

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOHN ARTHUR "JACK" JOHNSON
POSTHUMOUS PARDON

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 29 (the companion bill to H. Con. Res. 91), a resolution granting a posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for his 1913 racially motivated conviction. On April 1, 2009, I introduced my resolution with Congressman JESSE JACKSON, Jr. and I join today with my colleagues in urging the House to support this effort.

Jack Johnson became the first black World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in 1908 after defeating Tommy Burns in Australia and kept the title until 1915. He was a flamboyant and controversial figure in American history who paved the way for African-American athletes to participate and succeed in racially integrated professional sports in the United States.

Prompted by his success in the boxing ring and his relationship with a white woman, Jack Johnson was wronged by a racially motivated conviction under the Mann Act. He was convicted in 1913 after fleeing to Canada, Europe and South America and served one year in prison. Being convicted ruined his career and wrongly destroyed his reputation.

Because of this, we believe the President should grant a posthumous pardon to Jack Johnson to clear his name and recognize his athletic and cultural contributions to society. I am proud to have sponsored this resolution on his behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 24, 2009.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 638 (On motion to table appeal of the ruling of the chair), "no" on rollcall vote No. 639 (On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 673), "no" on rollcall vote No. 640 (On Agreeing to H. Res. 673), "no" on rollcall vote No. 641 (On Agreeing to the Obey of Wisconsin amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 642 (On Agreeing to the Souder of Indiana amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 643 (On Agreeing to the Pence of Indiana amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 644 (On

Agreeing to the Wittman of Virginia amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 645 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3293), "no" on rollcall vote No. 646 (On passage to H.R. 3293).

HONORING BRITTANY BASS AND
KIRSTEN MUELLER UPON RE-
CEIPT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD
AWARD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge two young women in my hometown of Dix Hills, Brittany Bass and Kirsten Mueller.

Brittany and Kirsten will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 3, 2009. Their project included teaching younger girls how to stay healthy by collecting new and used sporting equipment, food for local pantry and sneakers for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Foundation. I wish to commend them for their community service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 7 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows. Rollcall No. 654, on Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment to and Resolution H. Res. 685, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 655, on Agreeing to the Resolution, as Amended H. Res. 685, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 656, on the Motion to Table H. Res. 690, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 657, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2749, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 658, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1665, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 659, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3357, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 660, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to, as Amended, H. Res. 496, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am

submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$600,000

Account: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Service Administration

Entity receiving funds: Central Washington Hospital located at 1201 South Miller Street, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

Description: These funds will be used to expand Central Washington Hospital's medical campus so that the hospital can continue to meet the health care needs of North Central Washington. This region is currently facing a shortage of hospital beds.

Amount: \$400,000

Account: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Service Administration

Entity receiving funds: Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences located at 111 University Parkway, Suite 202, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: Funds will be used to help the new College of Allied Health and Sciences and Postgraduate Studies develop and implement new programs to teach medical specialties where there are doctor shortages in the region.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. STARK. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the Defense Appropriations bill. As families and businesses struggle in this recession, this bill spends money on the wrong priorities for our Nation and the world.

The legislation provides \$128.3 billion to fund wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that never should have been waged, as well as \$9.3 billion for missile defense funding that doesn't work. According to the Washington Post, over \$6.9 billion in funding is for new ships, planes, helicopters and armored vehicles that the Pentagon doesn't want.

We are wasting money on these projects as defense eats up a larger share of our budget—58 percent of all discretionary spending, up from 51 percent four years ago.

This giveaway to defense contractors comes at the same time that Members of Congress are balking at health care reform that will cost a fraction of our defense spending over the same time period. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting no.

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HONORING ANDREW TINGWALL

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor a very special New Mexican, Andrew Tingwall of the New Mexico State Police. Sergeant Tingwall served our country and my home state with distinction and honor for almost two decades, beginning with his tenure in the United States Marine Corps, where he was a Jump Qualified Reconnaissance Marine. Sergeant Tingwall then went on to join the New Mexico State Police, where he became the youngest pilot on the force. During his time with the State police he was named the 2008 Officer of the year by the New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Association for his lifesaving efforts of a man that had fallen into an arroyo in Albuquerque.

On several occasions, Sergeant Tingwall risked his own life to save others. He did so without any thought of personal gain. The only driving force for him was his mission to serve and protect and sadly that discipline cost him his life when Sergeant Tingwall flew his last mission earlier this year in an attempt to find lost hikers in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Andrew did all he could, but in the end, this mission was his last.

Throughout his career in public service he exemplified the attributes that make both the New Mexico State Police and the United States Marine Corps premier organizations that defend liberty and security of Americans and New Mexicans.

ENERGY**HON. BETSY MARKEY**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues to continue the dialogue on the American Clean Energy and Security Act over the August recess. I supported this legislation because I believe western states like Colorado stand to gain much from this energy bill. Renewable energy companies like Abound Solar and Vestas Wind Systems are already creating jobs and driving economic development in northern and eastern Colorado.

I believe the House-passed bill will help farmers and ranchers reap great benefits in America's renewable energy economy. I worked hard with my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee to ensure the concerns of America's farmers and ranchers were addressed. By developing cleaner energy here at home and using the vast domestic resources we currently have, we can work towards a less volatile energy market that will benefit us all.

I encourage all my colleagues in the House and the Senate to continue this important work.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
OSCAR OLCHYK**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the memory of one of my fellow South Florida constituents, Oscar Olchyk. Oscar passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 23 at the age of 82, surrounded by his loving family.

Oscar spent his life completely and wholeheartedly dedicating himself to his family, including his wife of 50 years, Marta, his children, Sonia and Samuel, his grandchildren, Abram and Ross, his brother Bernardo, and his sister Mary. He also held an immense devotion for his mother and father-in-law, his daughter-in-law, Debbie, and his brother-in-law, Boris.

Born in Havana, Cuba in 1927, Oscar spent his first 33 years in Cuba, where he became a Certified Public Accountant and a Professor of Accounting at the University of Havana. It was also in Cuba where he met the love of his life, Marta, and where they were married and started a family together. Oscar and Marta, along with their son Samuel, fled Cuba for a new life in the United States after the Castro takeover.

