Northern California treasurer to the 1960 Kennedy presidential campaign. He participated in many other campaigns, including those of both Pat and Jerry Brown, John Tunney, Dianne Feinstein and Pete McCloskey. Houghteling served on the boards of many nonprofits including California Tomorrow, the Planning and Conservation League Foundation, the Coro Foundation, Stanford Hospital, Peninsula School and the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Houghteling joked that he was "one of Pat

Brown's youngest appointees and one of Jerry Brown's oldest." Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown appointed Houghteling to the State Park Commission, which Houghteling eventually chaired, in 1959; in 1964 he was appointed to the State Highway Commission. Houghteling was appointed to BCDC in 1971; in the mid-1970s, he was appointed chairman by Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr., a post he held until 1982. While chairman, Houghteling shepherded through the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan, which shielded 89,000 acres of wetlands and wildlife habitat from uncontrolled development. From 1972-1982, Houghteling was on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. While on MTC, he noticed that there was no direct pedestrian access from the Embarcadero to the ferry landing. At Houghteling's suggestion, a passageway was built through the Ferry Building to allow easy access. In 1994, a plaque was installed in the Ferry Building to honor Houghteling. In 1984, Houghteling was appointed to the bi-state Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, on which he served until 1992. Houghteling also was president of the National Maritime Museum Association from 1992-1994. He was instrumental in bringing the submarine the USS *Pampanito* to Pier 45. Houghteling lived in Palo Alto, Los Gatos and Atherton. After moving back to San Francisco in 1978, he kept a home in Portola Valley for many years. Houghteling is survived by his wife of 31 years, Signa Judith Irwin Houghteling, and his daughters with the late Frances Fisher Houghteling: Anne Frances Houghteling and her husband, Herb Greenman, of Palo Alto; Elizabeth Cannon Houghteling and her husband, Philip Balboni, of Cambridge, Mass.; and Mary Wallace Houghteling of Berkeley. He is survived by his grandson, Philip Cannon Houghteling Balboni, of Cambridge. He leaves three nieces and a nephew by his sister, Lucretia H. Robertson, who predeceased him."

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SERVICE OF M. POPE BARROW, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, there are many people who work very hard behind the scenes to enable the House to fulfill its legislative responsibilities, and Pope Barrow is unsurpassed in his craft. As "the" House Legislative Counsel for the past dozen years, and as "a" legislative counsel for 28 years before that, Barrow has helped me and every Member to prepare and perfect our legislation, that is, the actual words on the papers that Congress enacts into the law of the land. He is a gruff yet genial fellow who takes great pride in his work, and rightly so. He has much to be proud of over the course of his career, as many of my colleagues have already described.

I frankly don't know about Barrow's other genres, but as Legislative Counsel his profes-

sional work product here can be indecipherable. Even Shakespeare's prose makes lighter reading. With the Bard one needs only an English-language dictionary nearby. For Barrow's works, one needs, at a minimum, not only Webster's but Black's Law Dictionary, the Revised Statutes of the United States, the Statutes-at-Large, the United States Code, and a pot of strong coffee.

Writing federal legislation is obviously a unique skill and a decorative art form. Pope Barrow and his office colleagues have mastered it. As a practical matter, all of us Members untrained as lawyers in our former lives would always find ourselves at a disadvantage in any legislature, so we owe Pope Barrow and his colleagues an extraordinary debt of gratitude. He evens the playing field so a carpenter like me can compete with any other Member in this place.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my own staff, and on behalf of the staff of the House Administration Committee, I wish Pope well in his next endeavors, whatever they may be. May Pope Barrow always look back over his 40 years here as fondly as will his office colleagues and every Member of this House.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, we must take measurable actions to replace policies of aggression with policies of dialogue, adherence to international law and an unwavering dedication to the protection of human rights. As such, I oppose the bill based on the inclusion of funding for programs and support for policies that fail to meet these important goals.

This bill continues funding for the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program. IMET is one of the three funding sources that support the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA).

This combat-training facility for security personnel in Latin America is notorious for graduating human rights offenders. In its 59 years of existence, the SOA trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. These graduates have consistently targeted educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders, and

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others who work for the rights of the poor. Hundreds of thousands of Latin Americans have been victims of SOA graduates.

A particularly egregious example shows Americans have been affected too. In 1980, Sisters Dorothy and Jean Donovan of Cleveland, along with two other churchwomen from the U.S., Sister Maura Clarke and Sister Ita Forde, were raped and murdered by members of the armed forces of El Salvador. Three of the five officers involved were graduates of the School of the Americas.

I oppose the continuation of funding for the Merida Initiative and expansion of this flawed program to the Caribbean countries. Time and again, research has demonstrated that illicit drug production in developing countries stems from pervasive rural poverty and lack of sustainable sources of income. More money for guns and other tools of destruction will do nothing to ease the suffering of those struggling with addiction or alleviate the social problems that compel people to produce and/or traffic drugs.

I also oppose the Import-Export Bank provision in Section 7043 of the bill regarding Iran. Sanctions can be an effective diplomatic tool in the right circumstances. However, sanctions are meant to cripple economies and as such can have disastrous consequences for the citizens of any sanctioned country. Iran is experiencing extreme turmoil among its citizens. Recent events make it very clear that the people of Iran are to be commended for their courage, not strangled by an increasingly crippled economy as the fabric of their society is being ripped apart. Furthermore, the provision will undoubtedly target countries that are our allies who will have a role to play as the U.S. moves forward diplomatically with Iran and in the region generally. With the global economic crisis, this policy will cause the U.S. to fall far short of our diplomatic goals in the region.

These are policies that take us down the wrong path. I cannot support this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PETRI. 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. 3183 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy: Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

Description of Request: The \$500,000 appropriation will be used by UW Oshkosh to establish a program for biomass recycling to be housed on their campus. This project is in conjunction with several private and public entities in the State of Wisconsin. The EERE account provides federal funds to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental

quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships. This project is expected to both reduce organic waste sent to the landfill and produce alternative fuels to replace fossil-fuel generated energy for campus operations. The University believes it will save approximately \$150,000 annually in energy savings. Schools, nursing homes, and other community institutions and households will gain a means to dispose of biomass waste in an environmentally responsible manner and the entire community will benefit from reduced demand on landfill capacity. Funding will be used to acquire the anaerobic digesting plant equipment, plan and engineer the installation of the digester plant, and educate the Oshkosh area community about this new technology. This project supports the University's plan to develop alternative sustainable energy sources and follow the Governor of Wisconsin's directive to eliminate dependence on fossil fuels.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit Division

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231

Description of Request: \$150,000 for the Corps of Engineers' assistance to participate in an investigation to determine the extent of the Corps' water level management strategy on the depletion of fish and other aquatic habitat within Lake Poygan, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. Lake Poygan once provided abundant high quality habitat for water fowl and other birds, furbearers, and warm water fishery. Much of this habitat has deteriorated in recent years. The existing water level management strategy is being reviewed to determine its role in the degradation. Water levels at Lake Poygan have been managed under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fox River project since 1872. The project would involve the construction of a break wall on Lake Poygan for the purpose of protecting, improving, and restoring fish and other aquatic life habitat. FY 2010 funding would be used to continue the feasibility phase.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606.

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$7.275 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, Construction account for the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. The funding would be used for the construction and operation of the electric dispersal barriers in the canal as well as a study to consider alternative approaches to prevent inter-basin transfers of aquatic nuisance species. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, along with a request from President Obama.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$3.2 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, for restoration projects under the Great Lakes

Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration program. The funding would be used in coordination with other federal, state, and local agencies and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to plan, implement, and evaluate projects supporting the restoration of the fishery, ecosystem, and beneficial uses of the Great Lakes. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$4 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, General Investigations account for Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committees. The funding would be used for RAPs to identify specific actions to resolve pollution problems by coordinating with the Corps of Engineers in dredging and sediment cleanups. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Awarded under: Corps of Engineers, Construction Account, Central West Virginia, Corps of Engineers.

Baltimore and Huntington Districts
Funds will be used for continuation of authorized waste and drinking water improvement activities under section 571 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 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 request in H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control
Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of requests: \$14,000,000 is included in the bill for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to continue construction of

the Pinellas County beach erosion control program. The Pinellas County program was first authorized by Congress in 1966 and reauthorized in 1976 and has provided immeasurable storm protection and recreation benefits to Pinellas County residents and visitors. These funds will be used to support renourishment and restoration of nine miles of critically eroded Sand Key Beach from Clearwater to North Redington Beach in west-central Pinellas County. Erosion since the last nourishment in 2006 now requires the periodic renourishment to maintain the current quality of the beach system, enlarging the beach and dunes. Prior federal funds were utilized for borrow area studies and physical monitoring of Sand Key beaches, as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for beach nourishment. This request is submitted in support of the State of Florida's Federal Appropriations Request for Beach Nourishment. The federal and state/local cost sharing averages 60/40 under the current authorization. The combined state and local share of this project will be an estimated \$4,700,000. With these funds, a total of \$104,815,404 will have been appropriated for the Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control Project since Fiscal Year 1986.

St. Petersburg Sustainable Biosolids Management: Wastewater Sludge and Yard Waste to Renewable Energy

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$2,500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for a sustainable biosolids management project to convert wastewater sludge and yard waste to renewable energy. Through a public-private partnership, St. Petersburg proposes to contract with a waste-to-renewable energy company that will build, own and operate a facility that will use City generated biostocks such as biosolids, yard and wood waste, grit and screenings to fuel a biomass gasification and energy facility located at the City's Southwest Waster Reclamation Facility. This proposal seeks to offset a portion of the capital cost to the City. It is expected that the gasification will convert a noxious waste to renewable energy, reduce city cost and pollution of waste disposal, treatment and transportation, generate renewable energy utilized by the city and potentially Eckerd College or other private customers, eliminate the release of methane gas and the potential of ground water pollution from landfills or land spreading. The city will provide a match of \$1,309,650.

St. Petersburg Solar Pilot Project

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg to develop and implement a renewable and sustainable solar energy network to provide the electricity required to power 40 city parks. Through a collaboration with Progress Energy Florida and the University of South Florida Center for Utility Exploration, the city will be able to remove all of these parks from the city's power grid. Regional residents, visitors, commercial organizations and governmental

agencies will benefit from the demonstration of a wide scale alternative energy technology that will reduce peak demand at power generation facilities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil. The City of St. Petersburg is uniquely situated to exploit cheap, clean renewable solar power and is committed to utilize the limitless resource to go solar at all of its City parks and eventually all operating facilities. The City of St. Petersburg has 137 parks occupying in excess of 2300 acres of public lands. All parks are served with a varying degree of overhead lighting for basic usage and security purposes. Forty of the parks have buildings that can accommodate the renewable energy system in terms of structural and orientation to the sun. Renewable energy technologies are seen as the only sustainable energy source for the future. However, solar energy can be intermittent in nature necessitating an energy storage medium or energy carrier to effectively use this energy. Through collaboration with Progress Energy Florida, Inc., and the USF Center for Utility Exploration, this project will consist of a photovoltaic energy system, an advanced energy storage battery system and appropriate control systems to make an integrated energy system that will supply a clean renewable energy when it is needed. The system will be interconnected with the power system of the host building. The system will store the solar energy in an advanced battery. The energy will then be used on-peak to reduce the maximum demand of the building. If the battery is not fully charged by the solar panels, off-peak energy from the grid can also be used to charge the battery for peak operation. This project will employ demand side management using both renewable energy and off-peak grid energy. The energy storage system will convert chemical energy into electrical energy. The chemical reaction within the storage system is reversible, thereby allowing the battery to be charged, discharged and recharged. The project will be used to pass on information and benefits about renewable energy. Students and the public will be engaged to learn from and understand the system functions and renewable energy benefits. The solar energy systems are proposed to generate sufficient energy to power the park lighting systems with any excess energy returned to the grid for offsets to city electrical expenses. Previous federal funding was provided for this project in Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$1,427,250. The City of St. Petersburg will provide a \$500,000 match.

Tampa Port Planning, Engineering and Design for future requirements

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Tampa Port Authority for the continued planning, engineering, and design for a project to widen and deepen the Tampa shipping channel to allow for the safer passage of shipping traffic and to accommodate larger ships requiring a deeper draft. The Army Corps of Engineers completed a draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in 2008 which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The 40 mile main federal channel han-

dles traffic in and out of the entire Tampa Bay federal port system for the Ports of Tampa, Manatee and St. Petersburg. The ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two-way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies and recommends widening select portions of the main channel. The GRR finds that vessel operation costs would be reduced, resulting in transportation cost savings, increased harbor safety and reduced cargo delivery delays. In addition, the continued reevaluation of the needs in the Tampa Harbor is necessary, to include deepening, in order to facilitate anticipated growth in trade as the Port of Tampa continues its steady growth and diversification. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons. The Port of Tampa generates an annual economic impact of almost \$8 billion on the region which includes the contribution of over \$570 million annually in state and local taxes. This project is authorized by three separate federal statutes: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-137); The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-447); and the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114). Previous funding for this project has been provided as follows: FY 2009—\$478,000, FY 2008—\$133,000, FY 2004—\$2,500,000, FY 2003—\$200,000, FY 2002—\$500,000, FY 2001—\$300,000.