Oscar spent most of his life in Dallas, Texas, where he continued to raise a family with his wife. In addition to his family, he devoted himself to pursuing a higher education, serving his community, and his accounting practice. Oscar and Marta spent the last decade enjoying their retirement in beautiful South Florida and near their family. They both had the opportunity to travel around the world and spend their 50th anniversary with their grandson, Abram.

My greatest sympathy goes to all of his loving family and friends whom he treasured so deeply throughout his life.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM OF
MR. CLYDE MCINTOSH OF NORTH
CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding public servant and dedicated volunteer in Yancey County, North Carolina. Mr. Clyde McIntosh of Burnsville has dedicated his life to service and activism. After graduating from Burnsville High School in 1950, Mr. McIntosh proudly served four years in the United States Navy. Upon completion of his service, he moved back to the mountains of western North Carolina, where he built a successful real estate and development business and operated a dairy farm. During this period, he worked diligently toward the goal of preserving the rural heritage of the area.

Mr. McIntosh assumed public office when he was elected Sheriff of Yancey County in 1986. From 1999 to 2005, he served on the Board of Directors of the Yancey County Department of Social Services, spending a por-

tion of his tenure as Chair. For many years, Mr. McIntosh has been an active community volunteer for the Lions Club and Meals on Wheels.

Mr. McIntosh has worked for years to educate Yancey County youth on the importance of civic engagement and community involvement. He has acted as a mentor for the Young Democrats organization of Yancey County, encouraging young people to be politically active.

I commend his outstanding contributions to the Democratic Party. In April 2001, he was named Mountain Democrat of the Year and also served as Yancey County Democratic Party Chair throughout the years. He has served as Precinct Chair for both Jacks Creek and Burnsville Townships, and he is currently the Burnsville Township Chair.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Clyde McIntosh and recognizing his service to Yancey County, North Carolina.

BOB BARKER'S LIFELONG PASSION
TO PROTECT ANIMALS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Bob Barker is a household name who is known nationally and internationally as the beloved host of the Price is Right. While he has retired from his career in television, he has redoubled his lifelong efforts to protect animals around the world.

I first met Bob Barker a number of years ago when he was here in the Capitol in support of legislation to stop the inhumane treatment of animals. We quickly became good friends and my wife Beverly and I have come to respect not only his commitment to animals but also his unwavering support for our men and women who serve in uniform.

Bob Barker is a great American with a very unique background. He grew up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and was a Navy fighter pilot at the end of World War II.

Yesterday Beverly joined Bob Barker for a press conference about another case of the mistreatment of animals that was brought to his attention and which he has in turn called to the attention of our nation. Following my remarks, I would like to include for the benefit of my colleagues an Associated Press report about that event. While I wish I could have been there with Bob to show my support for his work and lifelong passion, I had to be here in the House as we debated the rule and began consideration of the Defense Appropriations Bill.

However, Madam Speaker, I wanted to commend Bob Barker for once again crisscrossing our nation in his continuing commitment to protect innocent animals that cannot protect themselves.

BOB BARKER ASKS CHEROKEES TO END NORTH CAROLINA BEAR PIT ATTRACTIONS

(From The Canadian Press, July 29, 2007)

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—Former game show host and longtime animal rights activist Bob Barker has made a personal appeal to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina to stop exhibiting bears in pit-like enclosures at three local zoos.

The Asheville Citizen-Times reported that Barker met Tuesday with Principal Chief Michell Hicks and five members of the Tribal Council. He called the bears' conditions inhumane and asked that they be turned over to a sanctuary in California.

"To think that with as advanced as our civilization is now that there is any place in the United States where bears are kept in pits is just unbelievable," said Barker, who is part American Indian and grew up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. "Just picture yourself, if your life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, month after month, was in a pit."

The bears are displayed in walled enclosures set into the ground at three local attractions that bill themselves as zoos and theme parks.

Barker will discuss the meeting at a news conference Wednesday morning in Asheville.

Hicks told the Asheville Citizen-Times that the tribe follows federal regulations in caring for the bears.

Collette Coggins, who owns one of the attractions, the Cherokee Bear Zoo, with her husband, Barry, said the bears don't stay in the pits all day, every day. "We love our animals," she said. "They are like our pets."

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, the use of massive amounts of human antibiotics for non-therapeutic purposes in industrial food animal production is seriously jeopardizing the health of Americans. This practice is contributing to the emergence and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, often rendering ineffective human life-savings drugs.

I am submitting for the record a letter to the White House, signed by twenty reputable organizations such as the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Pew Charitable Trusts, which supports the Food and Drug Administration's early steps to phase out the use of antibiotics for growth promotion and feed efficiency in food animals, and calls on the Administration to go further.

JULY 24, 2009.

Ms. MELODY BARNES,
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy,
The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. BARNES: As organizations committed to protecting patients, public health, animal health, and food safety, the undersigned groups are writing to express our grave concern about the misuse of antibiotics in agriculture and our strong support for the Administration's new "public health approach to antimicrobial use in animals," which was articulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in its July 13th statement before the Rules Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Obama Administration's leadership in providing a clear path forward on this highly politically charged issue is very much welcomed after decades of inertia.

Our combined memberships include the country's foremost scientific and medical experts and represent more than eleven million concerned Americans and health professionals. Our position is based on objective health interests and concerns that dangerous

drug resistant infections are rapidly increasing in hospitals and community settings adding to the economic burden of the U.S. healthcare costs.

Specifically, we support the FDA's calls for phasing out the use of antimicrobial drugs for growth promotion and feed efficiency, and for requiring that all other uses of these drugs be carried out under the supervision of a veterinarian and within the boundaries of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship—which we expect will end over-the-counter sales of tons of antimicrobial drugs annually. We also support the agency's expressed intent to clearly define the limited instances where antimicrobials may be used judiciously in food animals for purposes of disease prevention and control and are eager to work with FDA to ensure that the policy developed is the most protective of public health. We also urge the agency to make the new antimicrobial policy mandatory, retroactive to already-approved drugs, and enforceable, in order to best guarantee a significant reduction in antimicrobial use. The Administration's statement clearly demonstrates a commitment to sound and science-based policies that are backed up by scores of scientific and medical publications and will protect the health of every American.

The development of antimicrobial agents to treat life-threatening infections has been one of the most notable medical achievements of the past century. Physicians, healthcare professionals, and public health and food safety advocates are greatly concerned about the growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating that antimicrobial drug use in livestock and poultry contributes to the spread of drug-resistant bacteria to people. Drug-resistant organisms are plaguing Americans, including otherwise healthy individuals, in healthcare settings and communities across the country. We are pleased that these concerns finally are being recognized and addressed by the federal government to forestall epidemics of untreatable infections.

Fundamental to FDA's new approach—and our support for it—are the principles that: "protecting public health requires the judicious use in animal agriculture of those antimicrobials of importance in human medicine" and that "purposes other than for the advancement of animal and human health should not be considered judicious use."—Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, FDA's Principal Deputy Commissioner, July 13, 2009.

The Administration's vision to eliminate non-judicious uses of antimicrobial drugs, including for purposes of growth promotion and feed efficiency and non-judicious disease prevention which have been practiced in animal agriculture for several decades, demonstrates a critical public policy shift that will better protect the public against resistant infections and preserve the power of existing antibiotics. In addition, we urge FDA to formalize its position on veterinary supervision of all antimicrobial uses and ending the over-the-counter sale of antibiotics for animal agricultural uses, which are long-overdue. The sale of antimicrobials for use in human medicine requires a prescription; there is no reason to permit a lower standard for agricultural purposes where considerably more antimicrobial drugs are used annually.

The Administration's new policy direction appears intended to reflect the concerns of a broad consensus of the scientific, medical, public health and international health communities. Such consensus is buttressed by the actions of expert bodies and governments. For example:

Since 2002, the World Health Organization (WHO) has called upon all nations to shift from use of antimicrobials in non-human medicine.

In 2003, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies of Science called on the FDA to ban the use of antimicrobials for growth promotion in animals, if those drugs were also used in human medicine.

In 2006, the European Union banned non-therapeutic use of antimicrobials, because such use was found to raise food safety concerns, and the ban was instituted to protect against further development of antimicrobial resistance.

We recognize that phasing out of antimicrobials for non-judicious uses in animals will require changes in the agricultural industry. But protection of the public's health must come first, and the phase out can be conducted in a way that that minimizes costs to the agriculture industry. Farmers in Europe have adapted to such a policy without undue disruption of production or increased consumer costs; the United States can learn from that experience while also protecting American lives. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has recognized that various production methods used in the United States today are viable alternatives to non judicious antimicrobial uses and such alternatives are employed with little negative—or even with somewhat positive—economic impact to producers.

We urge you to maintain the scientifically sound positions the Administration already has taken in support of phasing out growth promotion and feed efficiency uses, and to finalize a policy that will strictly manage a narrow set of prophylactic uses while mandating veterinary-patient relationships and eliminating the over-the-counter sale of antibiotics for use in animals.

We remain committed to working with the Administration to implement these new approaches in ways that will best protect the lives and health of both humans and animals.

Sincerely,

Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics.

American Academy of Pediatrics.

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

American Medical Association.

American Pharmacists Association.

American Public Health Association.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology.

Food Animal Concerns Trust.

Humane Society of the United States.

Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.

Keep Antibiotics Working.

Michigan Antibiotic Resistance Reduction Coalition.

National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming.

Premier, a healthcare alliance serving 2,100 nonprofit hospitals and 58,000 healthcare sites.

Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

Trust for America's Health.

Union of Concerned Scientists.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded

votes on the House floor on Monday, July 27, 2009.

I ask that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 647 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 593); "no" on rollcall vote No. 648 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to HR. 1376); and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 649 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1121).

INTRODUCING THE TAX EQUITY
FOR MEAL REPLACEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTS ACT OF 2009

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there are small, common sense steps everyone can take to improve their health, save money, and reduce unnecessary visits to the doctor. Nutritional supplements can significantly improve health, and by making vitamins and supplements more affordable, we can help people stay healthy while reducing medical costs.

For that reason, I have introduced the Tax Equity for Meal Replacements and Supplements Act of 2009, which will make it easier for our constituents to make healthy choices and improve their health and well-being. This legislation allows employees to purchase certain dietary supplements and meal replacement products with pre-tax dollars already reserved for health needs.

The prevention of disease is a key factor in limiting health care expenditures. A 2007 study conducted by The Lewin Group showed that the appropriate use of select dietary supplements over a five year period would improve the health of key populations and save the nation more than \$24 billion in healthcare costs.

Among the findings, that report noted that if 11.3 million of the 44 million American women who are of childbearing age and not taking folic acid, began taking 400 mcg. of folic acid on a daily basis, neural tube defects could be prevented in 600 babies, saving as much as \$344 million in the first year. Over five years, taking into account the cost of the supplement, \$1.4 billion could potentially be saved.

The report also highlighted the potential five-year savings in health care expenditures resulting from a reduction in the occurrence of coronary heart disease, CHD, among the population over age 65. Through a daily intake of approximately 1800 mg of omega-3, the occurrence of this disease can be reduced, saving \$3.2 billion. Approximately 374,301 hospitalizations and associated physician fees due to CHD could also be avoided.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this commonsense legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Earmark Standards

Guidance, I submit the following in regard to the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act found in H.R. 3326:

PORTABLE MILITARY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST SET

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$1,500,000 for Portable Military Radio Communications Test Set in the Marine Corps, Procurement Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Aeroflex at 10200 West York Road, Wichita, KS 67215-8999.

The Portable Military Radio Communications Test Set was developed with the military in mind with its portability, rugged build, and weight. The technician can easily perform maintenance checks of radio systems (including antennas & cables); perform diagnostics or troubleshooting of faulty radio systems in order to repair or restore the radio systems. The test set is portable, weighing in at only 8.5 lbs (including the battery). It operates from a rechargeable battery with about 5 hours operating time. With the additional capability to perform quick testing of antennas and cables, the Portable Military Radio Communications Test Set provides for the tester to isolate problems and assess performance of the radio, cable, and antenna systems. It was designed to significantly reduce the number of radios incorrectly removed from vehicles where it was later determined to have no trouble found.

The Marine Corps pays about \$10,000 for each tester, with a requirement for 1600 units. This funding will go to procurement of the testers to meet this requirement.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

RADIO PERSONALITY MODULES FOR SINGGARS TEST SETS

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$3,000,000 for Radio Personality Modules for SINGGARS Test Sets in the Army, Other Procurement Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Aeroflex at 10200 West York Road, Wichita, KS 67215-8999.