Intracoastal Waterway Operation and Maintenance from Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal name and address of requesting entity: West Coast Inland Navigation District, P.O. Box 1845, Venice, FL 34284

Description of request: \$4,500,000 is included in the bill for the West Coast Inland Navigation District for the maintenance dredging of sections of the Intracoastal Waterway through six Florida counties, including Pinellas County. The 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act authorized the Intracoastal Waterway to be maintained at a width of 100-feet, and a depth of nine-feet between the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, near Ft. Myers, and the Anclote River, north of Tampa. The channel runs through six counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee) and links natural deep-water sections of bays through a series of man-made channels, thereby providing for the safe passage of commercial goods and access to commercial fishing grounds. Dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway commenced in 1960 and was completed in 1967, at which time the West Coast Inland Navigation District began maintenance activities. This funding will support maintenance dredging for Longboat Pass (Manatee County), Venice Inlet (Sarasota County), mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County), the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County),

and a section of the Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County just north of the Tampa Bay port shipping channel. Previous funding totaling \$1,400,000 was included in FY 2004 and FY 2005 for the design, engineering, and permitting for this project and \$1,215,000 was included in FY 2008 and \$2,076,000 in FY 2009 for the initial dredging of this waterway.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies and Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$100,000.00, would be used to implement one or more priority projects that are consistent with the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair Management Plan. These projects were developed in a broad based and consensus driven process involving multiple counties, local governments, state governments, federal agencies and regional planners.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183 the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies and Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Way of Southeastern Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 1212 Griswold St. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$400,000.00, would be used by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan to assist two community non-profits to make energy efficiency and insulation upgrades at their facilities. The two organizations are Turning Point of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, a domestic violence shelter, as well as the Macomb County Rotating Shelter Team, a coalition of churches that provide overnight shelter to homeless persons and families.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Illinois School for the Deaf and Mr. Albert Caswell. On January 20, 2009, the Illinois School for the Deaf traveled to Washington, DC, to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Inspired by these

young children and with the thought that perhaps one day one of those children may also stand on the west front of the U.S. Capitol, I submit a poem penned by U.S. Capitol Guide Albert Carey Caswell. Mr. Caswell was able to spend some time with them on that day and wrote the following tribute.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

(By Mr. Albert Caswell)

Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
Not with my ears!
But, with something far much more greater,
so true!
For it's with my heart . . .
That, I can hear you too . . .
Look at me!
I'm just the same as you!
For what I've lost . . .
For inside, I've gained so much more so too!
For I can feel you . . .
And, I can read you . . .
I'm just a kid like you!
And, I want to grow up to be happy . . . and
so healthy, oh so much so too!
Just, because I can't understand you!
I can read you!
Like a book!
For our Lord God, has given me other gifts
that I can use. . . .
For your coming through to me, loud and
clear . . .
For I've developed my senses, so much greater
so here. . . .
We're all the same!
Some of us even, have the same names . . .
So hear me!
Do not fear me!
Be near me, be my friend . . . so tried and
true . . .
There's, so much more we can learn about
each other . . . me and you
For, I can hear you!
In our world, there is such a special
bond. . . .
That, in the quiet world is so formed . . .
At first, you may not understand . . . but
it's in our heart where it is born . . .
I can teach you!
I can reach you!
In all I do!
Life lesson's so very true . . .
For, I will not give up!
Nor give in!
On this Inauguration Day, I see how far
dreams can take you to!
And yet I ask, "Why, must children have so
much courage then so too?"
For some things, are so hard to understand
. . . .
As where faith must begin and end . . .
Reach out, and take my hand . . .
Let's be friends, me and you . . .
There's so much more together we can learn
and do!
Little children as Heroes should not have to
be . . . but are put on this earth for all
to teach!
Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
And one day up in Heaven . . . I know, my
Lord I will view . . .
And, I will begin to cry . . .
When, I look into his eyes . . . and I hear for
the first time . . .
My very first words!
"I love you"!

MR. GEORGE F. "BUTCH" BUCCELLA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

GEORGE F. "BUTCH" BUCCELLA, 68

MINERAL RIDGE.—George F. "Butch" Buccella, 68, of 812 Carson Salt Springs Road, died at 9:32 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Forum Health Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren.

He was born Jan. 31, 1941, in Youngstown, the son of Frank and Betty Cutright Buccella.

He was a 1958 graduate of Niles McKinley High School.

Butch owned and operated Buccella and Sons RV Sales for nine years, was a Weathersfield Township trustee for 16 years, where he served as chairman and vice-chairman, co-owned A'Lenzio's Pizza in Mineral Ridge with his wife Judy for 14 years, and was a staff representative to Congressman James Traficant for 17 years until his retirement.

After his retirement, George worked for Western Reserve Limousines and at the Joseph Rossi and Sons Funeral Home in Niles as a hearse and limo driver.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Niles and served on its parish council, was a member and past King Lion of the Niles Lions Club, and involved with the Niles Democratic Club, the Trumbull County Fair Board, and the Jolly Boys Monday Night Gang.

He was also a member of the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president, vice president, and secretary and received its Outstanding Citizen of The Year Award and its Small Business Advocate of The Year Award.

He was on the Fairhaven Workshop Board of Trustees, Niles Churches for Housing, and the Jefferson Democratic Club.

He enjoyed NASCAR as he was an avid Jeff Gordon fan. He built and raced stock cars at the Canfield, Expo, and Sharon Speedways for 28 years, and also enjoyed bowling.

Butch, who was always known for saying "one day at a time" will be deeply missed by his wife, Judy Sheldon Buccella, whom he married Dec. 8, 1962; a son, Jeff Buccella (Dawn) of Austintown; a daughter, Tracie Fynes (Dan) of Garrettsville; a sister, Suzanne Miller of Florida; and five grandchildren, Eddie, Kyle, Miamie, Jordyn and Lillie.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Joseph Rossi & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Niles where the Niles Lions Club will conduct prayers at 7:30 p.m.

Friends may also call from 10 until the 11 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Niles with Pastor Beth Ferne Johnson officiating.

Burial will be at Kerr Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Joseph Rossi & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Service Inc. in Niles.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Dade College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 1402, Miami, FL 33132

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for the Miami Dade College Institute for Intermodal Transportation (IIT). This funding will be used for the Miami Dade College (MDC) proposes an Institute for Intermodal Transportation to further provide opportunities that lead to careers addressing the future needs of the transportation industry. A major focus is to provide small businesses with opportunities to train and retrain their workforce, as well as providing certifications and degree programs. The Intermodal Transportation Training Center allows MDC to effectively meet the training requirements of all forms of transportation, and transportation related activities. The planned location of the Intermodal Transportation Center is at the Miami International Airport (MIA), which would situate the School in close proximity to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) currently under construction. This location would serve as a benefit to both the MIC and the school as a trained and skilled workforce is developed by the School to meet the ongoing employment needs at the MIC. Courses at MIA are set to begin January 2010. Miami Dade College is uniquely positioned to provide this training through an Institute for Intermodal Transportation (IIT). MDC has a foundation for the coursework and training through its various departments and schools. A number of the educational programs are in aviation under its Eig-Watson School of Aviation. Additional related programs which would support the IIT are the Schools of Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Psychology, Mathematics and Engineering. Miami Dade College currently offers 3 baccalaureate programs with numerous tracks. Over 200 associate degrees and career training certificates are available and could have application to the Intermodal Institute. Miami is a major transportation hub, and the forecast is that Miami will continue to rapidly grow as an international center of transportation. However, Florida aviation and aerospace companies routinely cite "lack of a qualified workforce" as a principal barrier to growth in industry surveys. Presently, many larger organizations have found it more cost effective to contract out specific areas of its workforce to smaller companies instead of performing the work in-house. However, these contractors are often times small businesses that cannot afford to train or certify their own employees. In fact, many of these companies do not have sufficient training in business relationships, process mapping, business and finance. This translates into areas such as customer service, logistics, security, marketing, route scheduling, safety, and maintenance systems. Small Business training in other non-traditional support areas for transportation is also needed. This included areas such as construction inspection, traffic management, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) management through the Institute for Intermodal Transportation, small businesses would be able to invest in workforce development programs such as project management, managing time and budget, and negotiating expertise. Hence, the

Institute will address comprehensive solutions for all modes of transportation, combining academic and "real world" experience. By creating the educational resources for transportation, the proposed Intermodal transportation training center would attract new opportunities for the City and County and help meet future shortages in transportation employment opportunities.

A TRIBUTE TO PETER V. UEBERROTH

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the lifetime achievements of Peter V. Ueberroth and his contributions to the Olympic movement and sports in the United States.

Peter is due special commendation for his timely and effective response to the situation sparked by the American-led boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. That boycott led to 14 Communist countries announcing their intention to boycott the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and organize a rival event called the Friendship Games.

When the Soviet Union announced its boycott of the 1984 Olympic Games just two months before the Games, it threatened to undermine the participation of other countries and create a financial disaster for the Olympic movement. In order to save the Games, Peter Ueberroth personally visited several countries to ensure their participation, including Romania, which became the only Communist country that refused to participate in the Soviet-led boycott.

Despite the Soviet-led boycott, through the efforts to build international good will led by Peter Ueberroth and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, over 140 nations still participated in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Peter continued to promote the 1984 Olympic Games by initiating the Olympic Torch Relay that began in New York City, crossed 33 states and the District of Columbia and ended in Los Angeles, covering more than 9,000 miles and involving over 3,600 runners that focused the attention of the country and the world on the Games.

The 1984 Olympic Games were a stunning success, featuring athletes such as Carl Lewis, Mary Lou Retton and Michael Jordan, who led the United States team to a record-setting total of 174 medals, including 83 gold medals.

Peter personally secured the revenue to finance the 1984 Olympic Games, raising an unprecedented amount of funds from private sources so that not one cent of municipal funds would be required of the taxpayers of Los Angeles. The 1984 Olympic Games actually concluded with an unprecedented \$215 million surplus.

As a result of his efforts in saving the 1984 Olympic Games and restoring the United States as the leader in international sports, Time Magazine named Peter Ueberroth as the 1984 "Man of the Year," noting that he was the "hero of the Olympics" and the "man who brought honor to America."

Since leading the 1984 Olympic Games, Peter Ueberroth has continued to make contributions to the United States and the world of sports, serving as Commissioner of Major League Baseball, where he led efforts to institute an effective anti-drug campaign.

Following the 2004 reorganization of the United States Olympic Committee, Peter Ueberroth was selected to serve as Chairman of the United States Olympic Committee, revitalizing the United States Olympic Committee and leading the United States to a first-place finish in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles Olympic Games held under Peter Ueberroth's leadership and in that spirit, I ask now that my colleagues join me in recognizing, honoring and celebrating the achievements, service and contributions of Peter Ueberroth to the Olympic movement, sports, and the United States of America

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Name of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority

Address of requesting entity: 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$5,600,000 will be used for dredging the federal navigation channels in Tampa Harbor. The Tampa Harbor is a federally-authorized project for which, by statute, the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintaining. Maintenance of these channels is essential to ensuring that commerce can move efficiently and safely through Tampa Harbor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: American River Watershed (Common Features), CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers; Construction

Requesting Agency: CA Dpt of Water Resources

Requesting Agency Address: 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers

Recipient Address: USACE; Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Amount: \$6,700,000

The project will reduce the possibility of loss of life and flood damage by improving the levee system protecting the Sacramento Metropolitan area from flooding along the Sacramento and American Rivers.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the glaring need to bolster flood control systems in the Sacramento Region, specifically with regard to the American River Watershed.

American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications), CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers; Construction

Requesting Agency: CA Dpt of Water Resources

Requesting Agency Address: 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers

Recipient Address: USACE; Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Amount: \$66,700,000

This funding will provide for the design and construction of a new spillway at Folsom Dam that will reduce the frequency of flooding in this major urban area.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the glaring need to bolster flood control systems in the Sacramento Region, specifically with regard to the American River Watershed.

American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise & Bridge), CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers; Construction

Requesting Agency: CA Dpt of Water Resources

Requesting Agency Address: 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers

Recipient Address: USACE; Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Amount: \$600,000

The Folsom Dam Raise project consists of the selected 3.5' raise of Folsom Dam and reservoir dikes, reconfiguring the Folsom Dam penstocks, ecosystem restoration projects, and the construction of a bridge below Folsom Dam.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the glaring need to bolster flood control systems in the Sacramento Region, specifically with regard to the American River Watershed.

South Sacramento County Streams, CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers; Construction

Requesting Agency: CA Dpt of Water Resources

Requesting Agency Address: 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers

Recipient Address: USACE; Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Amount: \$4,750,000

This public safety project will increase the level of flood protection for the highly urban-

ized area of South Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento, protecting more than 100,000 residents. The project will increase the level of flood protection from the Morrison Creek stream group, from 50 years to over 200 years.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the glaring need to bolster flood control systems in the Sacramento Region, specifically with regard to the Sacramento River.

McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy

Requesting Agency: University of California at Davis

Requesting Agency Address: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

Amount: \$500,000

This request is to provide funding to replace the nation's current sole domestic source of Iodine-125 (I125) production located at the UC Davis McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center (MNRC). In April 2004, the system experienced its fourth and final failure causing production to cease entirely and the system remains inoperable today.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center represents the only domestic source of Iodine-125, which is essential in detection and treatment of various types of cancer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Project Name: Loma Linda and Grand Terrace Connected Communities Infrastructure

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Loma Linda; City of Grand Terrace

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Loma Linda, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354; City of Grand Terrace, 22795 Barton Road, Grand Terrace, CA 92313

Description of Request: Establish a fiber optic infrastructure expansion pilot program between the City of Loma Linda and the City of Grand Terrace's new business park. The pilot will demonstrate how updated and expanded internet access can promote small business, create jobs, enhance local competitiveness and provide green alternatives. The pilot supports innovative solutions to the devastatingly high regional unemployment rate of 12.8%. Because private loans are unavailable as a result of the credit crunch, the region will benefit from this use of federal dollars as the initial investment for future expansions. The success of this pilot will attract both stimulus funding and private investment. Such a program can serve as a model for further economic development in other similarly distressed areas across the country.