The funds will fund Radio Personality Modules for SINGGARS Test Sets which capitalizes upon existing radio test sets by making them up to 10 times more capable than they were before. Presently, the GRM-122 test set diagnoses only one type of radio—the SINGGARS. After the proposed upgrade, the very same tester will be able to test multiple radios in common use, including: UHF radios, VHF radios, high frequency radios, intercoms, survival vest radios, and four different types of navigation radios installed in aircraft on the flight line. This efficient program saves both time and money. Time, because the technician performing the test will have the entire test suite he requires at his immediate disposal on the flight line; and money because the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance locations equipped with Radio Personality Modules for SINGGARS Test Sets will not need to acquire nor carry entire test suites of disparate equipments.

This funding is for procurement of these test sets. The cost of each test suite is \$157,946—there is a need for about 80 test sets in all. The anticipated source of funding for the duration of the project is funding from the government; the customer is the US Army.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR UAV PAYLOADS

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$1,000,000 for

Directed Energy Systems for UAV Payloads in the Defense-wide, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is ARC Technology at 13076 NW 120th St., White-water, KS 67154.

ARC anticipates that federal funds will complete the research and development of this technology. This technology enables both offensive and defensive capabilities from UAV platforms that are either controlled or autonomous. Targets of interest include remotely controlled devices, communications systems, computers, electronics, radar systems, infrared and acoustic sensors, and GPS jammers. The FY 10 funding addresses additional integration issues, range extension, packaging issues, and customer performance verification for incorporation into specific delivery platforms.

BUDGET FOR UAV PAYLOAD DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS

Materials—5%

Labor—70%

Testing—15%

Performance verification*—10%

Total—100%

*Per customer specifications, to simulate performance in end applications.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

B-52 TACTICAL DATA LINK PROGRAM

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$6,000,000 for B52 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Program in the Air Force, Research and Development account. This project is for The Boeing Corporation located at P.O. Box 7730 MC K71-33, Wichita, KS 67277-7730.

The B-52 Combat Communications Network Technology (CONNECT) Capabilities Description Document (CDD) identified mission area capability gaps that supplied rationale for Line-of-sight (LOS) Tactical Data Link (TDL) communications. These mission area capability gaps continue to exist for missions that the B-52 has been tasked to perform. Current planned B-52 CONNECT Phase A capability, slated for IOC in 2011, relies on low-speed data links that are not jam-resistant and will not meet specific mission area goals. To meet mission goals within theater operations (300 nautical miles or less), a jam-resistant, low-latency tactical data link capability is required.

Original B-52 CONNECT program effort included the integration of a LOS TDL capability per the CDD requirements. During FY2005, the LOS TDL component and associated funding was removed from the program. The current B-52 CONNECT program includes a two phase delivery with the initial capability (Phase A) providing low-speed BLOS and LOS communications that are not jam-resistant followed by an additional phase that adds the Family of Advanced BLOS Terminals (FAB-T) Airborne Wideband Terminal (AWT) for enhanced jam-resistant BLOS reach-back capability to the B-52. The initial phase of the program provided significant computing hardware integration and infrastructure as the basis for future communications data link integration on the B-52.

Full integration of a LOS TDL on the B-52 involves significant effort to design, test, and certify the system for operational use. The original B-52 CONNECT program solution set involved integrating the MIDS JTRS terminal that has been under development since FY2004. This architecture involved integration of the legacy Link-16 Tactical waveform. Numerous platforms have integrated the Link-16

Waveform capability to participate in a LOS tactical environment.

Since that time, new technologies and concepts of operation have been assessed by the DoD community. Assurance will need to be established as to whether the Link-16 waveform is the proper transport of choice or if alternate waveform transports will be required. When developing Network-Centric architectures, robust system engineering efforts will need to be performed to establish and obtain agreement on concepts of operations and operational needlines and timelines for interoperability (i.e. establish who we are talking with and how). Effort will need to be expended to determine these interoperability solutions.

Proposed Project Activities:

Develop DoD architecture products within an Information Support Plan (ISP) to provide mission area justification for LOS TDL integration

Perform analysis of alternatives (AOA) to determine terminal selection and transport/waveform requirements to meet operational needlines

Develop candidate requirements/architecture definition utilizing original B-52 CONECT TDL architecture as a basis for integration and ensure stakeholder concurrence through design review.

Perform aircraft installation trade studies to identify any potential issues with integration (size, weight, power, cooling, antenna performance)

Perform lab demonstration of capability using government-supplied LOS terminal assets in the Wichita B-52 SIL

Deliver draft SSS modifications and System Design modifications that will provide the basis for a follow-on proposal to complete integration of a LOS TDL capability

Project Estimates:

Requirement integration with existing CONECT architecture (\$1.8M—8 folks for 6 months (about \$1.4M to contractor with \$0.4M to customer)

Prototype design in SIL (\$3.7M—12 months for 10 folks (\$3.2M to contractor with \$0.5M to customer)

Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) Equipment—\$0.5M (Two TDL Terminals and ancillary equipment)

At the completion of the project effort, a preliminary requirements definition and architecture design understanding will be established between the government and Boeing. This would serve as the basis for a follow-on Request for Proposal (RFP) for the full SDD development effort to integrate the LOS TDL capability on the B-52. In addition, the effort will establish an Information Support Plan which supports and validates the CDD requirements and addresses mission area gaps that would be filled with a LOS TDL capability.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) AIRCRAFT

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$7,426,000 for Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Aircraft in the Air Force, Aircraft Procurement Account, of which \$5,000,000 is a Congressional add. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cessna Aircraft Company at 3 Cessna Blvd, Wichita, Kansas 67215.

The CAP provides the least expensive airborne emergency services and Homeland Se-

curity services of any agency at approximately \$100 per flying hour. The CAP budgets through the USAF for acquisition of new aircraft to modernize the fleet, maintain operational readiness, and contribute to the Homeland Security. The additional funding will procure additional aircraft for CAP.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR COHORT/ACIMS: COMPOSITE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND OPERATIONAL RISK TRACKING SYSTEM/ADVANCED CONCEPT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$3,000,000 for Demonstration Project for COHORT/ACIMS: Composite Occupational Health and Operational Risk Tracking System / Advanced Concept Information Management System. The entity to receive funding for this project is Spin Systems located at 3450 North Rock Road, Bldg #200, Suite 202.

This project leverages the successes of the COHORT/ACIMS I & II projects that developed the Armed Forces Medical Analysis and Collaboration Tool (AFMAC) using the Spin Business Framework (SBF). AFMAC was designed by an AF/SG physician epidemiologist to analyze and track "Injured Airmen" as a proof of concept. Both tasks are necessary to fully realize the power of putting actionable information in the hands of doctors and nurses carrying for our sick and injured.

Task 1: Enterprise Medical Management Framework.

This funding is to develop a clinical business intelligence and "bedside" case management support tool for nurses and doctors using the SBF-AFMAC framework. This tool will provide access to real-time, consolidated health information and hands-on tools to assist them in coordinating care for wounded warriors and other MHS patients. These tools will assist with case management, care coordination, team collaboration, workflow management, secure messaging, notifications and alerts, documentation creation and management, metrics, dashboards and forecasting. Our clinical teams are missing these tools, which have been identified by the AF/SG's Family Health Initiative as essential to success. The AFMS has advised the need for additional work in the amount of \$1.8M.

Finance Plan: Labor—57%, ODC—5%, Materials (Enterprise License/Hardware)—38%.

Task 2: Real-Time Data Delivery.

This funding is to develop a modern solution to provide a quick, efficient, standardized and secure mechanism for delivering data from centralized information systems and databases into the hands of the doctors and nurses at the bedside and in the clinic. Providing a near-real time data delivery system will take full advantage of valuable but separate data systems and put the information in the hands of clinicians, medical technicians and health administrators without delay, duplication or redundancy. Real-time data delivery will save manpower and resources in the IT community in addition to improving health and saving lives. The AFMS has advised the need for \$1.2M in additional work in this area.

Finance Plan: Labor—82%, ODC—5%, Materials (Enterprise Licenses/Hardware)—13%.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR CONTRACTORS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$4,000,000 for Demonstration Project for Contractors Employing Persons with Disabilities in the Air Force, Operation & Maintenance. The entities to receive funding for this project is Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation located at 5111 East 21st Street Wichita, Kansas 67208 and Envision located at 2301 South Water, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

The program is authorized under H.R. 1588; Demonstration Project for Contractors Employing Persons With Disabilities. The purpose of the demonstration project is to provide jobs for people with severe disabilities who otherwise would not be fully employed. The national unemployment rate for people with severe disabilities is 70%. It is in the national best interest for the government to provide, and fund, programs which have as a purpose to lower this rate. Disabled individuals employed under the Demonstration Project are able to live independent lives and are able to pay their share of employment taxes and income taxes. These individuals, when employed, contribute to the growth of our economy. As a result of the Demonstration Project for Contractors Employing Persons with Disabilities, the U.S. Air Force Printing Office has engaged in an ongoing relationship with Envision Corporation in Wichita, Kansas. This relationship has been very successful in accomplishing not only the goal of furthering employment opportunities for the blind, but also in providing the U.S. Air Force Printing Office with funding and manpower it would otherwise not have. To date, the U.S. Air Force has advised of the need for additional work totaling approximately \$8 Million.

As a result of the Demonstration Project for Contractors Employing Persons with Disabilities, the U.S. Air Force Office of Personnel and Management has engaged in an ongoing relationship with The Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation in Wichita, Kansas. This relationship has been very successful in accomplishing not only the goal of furthering employment opportunities for the severely disabled, but also in providing the U.S. Air Force Office of Personnel and Management with funding and manpower it would otherwise not have for the purpose of digitizing all paper records of its personnel. To date, the U.S. Air Force has advised of the need for additional work totaling approximately \$11 Million.

The United States Air Force Personnel community is undergoing the most extensive re-engineering effort in history. This effort includes streamlining processes and centralizing where it makes sense to do so by leveraging technology, and shifting the service model to a greater reliance on self-service. A key enabler to achieving the desired end state is a shift from paper-intensive personnel transitions and document storage to a near-paperless environment as spelled out in the AF/A 1 E-Records Strategy document. A key milestone in achieving an E-Record environment is conversion of current paper document repositories into a centralized digital repository. There are approximately 13 million pages of paper records that need to be scanned. Currently we are operating in option year three of a five year plan.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

LASER PEENING FOR FRICTION STIR WELDED AEROSPACE STRUCTURES

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$2,000,000 for Laser Peening for Friction Stir Welded Aerospace Structures in the Department of the Air Force, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Curtiss-Wright Metal Improvement Company at 1618 Ida, Wichita, Kansas 67211.

The program will demonstrate the benefits of laser peening on subscale components with identical geometry of targeted DoD aircraft components, quantify anticipated improvement in performance, lifetime extension and cost reduction of full size DoD aircraft components, and demonstrate the technology for use with large wing structures to achieve substantial material and operational savings for the military.

Funding will support the following activities:

Engineering and Planning—\$90,000
 Test Article Design & Analysis—\$280,000
 Test Article Fabrication—\$310,000
 Test Article Welding—\$80,000
 Test Article Laser Peening—\$120,000
 Test Article Fatigue Testing—\$400,000
 Engineering Applications for Aircraft component Evaluation—\$270,000
 Analysis & Reporting—\$220,000
 Overhead & Administration—\$220,000

No matching funds are required for this Department of Defense project.

C-130 ACTIVE NOISE CANCELLATION SYSTEMS

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$3,000,000 for C-130 Active Noise Cancellation Systems in the Department of the Air Force, Aircraft Procurement Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Global Aviation Technologies, located at 2629 W May, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

Justification of federal funding: ANCS is a program of record, and federal funds have been appropriated each year since the FY-06. The ANCS System is included in the Air National Guard FY-09 Weapons Systems Modernization Requirements desired capabilities list. The C-130 Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) is a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product that will reduce crew fatigue and associated hearing loss by greatly reducing the unhealthy noise levels in the C-130 cockpit. Over 700 ANC systems are in use throughout the world in commercial airline applications, and the system has been fully tailored for the C-130H with no additional non-recurring integration work required. The system has been proven highly reliable in commercial use and requires no scheduled maintenance. C-130 cockpit noise exceeds 100 decibels, a noise level at which it is difficult to communicate clearly, and which causes fatigue and loss of crew coordination. Additionally, this noise level is well above the permanent hearing loss threshold (established by OSHA at 85 decibels). The Ultra ANC system cancels noise by introducing equal amplitude/opposite phase sound into the cockpit via a distributed speaker system. A sophisticated control system samples the noise throughout the cockpit several times a second and drives the speaker outputs to provide maximum quieting. The anticipated installed price will be \$260K per C-130 aircraft.