Amount: \$900,000

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following vote I missed on July 13, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 530 on a motion to adjourn.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Name of Requesting Entity: South Florida Water Management District

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Description of Request: I have secured \$210,239,000 for the South Florida Everglades Ecosystem restoration, FL: Central and Southern FL (C&SF) Project: Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, FL. This funding will be used for the South Florida Everglades Ecosystem Restoration: Six projects which are vital to ongoing Everglades Restoration efforts: Picayune Strand—The project involves the restoration of natural water flows across 85-square miles in western Collier County that were previously cleared for a residential community. The project includes construction of three pump stations with spreader canals, the plugging of 40-miles of canals and the removal of 227-miles of roads. Levees will be installed, as required, to provide flood protection for adjacent private properties that would be impacted by the project. (\$56 million) Indian River Lagoon—The project will include a 3,400-acres above-ground reservoir to capture local basin runoff with 6,300-acres of storm water Treatment Areas. The project will decrease the excessive water flows into the St. Lucie Estuary, improve the water quality by treating the water entering the Estuary and provide water supplies for the environmental and human needs of the area. (\$75 million) Site 1 Impoundment—This project involves construction of an approximately 1,600-acre impoundment where water will be pumped from the Hillsboro Canal. The project will capture and store the excess surface water runoff from the Hillsboro Watershed as well as releases from the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Lake Okeechobee. The project will allow more natural, desirable and consistent water levels within the Refuge as well as benefit estuaries downstream (\$27 million) C-111 Spreader Canal—This project is located adjacent to Everglades National Park and is part of the South Dade County portion of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF). The project goal is to create a hydrologic ridge between Everglades National Park and areas east that are mostly in agricultural production. The project is intended to maintain existing

flood protection while restoring natural hydrologic conditions in the eastern panhandle of Everglades National Park (\$20 million) C-51 design—The project will provide water quality benefits to the surrounding areas along with Storm water Treatment Area IE (\$16 million) CERP design—Includes design project agreements, Project Implementation Reports, detailed project design and RECOVER which are all essential to ongoing Everglades Restoration efforts (\$64 million) The funding would be used for six projects which are vital to ongoing efforts to restore the historic South Florida ecosystem including the Florida Everglades. The Florida Everglades are a unique ecosystem that must be preserved for future generations.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FC-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Science

Name of Requesting Entity: Florida International University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11200 SW 8th St, Miami, FL 33199

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the state-of-the-Art Large-Scale Testing for Wind to Enhance Infrastructure Resiliency and Develop Energy-Efficient Buildings. This funding will be used for a full-scale testing in the WoW facility, supported by the enhanced capabilities, will lead to major improvements in the performance of infrastructure and life-line elements, including electrical utility and power distribution systems, safer nuclear power plants in hurricane-prone regions, and increased community resilience under Category 3 and 4 hurricanes. In addition, by virtue of its unprecedented capabilities to simulate natural, turbulent winds, the FIU full-scale testing facility will test innovative building envelopes capable of massively reducing energy consumption in buildings, reducing GHGs, and improving IEQ. The impact of the facility would be enormous. Losses that may remain inadequately insured because of the excessively large risks they entail could be massively reduced by further developing the requisite scientific knowledge through full-scale experiments conducted in the more powerful and equipt WOW. Thus the requested funding would transform WoW the only facility in the world capable of testing a wide variety of types of structure to promote significant mitigation of the vast losses due to hurricanes and contribute massively to improving energy performance of buildings and reducing GHGs. The new capabilities would be a breakthrough in enabling quick results and affordable solutions, thereby making major scientific advancements beneficial to the State and the Nation. The research activities will significantly enhance the economic and societal well-being of the general population and businesses—thus promoting hurricane resilient sustainable communities. Hurricanes caused more than \$100 billion in losses in 2005 alone and caused more than 1,400 fatalities in 2004–05. Infrastructure damage and lifeline disruption are severe problems to hurricane prone coastal communities. In 2004 and 2005, seven hurricanes struck the coast of Florida causing severe damage to electrical infrastructure. A record 3.2 million FPL customers were left without electric service as Hurricane Wilma's (2005) winds damaged street lighting, transformers, transmission lines, and substations. Wind is also a significant factor affecting build-

ing energy consumption through air leakage, while wind accompanied by rain can affect indoor environment quality (IEQ). Buildings use about one-third of the world's energy. In the United States today, the buildings sector accounts for 40% of the primary energy use. The use of electric power and heat in the buildings sector also accounts for about 40% of the U.S. greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). Buildings present one of the best opportunities to reduce energy consumption and limit GHGs. Florida International University (FIU) has developed a one-of-a-kind large-scale Wall of Wind (WoW) facility simulating atmospheric turbulent flows and hurricane force winds. Currently the focus of WoW research is mitigation of damage to residential buildings. However, the WoW design allows its use for multiple testing of other infrastructural and life-line elements. Unfortunately such variety of testing is not feasible owing to the lack of the instrumentation for measuring aerodynamic, aeroelastic, and thermal effects. For this reason this large, expensive, and unique facility is severely under-used. The proposed funding would allow such WoW instrumentation to achieve a transformative testing capability not available anywhere else in the world.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: EERE-Building Technologies

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Homestead, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 790 N. Homestead Blvd, Homestead, FL, 33030

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the City Hall Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. This funding will be used for the City of Homestead is in the process of replacing its aging and inadequate City Hall building with a new structurally hardened, energy efficient, low carbon emission, and environmentally friendly building. This new building, in addition to housing all City departments, will also encompass Homestead's new Emergency Operations Center. The City has requested that the designers include features in the design that will result in a LEED Silver Certificate. The design is complete and procurement for construction will start by the end of February 2009. The total cost of the City Hall project, which will employ approximately 60 persons, is \$30 million of which \$1 million is estimated for the improvements needed to meet the requirements for LEED Silver Certification. Without this funding assistance, Homestead's LEED certification efforts may not be fully realized. This project follows Congress' and the Administration's stated goals in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in areas such as: providing immediate job creation, utilization of green construction technologies, and providing energy efficiency cost savings. Designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver standards, the new City Hall will serve as a premier example of green construction and energy efficiency technology in the community.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st St., Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for the Miami Harbor Channel Dredging. This funding will be used for the General Reevaluation Report Implementation, Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design for the dredging of Miami Harbor. This funding was authorized via WRDA 2007 (H.R. 1495) for preconstruction, engineering, and design of the recommended project. This will address the federal share at 100% of the anticipated costs for plans and specifications preparation. The Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers has recommended the deepening project to 50–52 feet and Congress has authorized the project (Title I, Water Resources Development Act of 2007). It is essential that the Planning, Engineering, and Design (PED) begin as soon as possible. Extended delay in the proposed dredging improvements could be detrimental to the economy of South Florida and the nation. Cargo growth at the Port of Miami has been phenomenally strong. However, the industry standard container ship is becoming larger, and the Port cannot handle the newer ships without deeper channels. In addition, the Port has been facing increasing competition from foreign ports with existing significantly deeper channels and faces the real threat of losing business to foreign ports (such as Freeport). The targeted population includes the ships/commerce currently utilizing the Port of Miami and future business which will be generated as a consequence of larger vessels being able to utilize the Port of Miami. Port of Miami growth will benefit the citizens of Miami-Dade County, South Florida and the nation. Miami Harbor is a major economic force for the County, South Florida and the nation. The Port of Miami is one of the nation's strongest economic engines, accounting for over 98,000 jobs and \$12 billion in annual economic impact. It is the State of Florida's top container port and one of the largest in the nation.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: O&M

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st St., Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$777,000 for the Miami River Dredging. This funding will be used for the final phase of the Miami River Dredging Project to restore authorized depth and width to the navigation channel. This project, funded by the US Army Corps of Engineers with a coalition of local sponsors led by Miami-Dade County, removes contaminated sediments from the Miami River, Florida's 4th largest port with an economic value of \$4 billion. Since it was improved for navigation in the 1930s, the river has never received comprehensive maintenance dredging. Sediments have accumulated in the federal channel making it narrower and shallower, thereby limiting activities of freighters that utilize ship terminals along the river. The sediments do not meet federal criteria for ocean disposal, so they must be disposed of at an upland site. Dredging and disposal of the contaminated dredged materials improve navigation and enhance the environmental quality of the river and downstream portions of Biscayne Bay, an outstanding Florida water body. Sediments have accumulated in the margins of the federal channel making it narrower and

shallower, thereby limiting activities of freighters that utilize ship terminals along the river. Dredging and disposal of the contaminated sediments is expected to improve navigation and enhance the environmental quality of the Miami River and downstream portions of Biscayne Bay. The target population includes those who use the Miami River for navigational purposes. Additionally, the positive environmental effects from the dredging will be beneficial to all of Miami-Dade County's residents. This project benefits the environment of South Florida because it removes contaminated sediment from the Miami River before those contaminants enter the Bay. Completion of the project will also permit larger commercial vessels to call on the River, thus increasing commerce. Completion of the project will also allow the marine related industry to expand along the River. For example, Merrill Stevens, a local boat yard, is planning on adding over 100 new skilled jobs and a training center to teach local people the skills required to work on large ocean going vessels. This project has the support of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and the Director of the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3183

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, 2837 East Highway 193, Layton, UT 84040.

Description of project: \$1,000,000 to conduct a feasibility study to enlarge the Arthur V. Watkins Dam.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. 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. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: MILCON Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Detrick

Address of Requesting Entity: 810 Schreider Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5000

Description of Request: This request appropriates \$7.4 million for the ALT Auditorium and

Training Center Expansion in Fort Detrick, MD. This project is required to meet the directed objectives of Homeland Security Council and National Security Council to provide meeting and conference space for members of the National Interagency Biodefense Campus (NIBC). Currently, the USAG is required to provide space for the biodefense conferences. Fort Detrick cannot provide the required support to the directed interagency biodefense missions as assessed by multiple, independent government organizations as well as increasing degradation of already inadequate community support and space for educational services. Fort Detrick is unable to provide high demand, highly attended, more secure, Interagency Conferences, human capital enhancement, as well as expanded community services. The current auditorium space has inadequate standoff and force protection standards without completion of this project.———

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project for Dover Air Force Base included in H.R. 3082, the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction—VA Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: Dover Air Force Base

Location: Dover, DE

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Name of Project: Consolidated Communications Facility

Project Description: The current Dover Air Force Base communications functions are spread among five facilities separated by as much as 1.75 miles, which does not meet Air Force standards. A comprehensive, integrated communications system is impeded by fragmented location of related functions. Consolidating these functions into one hardened facility will improve manpower efficiency by approximately 25 percent. Consolidation and demolition of the old facilities will improve security and will result in approximately \$17,000 annual energy savings, which benefits the U.S. taxpayer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

My Congressional District received \$1.2 million to fund alternative energy training and solar power research at Creighton University. Creighton University is located at 2500 Cali-

fornia Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. This funding will support costs associated with expansion of its energy technology training program and the establishment of the Research Center for Solar Energy that are consistent with the mission of the Department of Energy—"to strengthen America's energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships that 1) enhance energy efficiency and productivity, 2) bring clean, reliable and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace, and 3) make a difference in the everyday lives of Americans by enhancing their energy choices and their quality of life."

This new program will take advantage of Creighton's developing leadership in energy technology. The new energy technology program will create two faculty research labs that will be designed as settings for project-based and internship-based research settings. Federal funding will allow the university to offer specialized technical training programs in photovoltaics and wind energy to create highly skilled manpower to provide the expertise to develop and implement solar energy. These programs will serve the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students as well as addressing training and retraining needs for a growing energy sector of the economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 490, 493, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 516, 519, 522, 523, 526, 527, and 528, I was absent from the House due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE 516TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF PUERTO RICO

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the discovery of Puerto Rico and the contributions of Puerto Ricans to our Nation.

On November 19th, 1493, five hundred and sixteen years ago, Christopher Columbus discovered the island on his second voyage to the New World. The island took the name Puerto Rico, meaning "Rich Port," and ever since, it has been home to the vibrant culture which has enriched American life

I would like to express my gratitude to the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach and Broward counties for their continuing innovation and their role in preserving and promoting Puerto Rican culture.

In honor of all Puerto Ricans who have served, fought, and worked tirelessly to make the United States what it is today, the state of Florida has recognized this November as Discovery of Puerto Rico Month.

On this occasion, I commend Puerto Rican-Americans for their contributions to American

life and extend best wishes to all observing November 2009 as Discovery of Puerto Rico Month.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO NYPD
ASSISTANT CHIEF RAYMOND DIAZ

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and thank Patrol Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz of the New York City Police Department who for the last 15 years and a total of 24 years has served my Congressional District with much CPR—Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect.

The history of American law enforcement is a tale of triumphs and tragedies. Since the first night watch established in Boston in 1631, police officers, the men and women in blue who serve and protect our citizenry, have laid their lives down while serving the public interest. Never having worked in law enforcement, I can see that police work is often dangerous, with long hours, impossible weather, and for not a whole lot of pay, frequently dealing with the worst elements of our society. It has always been my considered opinion that all Americans owe a debt of generosity to our honest and hardworking police officers and the chiefs they serve under for all that they do.

As a thirty-nine year veteran of the New York Police Department, Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz embodies the true spirit of "New York's Finest." He has served and protected my District with great distinction and his tireless dedication to Upper Manhattan and his fellow officers under his command is quite admirable. Assistant Chief Diaz's life long dedication of service in the line of duty should serve as an example to all.

Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz was appointed to the New York City Police Department in January 1970 and began his career on patrol in Manhattan's 1st Precinct. In January 1972, he was reassigned to East Harlem's 25th Precinct where he served for nine years. After a number of assignments in Brooklyn and Staten Island and promotions to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, in May 1994 he was assigned back to my beloved East Harlem as the Commanding Officer of the School Safety Division.

Upon Chief Nicholas Estavillo's historic ascension as the City of New York's first Latino Chief of Patrol in June of 2001, Diaz was selected to replace him as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Manhattan North which encompasses my entire Congressional District. As the Commanding Officer of Manhattan North, Assistant Chief Diaz supervised over 2,400 police officers and over 200 civilians in the 12 Manhattan precincts north of 59th Street.

Assistant Chief Diaz is "True Blue;" one of the finest products of my district who came up through the struggles of life. He was born in East Harlem's Metropolitan Hospital to immigrant parents. His father Amador immigrated from Chile and his mother Helena from the Ukraine. Due to a family illness, Assistant Chief Diaz and his younger brother Jay were separated from their parents and raised in foster homes through the Catholic Home Bureau.

Upon graduation from his school, Assistant Chief Diaz joined the United States Marine Corps where he so valiantly served as Corporal in the Vietnam War. As a result, he was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. After joining the Police Department, he attended college night classes and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Assistant Chief Diaz is also a devout family man. He has been married to his wife Lynn for thirty-seven years and is a proud parent of a son, Carlos.

As he is re-assigned to the coveted Manhattan Borough South Command, I congratulate Assistant Chief Diaz on his advancement, and I'm certain that he will continue to serve the communities of the new command with the same leadership, professionalism, and admiration of those he so valiantly served in my district.

So Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing my good friend Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz for all his contributions to my district and the city of New York. He is truly one of New York's finest and I wish him well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received in H.R. 2847. The list is as follows:

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Conservative Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NRCS

Address of Requesting Entity: 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Description of Request: NRCS Support for Chesapeake Bay Activities: This program was funded: \$3,998,000. Since 2003 the Ag Appropriations bill has included an earmark for Chesapeake Bay, MD. Although this earmark has previously not been in addition to state funds the Task Force encourages the committee to make this request additive.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Conservative Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harford County Executive David Craig

Address of Requesting Entity: 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

Description of Request: Deer Creek Watershed Conservation and Restoration: This program was funded \$400,000. This project will assist in the implementation of the Deer Creek Watershed Restoration Action Strategy recommendations, promoting conservation efforts and completing streambank restoration in the Deer Creek Watershed. Deer Creek is the largest watershed in Harford County covering 38% of the county's land area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that is listed in H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses, Title: Green Business Advancement Program, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV)—Rising Tide Community Loan Fund (RTCLF), Address of Requesting Entity: 1337 East Fifth Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Description of Request: This program will help small businesses identify and implement energy efficiency improvements. For each participating small business, the CACLV will offer a green business assessment/energy audit, generate an estimated savings calculation based on potential remediation projects, and develop an energy savings plan that outlines work necessary to reach maximum efficiency and a detailed schedule of work. CACLV will work with business owners and contractors in scheduling assessments, audits, and renovations; preparing loan packages and documentation; developing partnerships with community organizations focused on energy efficiency and sustainability; monitoring utility bills and savings of borrowers; and providing technical assistance in environmentally friendly business practices.

INTRODUCING THE WILDLIFE
WITHOUT BORDERS AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce today the Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act.

The Wildlife Without Borders Program was administratively created by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1983. For the past 25 years, the International Affairs Office has done a superb job of developing wildlife management and conservation efforts to maintain global species diversity.

While the Congress has already created Multinational Species Conservation Funds to assist highly imperiled African and Asian elephants, Rhinoceros and Tigers, Great Apes and Marine Turtles, the Wildlife Without Borders program has provided a funding lifeline to a number of endangered species that for whatever reason have not merited their own Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

The first conservation grants issued under this program were awarded to the Wildlife Without Borders Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative. Since that time, additional grants have been allocated for projects in Africa, Mexico, India, China and the Russian Federation. In fact, in the past two decades, the International Affairs Office within the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has approved 955 conservation projects at a cost of \$20.5 million in taxpayer money. These funds have been matched by more than \$60 million in private non-federal money, which is a remarkable 3 to 1 matching ratio.

Among the conservation projects that have been approved are funds for the Winged Ambassadors Program to stop the killing of

Swainson's hawks in Argentina, a project to conserve the forest habitat for monarch butterflies, jaguar conservation in the Yucatan region, the restoration of the California condor in Baja California, Mexico and the purchase of equipment for law enforcement personnel to protect imperiled Far Eastern leopards, Amur tigers and snow leopards.

A fundamental goal of this program has been to build conservation capacity and establish ecosystem management regimes by allocating a small amount of U.S. taxpayer money. It is no exaggeration to state that these are the only funds available to assist these highly endangered international species and without this investment these species may become extinct in the wild.

During the last Congress, witnesses representing the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and the World Wildlife Fund testified before the House Natural Resources Committee on H.R. 4455. Each of these organizations spoke in strong support of my bill to establish the Wildlife Without Borders Program into law. For instance, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums said that: "AZA wholeheartedly supports this effort". The Wildlife Conservation Society stated that: "Congressional authorization for the Wildlife Without Borders program affirms the leadership of the U.S. Government within the international community, underscoring our commitment to our international wildlife treaty obligations, and encouraging coordinated international efforts to save wildlife species." Finally, the World Wildlife Fund testified that: "There is much to be gained in authorizing the international conservation programs of FWS, and creating one umbrella to promote synergies, efficiencies and coordination."

By establishing a Congressional authorization for the Wildlife Without Borders Program, we will send a positive message to the international community that the United States is committed to its international wildlife treaty obligations and we recognize the long-term importance of this program by enacting it into law. It will also ensure that this Congress has an opportunity to carefully examine this program, to evaluate its effectiveness and to decide whether its merits further expenditures of taxpayer money in the future.

I urge my colleagues to support this important conservation legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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. 3183, Energy and Water Appropriations.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3183

The Account: Construction—Chain of Rocks Canal

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

The funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities on the Chain of Rocks Canal; provides flood control for Metro East and a corridor for navigation of commerce

The Account: Construction—East St. Louis Levee

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities on the East St. Louis levee which provides flood protection for Metro East.

The Account: Construction—Upper Mississippi River Restoration IL, IA, MN, MO & WI

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers at Clock Tower Building Rock Island, IL 61204.

Funding The funding would be used to continue projects which are vital to the ecological restoration of the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway, including habitat creation and long-term monitoring

The Account: Construction—Wood River Levee

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and for repair flood protection for Metro East at the Wood River Levee

The Account: O&M—Carlyle Lake

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Carlyle Lake.

The Account: O&M—Lake Shelbyville

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Lake Shelbyville.

The Account: O&M—Mississippi Rivers Between Missouri River and Minneapolis (MVS Portion) IL

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including the navigation channel on the Mississippi River which is essential to all commerce in the United States.

The Account: O&M—Rend Lake

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Rend Lake.

The Account: Construction—Madison & St. Clair Counties, IL

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation to the next phase of sewer design and construction in the Glen Carbon and Maryville areas to provide long term regional sewer system for Metro East.

The Account: Section 206—Lake Lou Yeager Restoration

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and design and engineering of sediment removal plan for Lake Lou Yeager and allow the viability as long term water source.

The Account: Investigations—Prairie DuPont Levee and Sanitary District and Fish Lake Drainage and Levee District

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and design and engineering of sediment removal plan for Lake Lou Yeager and allow the viability as long term water source.

The Account: EERE—Hardin County General Hospital Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Requesting Entity: Hardin County General Hospital located at Ferrell Road, Rosiclare, IL 62982.

Funding will be used for energy efficiency upgrades.

HONORING FROST, HOMETOWN,
MOODY NATIONAL AND TEXAS
FIRST BANKS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, at a time when the financial headlines are dominated by stories of financial institutions seeking taxpayer funds and other special privileges, I am pleased to call my colleagues' attention to a story from the Galveston Daily News about how four community banks came together to help their friends, neighbors and customers begin to recover and rebuild from Hurricane Ike. I ask for unanimous consent to insert this story into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Last fall, as the people of Galveston were assessing the damage from Hurricane Ike and Congress was beginning debate on spending billions of taxpayer funds to bail out irresponsible financial institutions, representatives of Frost, HomeTown, Moody National and Texas First banks met to discuss how these banks could help jumpstart hurricane recovery efforts. The four banks agreed to make unsecured bridge loans to Galveston businesses to ensure these businesses had access to capital while they waited for federal assistance and insurance payments.

The four banks made more than \$40 million in recovery loans. These loans provided lifelines to many businesses struggling with both the devastation of Hurricane Ike and the credit crisis. Without the efforts of these four banks, several Galveston businesses would have had to shut their doors.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I extend my thanks to management and employees of Frost, HomeTown, Moody National, and Texas First banks for their efforts to help the businesses and people of Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN
OPERATIONS, AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3081, 2010 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill. This legislation provides \$48.843 billion for the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and related agencies to help the U.S. meet its foreign policy goals of economic stability and poverty reduction, advance the global fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic and other health crises.

This bill helps protect our national security through effective diplomacy and international development projects. It provides needed assistance to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq and it promotes security, economic development, health, and education around the world. The bill also provides vital resources to rebuild the capacity of the State Department and USAID. It reverses a decade of reliance on supplemental appropriations and provides an honest accounting of the true cost of critical national security initiatives.

To rebuild our diplomatic and development capacity, the bill provides funding for approximately 1,000 new positions at the Department of State and approximately 300 new employees at USAID as part of the Development Leadership Initiative, creating jobs that hard-working Americans can fill. This bill also provides a total of \$7.684 billion for global health programs, including \$5.7 billion in total funding for global HIV/AIDS prevention and health initiatives. Diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria continue to threaten the lives of millions of people as well as stability in the developing world, and this bill will advance our security interests while also fulfilling our moral obligation to fight this scourge.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 3081 enhances our ability to keep our Nation secure and our citizens safe. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that are listed in H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, EERE
Title: Energy Reduction and Efficiency Improvement Through Lighting Control
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Ostrum Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015

Description of Request: This funding will support an energy reduction and efficiency initiative at St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network by helping to install advanced lighting controls that automatically adjust to lighting needs. Using locally-produced lighting technology, St. Luke's estimates a 20 percent to 30 percent reduction in lighting costs. This project will assure the hospital maintains suitable lighting at all times for patients and staff while saving energy and reducing costs.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Fossil Energy R&D

Title: Innovations for Low-Cost Gasification Systems

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18195

Description of Request: This funding will advance the development of Green Energy ITM Ceramic Membranes, which can be integrated into a state-of-the-art gasification system to produce synthesis gas for the generation of advanced electric, hydrogen, or other clean fuels power. This versatile technology also enables the capture of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and can be applied in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner to a broad list of energy sources, including coal, natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, biomaterials, and waste materials.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Science
Title: Energy Systems Engineering Institute

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh University

Address of Requesting Entity: 5 East Packer Avenue, Whitaker 318, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Description of Request: This funding will support a research and education program, the Lehigh Energy Systems Engineering Institute (ESEI), at Lehigh University to spawn energy technology breakthroughs while simultaneously creating a pipeline of new talent for the energy sector workforce. The initiative will be a university-based program in which the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and various energy companies partner with university faculty to address critical research needs while developing the next generation of leaders and innovators for the energy industry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the new House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Clear Lake, IA

Amount Provided: \$910,000

Account: Corps of Engineers—Section 206

Recipient: Rock Island Illinois Corps Office

Recipient's Street Address: Clock Tower Bldg Rodman Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Description: Continuation of authorized activities. This project is to ensure the completion of the feasibility phase, and to initiate construction on the Ventura Marsh portion of the Clear Lake project. This project will ultimately improve Clear Lake, its water quality and environment.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt, Ia

Amount Provided: \$4,300,000

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Recipient: Rock Island Illinois Corps Office

Recipient's Street Address: Clock Tower Bldg Rodman Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Description: Continuation of authorized activities. Funds will maintain scheduled activities including construction of Ft. Dodge bridges/trails (incl. completion of plans and specs), Red Rock Trail and other scheduled activities.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Humboldt, IA

Amount Provided: \$152,000

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Recipient: Rock Island Illinois Corps Office

Recipient's Street Address: Clock Tower Bldg Rodman Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Description: Continuation of authorized activities. Evaluation of flood risk management measures, and restoration of degraded aquatic and wetland habitats on West Fork of Des Moines River.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Integrated Renewable Energy & Campus Sustainability Initiative

Amount Provided: \$750,000

Account: EERE—Wind Energy

Recipient: Luther College

Recipient's Street Address: 700 College Drive Decorah, IA 52101

Description: This project is part of a 5-year strategic plan that proposes to reduce campus carbon use in the range of 50 percent through the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy. This request will aid in creating a two MW wind energy facility to generate electricity on the Luther campus.

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Iowa Central Renewable Fuel Testing Laboratory

Amount Provided: \$500,000

Account: EERE—Biomass and Biorefinery Systems R&D

Recipient: Iowa Central Community College

Recipient's Street Address: One Triton Circle Ft Dodge, IA 50501

Description: The project allows Iowa Central to expand its partnership with state and federal regulatory agencies, renewable fuel companies, etc. to ensure that the testing needs for renewable fuels quality are met. This initiative conforms to the needs espoused in the new energy policies being put forth.

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Central Iowa Business Innovation Zone

Amount Requested: \$185,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Greater Des Moines Partnership

Recipient's Street Address: 700 Locust Street, Suite 100 Des Moines, IA 50309

Description: The Business Innovation Zone (BIZ) is focused on creating business growth for area reinvestment by growing and cultivating, national, and international scale businesses. The primary function of the BIZ is to provide guided professional business mentoring and direction along with connecting entrepreneurial needs with qualified community and state resources. BIZ helps entrepreneurs maximize their success by assisting them in navigating resources, strengthening knowledge, improving skills, forming strategic alliances, and securing proper capitalization

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Iowa Valley Education and Training Center Acquisition, Renovation, and Expansion

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Iowa Valley Community College District

Recipient's Street Address: 3702 South Center Street Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description: This funding will be used to assist in the renovation and expansion of the Iowa Valley Education and Training Center to better provide outreach, education, and workforce development activities in the region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. 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. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Lock Haven Small Business Development Center, 301 W. Church Street, East Campus, J102, Lock Haven, PA 17745, in the amount of \$50,000. The funding will be used for establishment of a regional tax compliance center at the Lock Haven University Small Business Development Center.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as

part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy agency in the Solar Energy account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan Biotechnology Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Biotechnology Institute, 3900 Collins Road, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to develop leading bioprocesses for the production of energy, fuels, chemicals and materials. The project will create a bio-industry in mid-Michigan which will build the economy with high paying technical jobs, helping to sustain Michigan manufacturing expertise and provide new products to market-leading, Michigan-based companies. 20% of the federal funds will be used for research, 80% will be used for engineering and developing bioprocesses.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy agency in the Building Technologies account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ingham Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Ingham Regional Medical Center, 401 West Greenlawn Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to fund energy conservation upgrades on the Greenlawn and Pennsylvania Campuses of Ingham Regional Medical Center. The purpose of this project is to provide the citizens of Lansing and the State of Michigan with access to additional high quality health care and cost effective healthcare. 15% of the federal funds will be used for engineering studies, 30% for salaries, and 55% for construction costs and equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy agency in the Biomass and Biorefinery Systems Research account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., Georgia at P.O. Box 20634, St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,000,000 for clean energy research for the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research. This funding would be used for research at Michigan State University and commercialization for clean energy, national energy security, and a cleaner environment. The purpose of this project is to fund research and technology transfers that have applications to energy security and the reduction of greenhouse gases through developing technologies in renewable energy, biofuels, "green" chemicals, and industrial manufacturing processes. Approximately 8% of the federal funds will be used for peer reviewed competitions and 92% is for research projects.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received, which were included in the reported version of H.R. 3183, the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Act of 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA-46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Name of Project: Long Beach Desalination Research and Development Project

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807

Description of Request: I received \$100,000 for Long Beach Water's Desalination Research and Development Project. Long Beach desalination represents the federal government's national interest in making desalination of seawater a viable, cost-effective and environmentally responsive option for supply reliability along the coast of California. Seawater desalination will not be seen by The Congress, the California State Legislature, regulatory agencies, private sector interests or the public as a viable, cost effective and environmentally responsive option for municipal water supply reliability in the United States until advances are made and existing processes optimized in on-going research and development, funded through programs like the Long Beach Desalination Project.

The project is a constructed, large-scale, fully operational seawater desalination research and development facility located in urban/coastal Southern California. The research conducted at this facility is the most important and advanced analysis being conducted anywhere in the nation at this time, to include facility design and construction, permitting, operations, water quality, distribution system integration and alternative, sub-ocean floor intake and outfall systems. It is my understanding funds will be used for Ultra Violet & Chlorine Dioxide research; post-treatment corrosives testing and analysis; under ocean floor intake and discharge demonstration system research, and site restoration. It is my understanding a 50% match share will be provided by the board of water commissioners.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRABACHER (CA-46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Name of Project: Santa Ana River Mainstem, CA

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orange, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92703

Description of Request: I received \$52,193,000 for Orange County's Santa Ana River Mainstem project. The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project including Prado Dam (Project) was authorized under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986,

and Section 309 of WRDA, 1996. The Project involves construction, acquisition of property rights, relocations, environmental mitigation and enhancement in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The flood control districts of these counties are the Local Sponsors who are responsible, with the Department of the Army, for implementing the Project.

The Corps considered the Santa Ana River as the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River. In 1980s, the Corps estimated that 3 million people and 110,000 acres would be impacted, with potential loss of 3,000 lives and \$15 billion in economic losses (1987–8 price level). Estimated impacts and loss (without the Project being constructed) would be much greater with current population growth and value of land and structures. In addition to protecting a large, highly populated and rapidly growing area of Southern California, the Project has/will improve protection of major transportation corridors. It is my understanding the non-federal contribution will be 37.5% of the project cost.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Name of Project: Orange County Regional Water Reclamation Project

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley CA 92708

Description of Request: I received \$100,000 for Orange County Water District's Regional Water Reclamation Project. This project will increase the region's water independence from expensive and declining imported water resources from the California Delta and Colorado Rivers and supplement the existing water supplies by providing a new, reliable, high-quality source of water. The GWR System is the largest water recycling project of its kind. The Enhancement Project would expand the capacity of the current plant by an additional 18 million gallons per day. With the enhancement, the Project would expand the capacity of the current plant to 88 million gallons per day for a total of approximately 32 billion gallons per year. It is my understanding matching funds have been provided by local grants and other funding sources.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA–46)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Name of Project: Westminster, East Garden Grove, CA

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orange, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92703

Description of Request: I received \$900,000 for Orange County's study of the Westminster, East Garden Grove channel. Flood damages along the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel affect residential, commercial, and industrial development located in an 81 square mile watershed, impacting eleven cities in Orange County. Over 20,000 property owners are currently required to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, while aging levees jeopardize thousands of additional property owners. The study will investigate innovative methods to provide flood protection in

combination with improved ecosystem functioning and water quality. Over 20,000 property owners are currently mandated by the Federal government to pay flood insurance because of inadequate flood protection in this watershed. Taxpayer funds are used to rebuild private property and public infrastructure every year that flood damages occur. This comprehensive study is developing innovative, sustainable solutions to flooding, water quality, and environmental problems in this watershed. Those solutions will provide more cost-effective approaches than currently exist, and contribute to the National Economic Development as well as National Ecosystem Restoration Plan. It is the mission of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to provide flood protection, navigation, and ecosystem restoration in meeting these criteria. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found that there was federal interest in this project during their reconnaissance study. It is my understanding funding will be used for salaries and professional services for the army corps of engineers investigation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of the FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, H.R. 3170.

Name of Project: Delaware Small Business and Technology Development Center

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware, Hüllihen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Description of Request: \$100,000 to be used for training and consulting at the Delaware Small Business Development Center to enhance technology-based economic development in Delaware.

HONORING CHANDRA CLANTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Ms. Chandra "Chandy" Clanton.

Tragically, on July 10, 2009, Chandy was involved in a fatal crash while piloting her aircraft during a training flight in preparation for the Wingnuts Flying Circus and Fly-In near Tarkio, Missouri. Chandy was a distinguished pilot, great friend, and loving mother. She was 36 years old and is survived by her two children, Harrison and Drew.

Chandy was among the world's most elite and recognized aerobatic pilots. She was a

twelve year veteran in the air show business and a world class aerobatic competitor. She was a three-time member of the United States Unlimited Aerobatic Team, the youngest female pilot to perform at the 2003 World Aerobatic Championships in Lakeland, Florida, and the only woman named to the 2003 "Stars of Tomorrow" program.

In addition to being an elite aerobatic pilot, Chandy was an exceptional humanitarian who strived to help those less fortunate than her. She donated countless aerobatic rides to charitable organizations, benefiting her community, church, and people all across our great nation. She was truly a role model for young women, especially those interested in aviation.

Chandy graciously touched the lives of many people. Spectators knew Chandy for her aerobatics, but most people knew her for her contributions outside of aviation. To me, Chandy was a great friend and I was lucky to have known her.

On behalf of the thousands of people across our nation who are mourning this tragic and untimely loss, I wish to offer my most sincere condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones. She will be forever missed by so many.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010. Nebraska's Micro-Enterprise Center at The University of Nebraska at Omaha, located at 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha NE 68182, will receive \$250,000 from the Small Business Administration out of the "salaries and expenses" account in order to establish the technical, knowledge, and support infrastructure needed to foster growth of microenterprises through effective application of information technologies. The Program includes facilities in a central lab to develop and maintain a repository of technology-based solutions to business problems encountered by micro-enterprises. These base solutions, ranging from simple how-to tutorials to fully configured "business in a box" servers hosted on a cloud computing (internet based) infrastructure, that will be customized to meet the needs of individual micro-enterprises. Funds will also support additional curriculum development at UNO in Information Technology for Development, including distance learning options. These educational opportunities will develop a well trained workforce to further support the micro-enterprise owner's needs and sustain the communities of micro-enterprises needed for economic development in Nebraska.

The Program will also support mobile labs used by specially trained UNO students who will work on location with the micro-entrepreneurs to provide customized technology-based solutions to pressing business problems. This project trains micro-enterprise owners how to use information technology effectively by providing immediate and accessible, needs-based information systems training,

technical assistance and operations and development services to micro-enterprises. Micro-enterprise owners, gaining the skills and knowledge necessary to use information technology to grow their businesses, will learn to access new customers and markets, achieve administrative efficiencies, learn how to improve their businesses and increase productivity.

The Pls and this project have a well established track record of working with micro-enterprises that are most in need and enabling them to show measurable improvements. This includes working closely with multiple community partners. 37 microenterprises that were selected from a larger pool are presently being actively supported. This project is different from the other micro-enterprise assistance programs in that it addresses the needs of the majority of micro-entrepreneurs by providing them with the ability to use information technology to grow their businesses. Additionally, instruments are being developed and used to assess the effects of our training, technology and trust building interventions on the economic, human and social development of micro-entrepreneurs in the underserved communities of Omaha. After a well established IT, knowledge and community infrastructure is in place approval will be pursued for Center status within the University. Continued educational offerings of developed curricula will sustain development of a trained workforce and microenterprise communities. Efforts for program research, innovation, expansion and assessment purposes will be supplemented by external funding.

In January 2005, Governor Heineman reported to the Legislature on the Nebraska Micro-enterprise Development Act that 87 percent of Nebraska's businesses are micro-enterprises and they accounted for 22 percent of Nebraska's job growth. Many of Nebraska's most successful businesses (e.g., Cabela's, ConAgra) began as micro-enterprises. Since many rural and inner city communities lack the resources and infrastructure for industrial development, micro-enterprises are the only choice for economic development. Despite its effectiveness and track record, Nebraska's micro-enterprise development system is grossly underfunded, according to a recent report to the Unicameral by the Nebraska Rural Development Commission. As with businesses of any size, the performance of micro-enterprises can be enhanced through the effective and strategic use of information technology. This project will provide Nebraska micro-enterprises with an accelerated platform and support for increasing their technological competitiveness, innovation and spur job growth.

EMERGENCY MEDIC TRANSITION (EMT) ACT

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, today, together with my colleagues Representatives MELISSA BEAN and STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN, I rise to introduce H.R. 3199, that takes an important step toward ensuring the safety and security of our communities by enhancing the surge capacities of local medical

facilities, while helping ease veterans' transition into civilian life.

Every year, highly trained, experienced medics leave the ranks of the nation's armed forces. Yet those who wish to find employment in the medical field must start from scratch, fulfilling the same entry-level criteria as citizens without any hands-on experience.

At the same time, hospitals and emergency medical services face a shortage of qualified personnel. Many operate at or near capacity, barely meeting the daily demand for their services. In the event of a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other mass-casualty incident the resulting surge of patients would overwhelm medical facilities. Having the largest possible pool of experienced emergency medical personnel on hand is crucial in responding to such an incident.

Veterans with medical experience are the ideal people to fill this gap. Who better to come to the rescue in face of a disaster than the same men and women we've trusted to defend this country overseas? In the world of emergency response there is no substitute for experience. First responders routinely face life-or-death decisions, often amid a backdrop of chaos and confusion. This would be magnified during a terrorist attack or natural disaster. Military medics work at the scenes of IED attacks, suicide bombings, and firefights; many have experience equivalent to that of their most seasoned civilian counterparts in this respect.

By treating veteran medics as entry-level trainees, we forego an opportunity to benefit from their existing training and highly relevant experience. Rather than subjecting them to the same coursework as everyone else, states should allow military medics to undertake a regimen that accounts for their existing training and prepares them to provide care in a non-combat environment. Not only will this enhance the surge capacity of medical facilities, it will also spare the cost of unnecessary, redundant training.

The legislation we introduce today will create such a fast-track, removing the barriers that currently impede veterans' assimilation into the corps of emergency responders.

Not only is this an important step to bolstering the nation's preparedness, it also helps veterans transition from military to civilian life. In 2008, the average unemployment rate of recently discharged military personnel was more than 30 percent higher than the rate for non-veterans. Creating an avenue to employment for veterans with medical experience is the least we can do to honor the brave men and women who have risked their lives in defense of their country.

We owe it to veterans to help them find work and we owe our communities the protection they deserve. This is a win-win solution that allows us to do both.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of

H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations for FY 2010:

I requested \$250,000 in this legislation for the San Diego Four-Reservoir Intertie Project through the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources Investigations account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Diego, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, California 92101.