No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

AT-6B CAPABILITIES DEMONSTRATION FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$7,000,000 for

AT-6B Capabilities Demonstration for the Air National Guard in the Air Force, RDT&E—Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hawker Beechcraft Corporation at 9709 E Central Ave, Wichita, Kansas 67201.

The funding would be for the development of an AT-6B. The Air National Guard (ANG), has stated a requirement to fill equipment capability gaps in support of the mission to conduct for Irregular Warfare operations, Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Training, as well as Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, and Civil Support mission capabilities training that support DoD, DHS, and State mission requirements. The AT-6B is an affordable, sustainable and responsive aircraft tailored to the NetCentric intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) and light attack missions. The AT-6B meets the needs of top level US National Strategic Guidance, including recent Quadrennial Defense Review recommendations, at a fraction of the cost and a fraction of the infrastructure requirements of conventional jet fighters. The AT-6B offers the US Air Force and Air National Guard an asset tailored to increase airman-to-airman engagement with partner Air Forces vital to meeting US national security objectives. It is a cross-cutting enabler critical to expanding foreign partnerships and expanding partnership airpower capacity.

Estimated cost of the AT-6B capabilities flight demonstration is approximately \$21 million. Approximately \$14 million = Industry costs to build and provide a mission system equipped AT-6B demonstrator aircraft. Hawker Beechcraft will provide this portion of the total cost. The capital investment required to deliver an operational flight demonstration aircraft also leverages a significant corporate IR&D investment made to develop the AT-6B aircraft which is not included in the \$14 million industry contribution. In addition to the actual capital investment in building the aircraft, the contractor also intends to provide sensors and other mission equipment on loan to the Air Force in support of the demonstration, thereby further reducing government costs. Approximately \$7 million = Government costs to fund government-run flight test, including: government program management costs, range instrumentation costs, aircraft operating costs, Air Force directed mission equipment integration costs, and contractor engineering and support services in support of demonstration.

No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED LIGHTER-WEIGHT IED/EFP ARMOR SOLUTIONS

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$2,000,000 for Development of Improved Lighter-Weight IED/EFP Armor Solutions in the Department of the Army, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Leading Technology Composites at 2626 West May, Wichita, KS 67213.

This funding is to develop and field Light-weight IED/EFP Armor Solutions for the US Military. These improved solutions will reduce weight, increase payload and maneuverability, and defeat the current battlefield threats. Innovative solutions to reduce current system weights result in increased payload, maneuverability.

Finance Plan:

Materials—40%
 Processing—10%

Test and Analysis—30%
 STE—5%
 Labor—15%

No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

ACCELERATED INSERTION OF ADVANCED MATERIALS

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$2,500,000 for Accelerated Insertion of Advanced Materials in the Department of the Air Force, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita 67260.

This program will provide a breakthrough in technology integration and will achieve significant cost and cycle-time reductions in new material insertion through (a) data-sharing among multiple users, (b) statistical continuity from one length-scale to another and (c) reduced testing via increased capability and use of numerical/analytical simulation tools. Anticipated benefits include reductions in non-recurring and recurring program qualification costs and introduction of multiple sources of new advanced material forms. Unlike structures that use metallic materials in the manufacturing process, the material properties of a composite are manufactured into the structure as part of the fabrication process. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that critical parameters pertaining to composite materials and their production processes are identified to facilitate adherence to standards in the final engineered part. Presently, each original equipment manufacturer (OEM) is responsible for this assurance, creating "customized", nonstandard procedures for quality and safety assurance.

DoD aircraft repair and modification efforts are extremely important because (a) difficulty in this area can lead to the rejection of a structural or material concept in the preliminary design phase, (b) they form a significant part of the total ownership cost and can drive fleet life-cycle decisions, (c) they provide opportunities to insert new material concepts quickly and at minimal cost, and (d) the type and level of engineering effort for repair/modification qualification in large military and commercial transport aerospace applications closely equates to that of full-design efforts. This program will seek to provide the DoD with a solution to this problem and eliminate the costly material insertion that exists for new programs or retrofitting materials used on legacy aircraft as well as enable United States aerospace leadership. This program is also supported by the aviation industry and composite material supplier industry and has over a 1:1 leverage factor.

Financial Plan:

Labor (salary and fringes)*—41%
 Travel*—2%
 Materials & supplies*—20%
 Laboratory testing—37%
 Equipment—0%

Percent and Sources of Matching Funds:

10%—State of Kansas; 60%—Aviation Industry; 60%—Composite Material Suppliers; 10%—FAA; 5%—NASA. No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

AGING AIRCRAFT FLEET SUPPORT

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$2,000,000 for Aging Aircraft Fleet Support in the Department of the Navy, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State

University at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita 67260.

Most of the aging research being conducted presently is focused on metallic structures. In addition to the ongoing research in aging metallic structures, the requested appropriation will permit NIAR to partner with the NAVY and investigate the effects of aging on composite structures as well as composite/metallic hybrid structures. As more composite components are being certified and used on primary and "flight critical" secondary structures, a future need of the military and commercial aviation industry will be the investigation of these composite structures and the assurance of the airworthiness of composite components. NIAR already has a background in this through partnerships with the FAA by investigating Boeing 737 composite tail structures which flew commercial service for over 20 years and by examining the first of all composite certified aircraft recently taken out of service, the Beechcraft Starship. Lessons learned from this research will provide insight into the aging aspects of other composite aircraft structures and influence the use of advanced materials on new aircraft being proposed for military service as well as maintenance of the existing fleet.

The biggest concerns with aging aircraft are the unknowns that emerge with little or no warning, raising the concern that an unexpected phenomenon may suddenly jeopardize an entire fleet's flight safety, mission readiness, or support costs. The DoD can benefit from the direct application of the research results into fleet management strategies as well as proactively provide strategies that will reduce the cost of maintenance for advanced materials used on military aircraft.