The City of San Diego is seeking to perform a feasibility study in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act (P.L. 111-11), to examine connecting four existing reservoirs in San Diego County (San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray and Loveland) in an effort to study and improve water supply reliability and water yield throughout the region, as well provide an added element of public safety to protect local water supplies. Loveland currently only receives local runoff, El Capitan receives local runoff and imported water, but due to pipeline capacity limitations, the full capacity of the reservoir cannot be utilized. Local rainfall in the watersheds to these reservoirs is inadequate to fill them and only occurs once every five to ten years.

The unused capacity of the four San Diego reservoirs totals an estimated 100,000 acre-feet a year. Maximizing storage capacity would provide a significant water storage volume that can be put to beneficial use if imported water were piped to the reservoirs and efficiently operated. Additionally, connectivity between the reservoirs would allow the isolation of contaminated water in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster while, at the same time, transport water from another reservoir to the affected area. Besides the City of San Diego, this project has the full support of the San Diego County Water Authority and the Sweetwater Authority, two local public water agencies.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the request I have detailed below is (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on a project I requested and was included in H.R. 3170—the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Project Name: Technology Education Center
Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Central Oregon Community College, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Oregon 97701

Project Location: Bend, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3170 appropriates \$100,000 for the Central Oregon Community College Technology Education Center project. According to the requesting entity, this

funding will be used to design and construct a 30,400 square foot Technology Education Center that will offer courses designed to ensure that the local workforce meets the needs of local industry. A quarter of the building space will be designated as an incubator for local industries to work with students to conduct research in order to develop new products and/or manufacturing processes that will strengthen local businesses while providing hands-on training to students. This is a beneficial use of taxpayer funding because this effort will ensure that the local workforce meets the needs of local employers and that local businesses have access to a facility that allows them to conduct research that will strengthen their business models.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 13, 2009, I was not present for votes because I was attending a meeting with President Obama in the Oval Office.

Had I been present for roll call 530, The Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "aye."

URGING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS CONFLICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on the Obama administration to support efforts to bring about a negotiated resolution of the Cyprus conflict and reunification of the country as a federal bizonal, bicomunal, with a single sovereignty, international personality and citizenship. This formula is based on several UN Security Council resolutions and serves as the basis for ongoing talks between Cypriot President Demetris Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Talat.

As my colleagues know, the road to a final settlement over the past few decades has been fraught with difficulty. Numerous earlier diplomatic initiatives were launched, but in the end failed. Ultimately, a negotiated resolution of the conflict must be by the Cypriots, for the Cypriots and one that enjoys the support of Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots alike. There is a strong desire by younger generations from both communities to experience the rebirth of a Cyprus where the rights of all are respected and all can participate in the national life of their country.

As a member of both the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues and the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans, I am gratified that the leaders of both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities have stated their mutual commitment to work towards a final settlement, and have continued their discussions accordingly. While the administration is cur-

rently observing developments and has offered its support if called upon by both communities. It is my hope that it will seize this opportunity to offer and make the resolution of the Cyprus issue a priority. At a time when so many of the world's disputes seem intractable, I believe the Cyprus dispute is one area where, working together, we can truly bring hope and change to a place and people that have longed for it for decades.

Madam Speaker, I hope the United States can play a supportive and active role in making a final settlement possible and encourage others to do likewise. Meanwhile, as President Christofias and Mr. Talat and their teams grapple with an array of tough issues it is my hope they seek to overcome the legacy of the past 35 years and build a brighter future for all Cypriots.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3183, "Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NTRCI, 2360 Cherahala Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932

Description of Request: NTRCI will conduct over-the-road, heavy vehicle testing and research to validate the benefits and reliability of the Legacy rotary engine to demonstrate the capability of the Legacy engine to deliver greater fuel efficiency and thus lower consumption and reduced emissions for the \$7 billion Class 8 heavy vehicle engine market.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997, the Agriculture Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010. I would note that many of my Michigan colleagues signed a letter requesting these amounts.

APPLE FIRE BLIGHT

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Fire Blight is a major threat to Michigan's apple trees and has

reduced apple acreage in Michigan by an astounding 24%. Michigan and New York researchers are taking aggressive measures against fire blight including development of blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies. Finding ways to control and curb fire blight is of critical importance to apple growers in my district and elsewhere. This research is very promising, and its results will help apple growers significantly increase their yields.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: Approximately, \$148,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personnel; and \$36,000 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the fire blight research at MSU at a level of \$52, 500 in FY09.

PHYTOPHTHORA RESEARCH

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Researchers at Michigan State University are leaders in the fight to control Phytophthora capsici, a fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes numerous plants to rot. Phytophthora management has been complicated by its longevity in soils (10 or more years), its ability to spread in water, its resistance to key fungicides and lack of disease resistant varieties. Michigan State University has developed new techniques for control and resistant varieties. However, losses caused by Phytophthora have become so large throughout the nation in recent years that the economic viability of the vegetable industries in many states is at risk, and more research is necessary. Since 1996, researchers have leveraged private, state and federal funds to significantly advance disease management. The widespread crop loss caused by Phytophthora capsici will be lessened, keeping family farms and their communities viable. Spread of Phytophthora to new sites will be stopped. Ways to remediate/treat infested ground and water sources will be identified. Integrated management strategies that emphasize cultural methods and environmentally friendly practices will be developed.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: This money will provide \$346,000 in funding for Phytophthora research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for Phytophthora research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 3800 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Description of Request: I have received \$800,000 for the Red River Basin Chloride Control project. This improvement project is designed to control natural chloride brine emissions at three major source areas to improve water quality for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use. Improvements include construction of low flow dams, pump stations, and diversion pipelines to a brine reservoir. The state of Oklahoma expressed a renewed interest in the Area VI element of the project and supports the Area VI reevaluation efforts underway. Area VI is located on the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River in Greer County, Oklahoma.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$250,000 for the Consolidate Alternative Fuels Research project. The funding would support a feasibility study of a proposed project on the Oklahoma State University Stillwater campus to create a unique facility that provides both a regional/national research and testing center for alternative fuels and a training facility for transit and local government transportation. The facility would provide accommodations for a distinct teaching venue that OSU staff will use to instruct urban and rural transit agencies, county and state highway offices, and Native American tribal staffs in the latest technological advances in alternative and conventional fuel/vehicle operations. In addition, this facility will provide maintenance procedure guidance and transit anti-terrorist training.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Projects

Project Name: Raystown Lake, PA

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Raystown Lake

Address of Requesting Entity: 6145 Seven Points Road, Hesston, PA

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$3,847,000 for O&M, Raystown Lake, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for operations and maintenance at Raystown Lake, operated and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. Raystown Lake, located in the Alleghenies of central Pennsylvania, is the Commonwealth's largest man-made lake and a major driver of the local economy.

Funding for this project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because funding is necessary to offer adequate services, keep recreation areas open, maintain seasonal staffing levels, and provide for general maintenance and cleanliness of facilities. Raystown Lake has substantial economic impact in central Pennsylvania and yields a sustainable and justified investment.

Project Name: Juniata Hybrid Locomotive

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$1,000,000 for Juniata Hybrid Locomotive

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used to assess and develop technological alternatives to diesel locomotives and to develop a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly locomotive for yard, local, and main line applications. Associated with this research effort is the development of the energy management and control technologies required to maximize the energy efficiency of hybrid locomotives. Converting the existing fleet to new technologies would reduce both emissions and our dependence on foreign oil.

This project is a valuable use to taxpayer funds because it fits the Department of Energy's mission with a focus on developing more energy efficient and environmentally friendly transportation technology that will enable America to use less petroleum and reduce impacts on the environment. Protecting the environment and ensuring our national security through reduced dependence on foreign oil are critical issues facing the federal government.

Project Name: South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement, PA

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Baltimore District

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$4,000,000 for South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement, PA

It is my understanding that the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program provides design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in South Central Pennsylvania. The program provides the funding necessary for local communities to install basic sewer and water systems and is a key aspect of building and enhancing infrastructure for many rural communities in Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because building and enhancing infrastructure creates jobs and yields a sustainable and justified investment for communities and

our country. Additionally, enhancing basic sewer and water systems is vital to protecting the environment and improving the lives of rural citizens.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

1. Project Name—Greenwood Lake Watershed Restoration, NY & NJ Requesting Member—SCOTT GARRETT

Bill Number—H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account—Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Requesting Entity—Greenwood Lake Commission, 26 Rocky Point Rd, P.O. Box 83, Hewitt, NJ 07421

Description of the Project—Funds will be used to restore water quality and recreational opportunities to the lake by removing hazardous debris.

Description of the Spending Plan—(\$100,000)

\$100,000 is for the final removal of stumps and similar hazardous debris from the Greenwood Lake bottom. All preparatory work has been done.

Total—\$100,000

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 3170, the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill:

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri System, Columbia, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: University Hall, 1100 Carrie Francke Drive, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: \$249,000 is provided for the University of Missouri's Extension Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (ExCEED) program. The funding will be used to promote economic development in the Mississippi River Hills Region and the Ozark Heritage Region. Over a three year period, funding will be utilized to expand the current part-time Executive Director position in the Mississippi River Hills Region to full-time, as well as establishing a part-time youth entrepreneurship coordinator and equipment in this rural area. Additionally, over three years this

funding will allow the Ozark Heritage Region to expand their entrepreneurship education and business counseling.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Downtown West Plains, Inc., West Plains, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Jefferson Ave., West Plains, MO 65775

Description of Request: \$500,000 is provided for Downtown West Plains, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, to complete the exterior and interior renovation of a 100 year old building which will house a Small Business Incubator. These funds will be matched with \$1,144,000 in local, state, and other federal funds. The Ozarks Small Business Incubator, when completed, will provide personalized assistance to small business entrepreneurs by supporting their efforts with business related education, financial guidance, business plan development, mentoring, and access to tangible resources such as building space, shipping dock, and shared office equipment.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Girl Scouts of the USA, New York, NY

Address of Requesting Entity: 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Description of Request: \$101,000 is provided to the Girl Scouts of the USA for a national program to improve financial literacy. These funds will allow for the research and development necessary to prepare the foundation for a financial educational program directed towards girls.

A TRIBUTE TO MAMIE NICHOLS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Mamie Nichols, a pioneering activist and community organizer for more than 60 years, who died July 1 at the age of 91. Born Mamie Melton in Norfolk, Virginia her family moved to Philadelphia and settled in the Point Breeze section of South Philadelphia when she was a young child.

She grew up in Point Breeze and married and raised her six children in Point Breeze. But her 88-block neighborhood had been given a death sentence by officials in the Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development. Mamie Nichols said she was told by city officials that Point Breeze could not be saved from urban decay and the city was letting it die a natural death.

But Mamie Nichols fought back. Fueled with anger, pride, determination and charm, Mrs. Nichols is credited with saving her neglected community. She founded the Point Breeze Federation and she was a prime mover in the founding of the Childs Elementary School Home and School Association. Her organization established the Point Breeze Performing Arts Center and transformed the long shuttered Landreth School into senior citizens apartments and a community center. She was also named to the Philadelphia Planning Commission and served as a member of the board

of Directors of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia Green and the Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition. And, along her journey she planted flowers in what was to be the greening of Point Breeze.

Mamie Nichols is remembered with deep love and respect by what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. referred to as the beloved community.

HONORING CONSUL GENERAL AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN MATAMOROS, MEXICO, MRS. CECILIA BRIDGET ELIZONDO HERRERA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Consul General at the United States Consulate General in Matamoros, Mexico, Mrs. Cecilia Bridget Elizondo Herrera, who leaves her post on the U.S.-Mexico border for a new task in Caracas, Venezuela.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Incarnate Word High School in 1973. She went on to graduate from Our Lady of the Lake University where she received her bachelor of arts degree in English and political science in 1977. Mrs. Elizondo Herrera went on to complete post-graduate work at St. Mary's University in 1978 and in 2006 earned a master of science degree in national security strategy from the National War College at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C.

At a young age, Mrs. Elizondo Herrera began her public service to this country when she worked for the Alamo Area Council of Governments, a regional planning agency in San Antonio, and in 1987 joined the Foreign Service as a junior officer in the Administrative Zone. She has served as a Vice Consul in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Administrative Officer and Post Security Officer in Melbourne, Australia. She was then stationed in Washington, D.C., where she served as an Area Manager for the Office of Foreign Buildings with oversight for near East Asia; as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Administration, with a portfolio of Overseas Buildings Operations and as a Post Management Officer for the European Bureau with responsibility for the Russian Federation and Finland.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera has traveled throughout Russia, North Africa and the Arabian Gulf while stationed in Washington. She has served as the Deputy Supervisory GSO at the U.S. Embassy in Rome and Administrative Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

She is a four time recipient of the Department of State Superior Honor Award, and is the recipient of a Meritorious Honor Award in recognition of Non-Immigrant Visa work in Guadalajara.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera is a member of Executive Women in Government, the National Association of Female Executives and an honorary member of the American Association for Justice Women's Auxiliary. She is the daughter of John P. and Beatrice B. Elizondo of San Antonio, Texas, and is married to San Antonio attorney, Frank Herrera, Jr. They have two sons, Jorge and Javier.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the dedication of Mrs. Cecilia Bridget Elizondo Herrera, who has served this nation with dignity, honor, respect and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF LEONARD E. BRISCOE, SR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Leonard Briscoe who passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the age of 69.

Mr. Briscoe was a trailblazer in the African American community in North Texas. In 1971, he was elected to the Fort Worth City Council, making him the second African American to serve in this position. A few short years later, in 1976, he was elected to the Texas State House of Representatives where he served during the 65th Legislature and chaired the Select Committee on Minority Business Enterprise.

As a businessman, advocate, and engaged citizen, Mr. Briscoe was acutely aware of the needs of the minority communities in North Texas. In a period of political turmoil, he encouraged other African Americans to become involved in the political process and was a leading advocate for affirmative action. He understood the dire consequences of inadequate housing for low-income families, and served as Chairman of the Fort Worth Community Development Council. Through this chairmanship, he helped to develop the city's first housing program funded by the Housing of Urban Development Department under the Community Development Act of 1974.

After leaving the Texas State House of Representatives, Mr. Briscoe continued his work to ensure that low-income people and minorities had access to respectable and affordable housing. His business built over twenty housing developments in the Southern part of the country with the help of over \$13 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because of this, the Department named him "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1984.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in remembering the life and work of Leonard Briscoe, a community organizer, activist, and entrepreneur, who helped so many people across North Texas and the country.

ORLANDO TEA PARTY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on March 21, 2009, hundreds of Central Floridians gathered in Orlando to express their grievances regarding the recent actions of their federal officials in dramatically expanding our federal spending, federal deficit, and federal programs. As a Representative for Florida's 7th Congressional District it is my honor to present their grievances and declaration.

ORLANDO TEA PARTY DECLARATION MARCH 21, 2009

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for like minded patriotic Americans to rally as one against the powers that threaten to alter, diminish and destroy this country we love, proper respect for the opinions of our fellow citizens requires that we should clearly state the grievances that impel us to gather at this great Orlando Tea Party to protest peacefully, but passionately in the tradition of our forefathers whose Boston Tea Party resonated around the world.

The history of the present government of these United States is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having the effect of establishing an unacceptable tyranny over the citizens of these states. Let the facts be selfevident and speak for themselves, and let these grievances be heard in the halls of power in 2009, just as they were heard in the palace of King George III when they thundered forth from the text of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

BE it resolved on this 21st Day of March in the year 2009 at the great Orlando Tea Party on the shore of Lake Eola in Orlando, FL, that just as our forefathers at the Boston Tea Party protested tyranny at the hands of the British Crown, and taxation without representation, we hereby raise our voices against the arrogance and the ruinous policies of our own government . . . a government that ignores the will of "We the People" . . . a government that drowns us in debt . . . a government that forsakes the free enterprise system that had driven the engine of the greatest economy on earth, in favor of a relentless march toward socialism designed to subvert the work of the individual and encourage intrusion of government into all aspects of our lives.

And so, let the word go forth from this time and place that we are proud, freedom loving Americans who cherish individual liberty, our Constitution, and all this Nation has stood for over 233 years. We love our country and we are here to take it back!

Let us hereby resolve that we have had enough of massive government driven bailouts using our money! To our elected leaders we say, stop spending money we do not have! This is not your money! This is our money, and we demand you stop this madness! We have had enough of so-called economic stimulus plans that falsely promise we can spend ourselves back to prosperity.

We have had enough of trillion dollar spending schemes being passed without congress or "WE The People" Knowing what's in them. This is taxation without deliberation and we will not tolerate it! We have had enough of the out of control government spending that is mortgaging our future and threatening our very way of life!

We have had enough of both major parties being arrogant and unresponsive to the people they were elected to serve. We have had enough of seeing money taken unfairly from honest, hardworking Americans through excessive taxation and redistributed to people who have not earned the money. We have had enough of capitalism being targeted as the problem instead of the solution.

And, we have had enough of government being called the solution, when government is the problem! In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions to our elected officials have been answered only

by repeated injury, in fact they have been answered at all. A government so arrogant and unresponsive to its people is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. We therefore, the people of the United States of America, in general congress assembled here, on the shore of Lake Eola in Orlando, Florida, on this 21st day of March, in the year 2009, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of this city and this Nation, solemnly publish and declare that we are a free people, in this free and independent state, and we have the power and the right to demand that our government cease serving its own interest, and whatever destructive political and ideological agendas it is pursuing, and become the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, to which we are entitled as Americans. And this for the support of this declaration, what a firm reliance on divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Madam Speaker: Today, July 14th, I presented this declaration on the steps of the U.S. House and unfurled a scroll containing thousands of citizens' signatures in support of this declaration.

INTRODUCING THE COMPLETE AND PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION ACT OF 2009

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Complete and Permanent Property Tax Deduction Act of 2009. This bill makes the property tax deduction, which is scheduled to expire this year, permanent and removes all limitations on the deduction.

The Complete and Permanent Property Tax Deduction Act will help millions of Americans who struggle with high property taxes. Making the property tax deduction permanent will especially benefit senior citizens, whose homes often are the major part of their wealth, and young families struggling to cope with the costs of owning new homes. I respectfully urge my colleagues to help ensure all homeowners can continue to take advantage of the property tax deduction by cosponsoring this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 492, 494, 495, 499, 500, 501, 502, 508, 514, 515, 517, 518, 520, 521, 524, 525, & 529, I was absent from the House due to illness.

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA-

OF CALIFORNIA-

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010." This bill will fund our nation's military construction projects and veterans' benefits for Fiscal Year 2010.

While I supported this bill, and what it provides for our military and veterans, it is unfortunate the Democratic leadership in Congress refused to allow debate on many amendments including an amendment proposed by Rep. CONNIE MACK that would have reduced the labor costs of each construction project funded by this legislation.

Currently, federal construction projects which cost more than \$2,000 must follow Davis-Bacon wage requirements. The Davis-Bacon Act requires employers to pay workers at least the "locally prevailing wage," as determined by the Department of Labor. Of the reports investigated by the Office of Inspector General, 100% of the wage surveys, used to set the "prevailing wage," contained one or more errors.

According to the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University, Davis-Bacon wage requirements over-estimate wages, inflating construction costs by almost 10%. This amounts to \$8.6 billion taxpayer waste per year. For our military and veterans, this is billions that could have been used to update the Vietnam-era quanzi-huts still in use at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base or to fix the Post 9/11 GI bill error that will unfairly reduce California veterans' education benefits.

In this time of fiscal uncertainty, Congress must set priorities and spend wisely. Shutting out debate on an archaic measure that unnecessarily increases cost moves our nation in the wrong direction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, FY2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Water and Related Resources
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Columbia Basin Development League
Address of Requesting Entity: 8582 Road K, SW; Royal City, WA 99357

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$3,000,000 for expansion of Project infrastructure to allow delivery of Project water to eligible lands. The Project aims to avoid ecological disaster by preserving the remaining

groundwater supplies for other uses, maintain the existing production base, preserve jobs, and provide long-term stability. The Federal Reclamation Columbia Basin Development Project has been the underlying driver for the economy of Central Washington.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Address of Requesting Entity: 73239 Confederated Way; Pendleton, OR 97801

Description of Request: Provide \$203,000 for the Walla Walla Watershed Project. The Army Corp, in conjunction with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, is focusing on the restoration and management of a viable ecosystem within the Walla Walla River Basin. The project is a high priority for the local communities and the agricultural sector because in stream flows enable the start of salmon reintroduction and a strong agricultural economy.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Whitworth University—

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Hawthorne Road; Spokane, WA 99201

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 for the purchase of state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) equipment. This equipment is necessary to prepare the general population with the levels of mathematics and science education necessary for the United States to compete.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE LIFE'S WORK OF JOSEPH HOUGHTELING

HON. JACKIE SPEIER—

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, long before there was a “green” movement, even before most Americans accepted words like “ecology” and “environment” into their vocabulary, Joe Houghteling was devoting his life to making our world a cleaner, better and more sustainable place. I am sorry to say that, on June 23, after 84 years on earth, the former chairman of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission passed away, leaving behind a greener landscape and more educated citizenry.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Cannon Houghteling's life story reads like a history textbook. The great-grandson and namesake of Speaker of the House Joseph Cannon, Joe was born in San Francisco, but moved East with his family and played baseball with future president George H.W. Bush at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

After his studies at Bates College and College of the Holy Cross, he served in the United States Navy where he befriended future congressman—and my political mentor—Leo J. Ryan. After his service, Joe received a Bachelor of Science degree from Yale University and immediately returned home to the Bay Area.

Many Democratic leaders—and more than a few Republicans—relied on Joe's brilliance, advice and counsel on land-use, environmental protection and other issues. He attended the 1956 and 1960 Democratic Party conventions as a delegate for Adlai Stevenson and John F. Kennedy, but also advised Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey, an ardent opponent of the Vietnam War.

Governor Edmund G. “Pat” Brown appointed Joe to the State Park Commission in 1959 and the State Highway Commission in 1964. Even Governor Ronald Reagan—whom he opposed on many fronts—saw the value of Joe's service and appointed him to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission in 1971. Governor Jerry Brown then promoted him to chairman during his administration. While at BCDC, Mr. Houghteling was credited with helping save 89,000 acres of wetlands and wildlife habitat from development.

Many in Northern California know Joe Houghteling's name from the editorial page of their local newspaper. He published many community newspapers in the Bay Area, founded the Diablo Press and owned the Nevada County Nugget.

But Madam Speaker, when I think of Joe Houghteling, his many accomplishments are not what initially come to mind. Rather, it is Joe's wry smile, razor-sharp wit and generous spirit. Joe was as quick with a compliment as he was with a funny story and he never ran out of those. My thoughts are with the family he adored: his daughters—Anne, Elizabeth and Mary Houghteling; a grandson, three nieces, a nephew and most of all, his lovely wife, Judy, who recently told a reporter that Joe used to joke about having his ashes thrown upwind from a boat so that his remains would blow back into the eyes of his mourners, forcing them to shed a tear.

Madam Speaker, no one who knew Joe Houghteling needs help shedding a tear for the passing of this remarkable man. But, like mine, I imagine their tears will be accompanied by silly grins and fond memories of a man who—without a doubt—leaves this world in better shape than he found it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, the following information is submitted regarding funding received in the first district of Texas as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Cypress Valley Watershed Project. The Red River Valley Association, P.O. Box 709, Shreveport, LA 71162, Corps of Engineers, Investigations Account, \$100,000 to resume the Cypress Valley Watershed study. This project examines the current and projected water resource needs of the Caddo Lake wetlands and evaluates how Lake O' the Pines reservoir could be operated to potentially meet a broader spectrum of water resources needs in one of the nation's premier natural lakes which is rapidly disappearing because of non-native invasive species.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Account

Project Funding Amount: \$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Department of Citrus

Address of Requesting Entity: Post Office Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33802

Description of Request: In order for small business citrus operations, in my district and throughout Florida, to remain viable in an ever competitive marketplace and lessen their reliance on manual labor, an effective mechanical harvesting technology must be developed. For this reason, funding is sought for the benefit of citrus small business operators, directed to the Florida Department of Citrus to continue completion of the development of a mechanical harvesting abscission compound. Florida citrus operators have invested over \$20 million toward this end, currently in the sixth year of a seven-year process.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regard to H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: Wappapello Lake, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Oak St. Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,416,000 for Wappapello Lake, MO MR&T Operations and Maintenance. This funding is for routine operation and maintenance, as well as work on U.S. Highway 67. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Bois Brule Drainage and Levee District, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District of Perry County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 347, Perryville, MO 63775

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,773,000 to continue work on a flood

damage reduction and deficiency correction project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$400,000 to award a contract for the Missouri Chute pump station; \$420,000 to complete exploration and design of relief wells; \$1,176,000 to construct 25 additional relief wells; and \$1,777,000 to complete design and begin contracting for the completion of the remaining two pump stations. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Cape Girardeau (Floodwall), MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cape Girardeau

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$183,000 to continue work on a flood damage reduction project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The \$183,000 will be used to complete the rehabilitation of the floodwall. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Clearwater Lake, MO (Seepage Control)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 West Green Street, Piedmont, MO 63957

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$40,000,000 for Clearwater Major Rehabilitation Project to continue work on a flood control project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The \$40,000,000 will be used to complete Phase I(b) construction and continue Phase II to construct a cutoff wall. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 E. North Main Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$28,874,000 for Mississippi River Levees (MR&T) to continue work on flood protection projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Construction Account.

Project Name: St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. John's Levee and Drainage District of Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 40, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 for the St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway. This funding will be used to conduct NEPA activities. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose

pose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Construction Account.

Project Name: Clearwater Lake, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 West Green Street, Piedmont, MO 63957

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,933,000 for Operation and Maintenance of Clearwater Lake. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: St. Francis Basin, AR & MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: 1440 Kurre Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,243,000 for St. Francis River and Tributaries, AR & MO Maintenance. This funding will be used for land and damages, cultural resources, engineering, design, construction management and operate and maintain two pumping stations. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Caruthersville Harbor, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pemiscot County Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 619 Ward Avenue, Caruthersville, MO 63830

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$40,000 for Caruthersville Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$40,000 is for dredging the harbor to authorized levels. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Madrid County Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Main Street, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$90,000 for the New Madrid County Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$90,000 is for dredging the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor (Mile 889), Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Madrid, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 96, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$40,000 for the New Madrid Harbor Mile 889 for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers. Approximately \$40,000 will be used to dredge the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Little River Diversion, Dutchtown, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 159 Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Description of Request: The Little River Diversion project will be funded at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, through Section 205 funds. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 205 account.

Project Name: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 E. North Main Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8,011,000 for Mississippi River Levees (MR&T) to continue work on flood protection projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Operations and Maintenance Account.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL G. ANDERSON

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor Michael G. Anderson—a great American. Mike has devoted his life to the service of our country for the past 38 years. For the first 32 years, Mike served in our United States Air Force. Most recently, Mike was the Chief of Staff of my congressional office, where he dedicated himself to working for the people of Alaska. After 6 years as my Chief, Mike retired and moved into the private sector where he serves Alaska Natives in his new capacity as President of Wolf Creek Fabrication Services, a subsidiary of Chugach Alaska Corporation.