Financial Plan:

Labor (salary and fringes)*—32%
Travel*—2%
Materials & Supplies*—9%
Laboratory Testing—39%
Equipment—18%

Percent and Sources of Matching Funds: 25%—FAA; 10%—Aviation Industry. No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

COMPOSITE SMALL MAIN ROTOR BLADE

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326, contains \$3,000,000 for development of a Composite Small Main Rotor Blade in the Department of the Army, RDT&E Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kaman Aerostructures at 1650 South McComas Street, Wichita, KS 67213.

It is my understanding that the funding would be used to continue development on the Composite Small Main Rotor Blade which would replace the legacy main rotor blade on the US Army's A/MH-6 Little Bird helicopter. The Little Bird, flown by the U.S. Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, has been heavily modified to better meet operational needs; however, the main rotor blade, a critical dynamic component, has not been upgraded to modern standards. Constructed of metal, this blade is highly susceptible to damage and fatigue, and since metal lacks ballistic tolerance, the blades leave the aircraft especially vulnerable to enemy weapons in hostile action. Moreover, when gunners fire their weapons from the aircraft, expended shell casings can cause minor skin dents, and even these small dents require that the blades be

replaced. The Composite Small Main Rotor Blade takes advantage of the inherent ballistic tolerance of composite construction, advanced aerodynamic design, and state-of-the-art erosion-resistant materials and will significantly improve the safety, reliability, performance—and survivability—of the aircraft. Specifically, the blades will increase damage tolerance, enhancing survivability in hostile environments, and improve hover performance, increase operating ceiling, increase maximum forward speed, all adding to the aircraft's maneuverability and performance envelope. The composite blades will also improve erosion resistance, experience better field reparability, and reduce the cost and logistics burden related to premature metal blade replacement due to damage.

Funds are requested to fabricate production tooling, fabricate FAA certification blades, and conduct FAA certification ground and flight testing required to create Commercial-Off-The-Shelf acquisition capability for the military. Composite Small Main Rotor Blades will (1) make the A/MH-6 Little Bird helicopter more survivable in hostile environments; (2) expand the flight envelope of the aircraft; and (3) reduce logistics burden and cost associated with supporting the legacy blade.

No matching funds are required for the Department of Defense program.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: OP—Army

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TN Army National Guard, Houston Barracks, 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37204

Description of Request: The funding would be used to allow Army National Guard trainers (both fielded and yet-to-be procured) to network together on a Combined Arms virtual battlefield.

HONORING SCOTT JOSEPH BURGER UPON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a young man in my district, Scott Joseph Burger.

Scott will be celebrating his Eagle Court of Honor on August 2, 2009. For his community service project, he designed and facilitated the construction of two lecterns for Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station, New York.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN
STATE UNIVERSITY'S IMPACT
89FM RADIO STATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the students and staff of Michigan State University's WDBM "Impact 89" FM Radio Station on the occasion of the station being named the College Radio Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Broadcast Music Inc.

MSU's Impact 89 FM has received this prestigious honor nine of the past 10 years, making the station a standout among all the college radio stations in the entire Great Lakes region. The 2009 Gold Record Award was presented at the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference in March.

Judging for the awards is by professional radio and television broadcasters in Michigan.

In addition to winning the overall college station of the year award, Impact staffers also earned first place in four of seven individual categories, including Jon Erickson for air check; Wes Holing for talk show; Nate Gray for promotional announcement; and the team of Jeremy Whiting and Brock Elsesser for the station activities report.

Other staffers receiving individual awards were Mike Weber, Doug Neal, Corrina Van Hamlin, John Simpkins, D'Destin Kaufmann, Lindsay Machak, Emily Fox, Brandon Jaksim, Autumn Maison, Dan Dugger, Jamal Spencer, Ed Glazer and Jesse McLean.

The Impact 89 team is led by Gary Reid, Distinguished Senior Specialist with the MSU Department of Telecommunication, Impact 89 FM General Manager, and Associate Director of the Quello Center for Management and Law, named after long-time FCC Commissioner, James H. Quello.

As someone who worked on the college radio station at my own alma mater, I have great respect for the professionalism and competitive spirit of the Impact 89 FM team and their manager and mentor, Gary Reid.

In 2009, Impact 89 FM is celebrating its 20th anniversary and the thousands of students who have worked there and gone on to successful careers throughout the country.

Impact 89FM has been a leader in creative, diverse programming and adoption of new technology. WDBM was the 132nd among nearly 14,000 radio stations in the country to be licensed by the FCC to make the transition to High Definition broadcasting in 2004.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the students and staff of WDBM "Impact 89" FM for their dedication to excellence. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

TAYLOR: THE LITTLE MIRACLE BABY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also

full of the overcoming of it." Madame Speaker, Hellen Keller made this observation about life and today I'd like to share the inspiring story of Taylor Christine Hunt. A little baby who I like to call the Miracle Baby. Her story is a moving reminder that prayer, faith, hope, and love can and do overcome the challenges of life.

Born at 27 weeks and weighing just one and a half pounds little Baby Taylor beat the odds. Last fall my staffer, Nicole Hunt and her husband Jeff Hunt shared their excitement with me as they announced they were expecting their first baby at the end of May. In January of this year they found out they were having a girl. We all rejoiced at the news. However, on March 1, 2009, due to pregnancy complications, little Baby Taylor was born three and a half months premature.

Taylor was immediately admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and placed on a ventilator to help her breathe. She remained on the ventilator for nearly a week as doctors kept a close watch on her. Nicknamed the "little spitfire" by doctors and nurses because of her sassy and stubborn attitude towards all of their poking and prodding, Taylor would not let anything keep her down.

Early on doctors detected an irregularity with her heart and took prompt medical action to correct it. Thankfully they were successful. In the first few months of her life doctors also discovered that Taylor had an eye disorder that primarily affects premature babies. Miraculously, it was there one day and gone the next. Today Taylor has perfect vision. Slowly, as Taylor's body matured, she learned to breathe on her own, take food, and maintain her body temperature.

While Jeff and Nicole sat by her bedside day and night, they also rallied a huge group of supporters to pray for Taylor. Taylor even had her own website called "Pray Taylor Home" and literally thousands of people all over this country and the world prayed for her recovery.