Born in Maui, Hawaii, Mike was appointed in July 1971 to the United States Air Force Academy by Senator Hiram L. Fong. After graduating from the Academy in June 1975, he launched a distinguished military career that began as a combat aircrew member and included operational and staff assignments in the B-52 and B-1B bombers. Additionally, Mike served as an acquisition program manager and commanded two aircraft maintenance squadrons as well as a logistics group. Mike concluded his military service at the Pentagon, where he was assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force's Legislative Liaison Office. Notably, Mike set benchmarks and was recognized for high standards of performance

and achievement at each of his assignments. He retired from the Air Force in January 2003 finishing his military career at the rank of Colonel.

I handpicked Mike as my Chief of Staff after meeting and working with him on several congressional delegation (CODEL) trips to international locations and to Alaska. Mike began serving Alaska and Alaskans with the broad perspective he gained on those CODELs, and immediately gained knowledge and expertise that I would depend on throughout his 6 years on Capitol Hill. As Chief, Mike would serve when the largest transportation bill in our nation's history—SAFETEA-LU—was being formulated and passed. He would travel on my behalf throughout Alaska to ensure constituent issues were heard, investigated, and resolved quickly. He managed a staff that was assigned tough, Alaska-unique legislation, and coordinated congressional policy to make sure it served Alaska and national interests. As a result, my congressional office cemented and grew its reputation for timely and effective constituent services, and for authoring and coordinating relevant and meaningful legislation serving the interests of the people of Alaska.

Mike also received the distinction of being selected and graduating as a Congressional Stennis Fellow for the 110th Congress. He was one of only 72 picked for this distinguished fellowship. He used relationships from the fellowships he nurtured to help secure my legislative priorities for Alaska and our great Nation.

While Mike is moving on to a new career in the private sector, his impact and contribution to our work in Congress will continue. His expertise in Alaska Native issues garnered great respect for him, and will allow him to continue to serve that vital heart of Alaska's culture and heritage. We are grateful for his service to his Nation, to Congress, and to Alaska. More importantly, my wife Lu and I are most appreciative of his loyalty and friendship. Mike and his wife Rene have become dear friends, and we wish them Godspeed and the very best as they start their next career together.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ROGERS. of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I have received as part of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE J. ROGERS (MI 8)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cleary University-Livingston County Campus

Address of Requesting Entity: 3750 Cleary Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 to enhance student learning

through the use of multimedia materials at the Multi-media Center at the Livingston Campus. The center is designed to support self-directed learning outside the classroom. The development of a multi-media center will help create jobs in Michigan and provide the state with a better educated workforce. Approximately \$40,000 of the earmark will go toward hardware, software, and multimedia equipment; approximately, \$25,000 will be used for physical improvements to the existing building; another, \$25,000 will be used to hire and pay the salaries of employees; \$10,000 go toward infrastructure and network improvements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Calleguas Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Description of Request: This request is for the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Plant, which will provide critical support to the mission of providing safe and reliable drinking water to the 600,000 people living in the Water District's service area. Each year, the Calleguas Municipal Water District imports over 110,000 acre-feet of water through the California Water Project, and imports constitute 100 percent of Calleguas' supply. The \$6,000,000 requested through the Bureau of Reclamation would provide the 25 percent federal share to continue construction of a facility that will reclaim and reuse over 50,000 acre-feet of water annually. This recycled resource will replace water that otherwise would have to be imported, with the added benefit of ensuring water supply in the case of delivery interruptions due to natural disasters or attacks on the imported water infrastructure. The funding for this project, authorized by P.L. 104-266, section 2, will be used for development of a pipeline system that would collect and convey brackish groundwater and recycled water for direct use, stretching local water supplies. The Recycling Plant will facilitate the development of up to 50,000 acre-feet of water per year for municipal and agricultural uses, thereby reducing the need to import water to the region from Northern California. The bill provides \$100,000 in funding for this project request.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This request of \$2,000,000 will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Santa Clara River Watershed Management Plan Feasibility Study. Encompassing more than 1600 square miles, the Santa Clara River watershed is the largest in Southern California and is divided into two almost equal parts by the Los Angeles-Ventura County line. Since 1991, a group of more than 26 stakeholders has been developing the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) for the 100-year floodplain. Recognizing the continued pressure of urbanization in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties that may affect the floodplain and environmental resources in the Santa Clara River Watershed, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Los Angeles County, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to cooperate in expanding the SCREMP to complete a feasibility study for the Santa Clara River Watershed Protection Plan. This funding would go toward the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's 50% share of the total project cost of \$8.2 million. The bill provides \$500,000 in funding for this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. 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. 3170—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Sam Rayburn Reservoir Operations & Maintenance

Account: Operations and Maintenance, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Address of Requesting Entity: 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

This is the third year I've requested funding to repair the Twin Dikes Park marine launching complex since its collapse due to Hurricane Rita, erosion, and excessive wave action. Unfortunately, the Corps has a backlog of maintenance on some of the most widely used recreational facilities at Lake Sam Rayburn. In addition to this project, I continue to support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers annual request for funding to operate and maintain the lakes, and other water resources of East and Southeast Texas.

The \$6,247,000 included in this bill will be allocated to perform annual operations and maintenance of the Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT JAMIE C. FREDERICK OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize LT Jamie C. Frederick for his service to the United States House of Representatives and for his fifteen years of service to our country in the United States Coast Guard.

LT Jamie C. Frederick was assigned as Congressional Liaison Officer to the House in the Office of Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs in July 2007. As Congressional Liaison Officer, he worked directly with the Coast Guard's appropriations and authorizing committees to ensure the Service receives the necessary resources and legislative authorities to effectively execute its vital missions. Lieutenant Frederick served as the face of the Coast Guard here in the House and has sacrificed countless hours of time with his family to respond to Congressional requests and to accompany Members and staff as we travel to learn firsthand about Coast Guard missions and policies in the field.

In my roles as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, my staff and I relied on Lieutenant Frederick's tremendous familiarity and understanding of the needs, as well as operational missions, roles and responsibilities of the United States Coast Guard to conduct or oversight of the Service.

Lieutenant Frederick began his Coast Guard career after graduating from Dover High School in Dover Plains, New York. Following basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, he was assigned to the USCG Cutter BITTER-SWEET before he moved on to a three year assignment at Coast Guard Station Two Rivers, Wisconsin, where he served as a rescue boat coxswain, engineer and federal law enforcement boarding officer.

In October 1999, he was one of only 30 enlisted members selected to attend Coast Guard Officer Candidate School at the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. Upon graduation in 2000, he received a commission as an ensign and was assigned to Coast Guard Sector Key West, Florida as an Operations Center Controller and Public Affairs Officer. While serving as the unit's Public Affairs Officer he earned back-to-back CDR Jim Simpson Awards for excellence in media and public relations.

In 2002, he was selected to serve as the Aide to then Coast Guard Chief of Staff, Admiral Thad W. Allen. Admiral Allen is currently serving as the twenty-third Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Lieutenant Frederick was a key member of Admiral Allen's staff during the Coast Guard's transition to the Department of Homeland Security.

In 2004, Lieutenant Frederick was selected to command Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington. As the Commanding Officer, he was responsible for operations and readiness of the largest Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement Station in the Pacific Northwest with 7,100 square-miles of ocean, the treacherous Co-

lumbia River Bar, and 42 nautical-miles of the lower Columbia River. During his tenure as the Commanding Officer, the Station conducted over 800 search and rescue and 500 law enforcement cases. In 2006, he and his crew were awarded the Pacific Area Coast Guard Foundation Award for Heroism for a winter rescue of the 50-foot fishing vessel *Catherine M*.

Lieutenant Frederick was a finalist for the Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award, the highest leadership award in the USCG, in 2005 and was recognized as an Honorable Mention in 2006. It should also be noted that Lieutenant Frederick's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and a variety of other personal, team and unit commendations.

Lieutenant Frederick was recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander and will attend Johns Hopkins University for a master's degree in communications beginning this fall. I know Lieutenant Frederick will excel in his studies. The critical work he has done in service to the Coast Guard and our nation is an example for all those that serve. I wish the best to him and his wife Kimberly and his children. Thank you, Lieutenant Frederick for a job well done.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, California 93407

Description of Request: \$250,000 was included for California Polytechnic State University Center, San Luis Obispo, to purchase student training equipment and establish educational outreach programs for the Center for Renewable Energy and Alternative Electric Transportation Technologies (CREATT). This Center will serve as an alternative energy test-bed to develop, demonstrate, and validate new alternative energy technologies to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce emission sources, and help the United States achieve better energy efficiency and energy independence.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS W.L. KELLEY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and myself as we pay tribute to the life of Thomas W.L. Kelley. We are all saddened that Thomas is gone so soon but joyful that he has gone to be with his Heavenly Father.

On this occasion, we join with the immediate family and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for his life. Thomas W.L. Kelley's tremendous character earned him the respect of his family, friends, and classmates at Juniata High School. As you experience this tremendous loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kelley Family, especially Thomas' parents, Terry and Angela, and Thomas' siblings, Joey and Abbey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to Thomas W.L. Kelley's uncle, Nick Martinelli, who works in my Washington, DC office. I know this loss was extremely difficult for Nick, so I want him to know that his colleagues in Washington wish him the very best in the wake of Thomas W.L. Kelley's untimely passing.

We are happy to stand with everyone recognizing Thomas W.L. Kelley's life on Monday, July 13 at Hoenstine Funeral Home in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. There is an emptiness that only those who have lost a close relative can understand. May the sympathy of those who care make the sorrow of your heart less difficult to bear. Along with all residents of Congressional District Three, I extend my best wishes to you and your family in these difficult times—and I hope you will never hesitate to call on me or my staff if we may be of service in the future.

H. RES. 607 WHICH COMMEMORATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to cosponsor H. Res. 607, which commemorates the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Apollo 11's successful mission was certainly a "giant leap for mankind," that should be a source of pride for all Americans.

One of my favorite quotes regarding the moon landing was penned by philosopher Ayn Rand in 1969: "Think of what was required to achieve that mission: think of the unyielding effort; the merciless discipline; the courage; the responsibility of relying on one's judgment; the days, nights and years of unswerving dedication to a goal; the tension of the unbroken maintenance of a full, clear mental focus; and the honesty. It took the highest, sustained acts of virtue to create in reality what had only been dreamt of for millennia."

Rand's words not only apply to the Apollo 11 mission but to all of the work of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA). As a representative of the Gulf Coast of Texas, which is home to many of NASA's most significant triumphs, I have had the opportunity to meet many NASA employees. I have always been impressed by their professionalism and dedication to their mission.

In conclusion, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon by supporting H. Res. 607.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: O&M, Corps of Engineers

Name of Recipient: Port of Houston Authority

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252

Description of Request: \$15,603,000 in funding would be used for operations and maintenance of the Port of Houston. The Port is the 7th largest container port in the United States and serves 50 million consumers within a 500-mile radius. In 2007, the Port of Houston provided \$285 billion in economic value, \$72 billion in personal income, and \$16.2 billion in Federal Taxes. It is also home to the second largest petrochemical complex in the world and the largest refinery in the United States.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction, Corps of Engineers

Recipient: Harris County Flood Control District

Address of Recipient: 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092

Description: \$2,500,000 in funding for the Clear Creek Flood Control Project. The project on Clear Creek consists of 15.1 miles of channel rectification and a 500 acre-foot in-line detention from Dixie Farm Road to State Highway 288 and a 1,750 acre-foot detention basin. This project will provide lower flood risks to areas in the 22nd District of Texas. It is estimated the number of homes subject to the 1% (100 year) flood would be reduced from 3,380 to 1,130. Flood Risk Management is in the national interest by reducing loss of

life, injury and property destruction and reducing the flooding risks to Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction, Corps of Engineers

Name of Recipient: Port of Houston Authority

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252

Description of Request: \$500,000 for additional construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In order to keep the Port of Houston operating at full capacity, the Houston Ship Channel must be maintained. The increased natural shoaling has placed greater pressure on the Port's capacity to store and manage dredge material and without increasing capacity they will not be able to dredge the channel. Without this necessary funding, dredged material capacity will be unavailable and material will be pumped longer distances increasing the cost of dredging for the same volume of material dredged the previous year. This request is for additional construction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3183, the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act:

FL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Biomass Account

Project Funding Amount: \$1 million

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: Promotes the development and production of bioenergy fuel sources to assist in the development of new energy technologies and improve existing energy efficiencies. The overall goal of this project is to decrease U.S. dependence on imported energy through the creation of renewable fuel sources, and is coordinated by the University of Florida's Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuel. Funding will aid in the development of renewable energy technologies through the integration of cost-effective

research methods, the identification and funding of near-term R&D opportunities ripe for advancement, and by the creation of novel renewable energy systems.

TAMPA HARBOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

Project Funding Amount: \$5,620,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Army Corp of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Description of Request: Army Corps of Engineers, annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funds are needed for periodic dredging in the 70 miles of federal channels in the Tampa Harbor. For FY 2010, the Army Corps' estimated capability is \$5,620,000, to include various sections of the Tampa Harbor project, with an emphasis on the upper harbor. The Tampa Harbor is a major shipping channel both for domestic and international trade, and of importance to national commerce. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons.

TAMPA HARBOR CONSTRUCTION

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL-12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction, General—Planning, Engineering and Design

Project Funding Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Army Corp of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Description of Request: In January, 2008, the Army Corps of Engineers completed the draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR), which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel, where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The Corps' GRR found that the ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies, and recommended widening select portions of the main channel. Therefore, \$500,000 is requested to complete Planning, Engineering and Design (PED).