On June 2, 2009, after 94 days of hospitalization, hundreds of tests, dozens of specialists, 3 blood transfusions, and one ambulance ride, Taylor was finally well enough to go home.

Today Taylor has been home for about two months and is thriving. She is almost 8 pounds and is developing beautifully. It has been a pleasure to see this little Miracle Baby beat the odds and I am proud to share her story with this Chamber today.

Edith Wharton, a famous novelist, once wrote: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Taylor is that candle—spreading hope and teaching all of us that we must never give up. And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: Army RDT&E
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Federal Technology Group

Address of Receiving Entity: 2421 Thomas Rd., Haltom City, TX 76117

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 in funding to be used to develop and produce an application called "reactive materials," which is a system designed to defeat Improvised Explosive Devices, thus protecting America's war fighter.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$750,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Pasco, located at 525 North Third Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301.

Description: These funds will be used to replace the Lewis Street railroad undercrossing with a four-lane overpass to improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians, while improving freight mobility and response times for emergency services.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Link Transit of 2700 Euclid Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Description: Funds will be used to replace old buses and ensure that Link Transit can continue to provide current services.

HONORING THE CAREER OF REAR ADMIRAL LEENDERT R. HERING, SR., UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the United States Navy are exceptional.

Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent to keep this country free and safe. Rear Admiral Leendert "Len" Hering, Sr. is one such leader.

Radm. Hering was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and commissioned through the NROTC Scholarship Program from State University of New York Maritime College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and Oceanography. He has also earned a Master of Science degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

Rear Admiral Hering's initial sea assignment was aboard USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28), where he served as 1st and 2nd Division Officer and Assistant First Lieutenant. Upon completion of Department Head School in 1980 he was assigned to the commissioning crew of USS FAHRION (FFG 22) as Ship's Control Officer and later as Combat Systems Officer. He had command of USS ARIES (PHM 5) from January 1989 to January 1991 and USS DOYLE (FFG 39) from July 1995 to March 1997. DOYLE was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike; the ship earned the Battle "E," all possible departmental awards, the 1996 Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Safety Award, and two TYCOM Safety Awards.

His assignments ashore include duty as operations and plans officer to Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWELVE; aide and administrative assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare; Action Officer, Pacific Command Branch J-33, Joint Operations Directorate, Joint Staff; 1st Battalion Officer and Ethics Instructor, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; Commanding Officer of Naval Base San Diego; Commander, Naval Surface Group Pacific Northwest; Commander, Navy Region Northwest, and presently Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

Rear Admiral Hering's personal awards include (2) Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, (4) Meritorious Service Medals, and various other personal achievement, service awards and ribbons.

He and his wife Sharon have three boys. STS1 Lee Hering, USN, Tim, and Christopher.

On the occasion of his retirement and on behalf of the people of the United States whom he has served with courage and honor, we commemorate the service of Rear Admiral Leendert R. Hering.

RECOGNIZING ROSE ANN GALLETTA CORIGLIANO UPON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize the life of Rose Ann Galletta Corigliano as she prepares to celebrate her 80th birthday on August 8, 2009.

Rose, born on Hickory Street in Buffalo, currently lives with her husband James in Amherst, New York and the pair has a long history of being active members of the Western New York community.

In 1963, Rose and James founded Rosina Food Products, a small sausage business James named after his wife, which serviced small meat markets, supermarkets and restaurants in the local Buffalo area.

With Rose's family meatball recipe, Rosina Foods flourished. Within a short time, Rosina Foods saw immense success, moving towards selling their products nationally.

Today, Rose and James have handed the family business down to their sons, Russell and Frank, who now serve as President and Executive Vice President. Russell and Frank have made some major acquisitions, including that of two labels which allows Rosina's to sell many frozen pasta items throughout the United States.

Rose still serves as the inspiration behind the enormously successful and ever growing Rosina Food Products, Inc. and the company regularly gives back to local organizations in the community.

I would like to congratulate Rose for reaching this important milestone. It is my pleasure to recognize Rose's many contributions to her family, friends and community. I wish Rose many more years of continued success and happiness.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Defense, Air Force, Operations and Maintenance ANG—\$465,000 for the 139th Airlift Wing, ANG for force protection and training equipment (705 Memorial Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64503-3388)

Federal funds will be used to purchase explosive/hazardous materials SABRE 4000 detection devices, procure training equipment, including UHF and Automated Access System, and reinforce defensive infrastructure. These funds will increase the 139th AW's capability for future missions, enhance effectiveness of current missions, and improve efficiency.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Defense, Army, Procurement of Ammunition—\$5,000,000 for the Lake City Army Ammunition Plan for small caliber ammunition production modernization (PO Box 1000, Independence, MO 64501)

Federal funds will be used for ammunition production and ballistic test range upgrades. Due to increased regulations by the EPA and DoD prohibiting the use of heavy metals in ammunition production and use, the DoD has undertaken an initiative to eliminate heavy metal compounds from priming mixtures as soon as an acceptable product is available. The federal funding obtained will be used to determine if the industry efforts made to find a new potential heavy metal free compounds can be applied to military requirements. This will reduce hazards to personnel engaged in small arms training and operation, enable DoD to utilize ranges that might otherwise not be available due to federal and local restrictions on heavy metal content in training ammunition, and supports training and readiness requirements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I re-

ceived as part of H.R. 2996: Making Appropriations for Interior and Environment for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgian Court University

Address of Requesting Entity: Georgian Court University, 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: The \$200,000 in funding would be used to help preserve the Mansion at Georgian Court University, a building on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The building is used by over 23,000 New Jersey residents each year while attending various programs offered through the University's Department of Conferences and Special Events.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, Sam Johnson, am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2010.

(1) The entity to receive funding is Microfab Technologies, Inc., 1104 Summit Ave., #110, Plano, Texas 75094.

This \$1M request is funded through the Army RDT&E, Medical and Technology account. MicroFab Technologies Inc., located in Plano, is working to develop a portable bio-printer/skin printing system to repair life threatening battlefield burn injuries with biologic skin. This will allow military medical personnel to promptly respond and manage burn injuries on site using a printable allograft, a graft using cells from a variety of individuals.

(2) The entity to receive funding is L-3, 3414 Herman Drive, Garland, Texas 75041.

This \$3.8M request is funded through the Navy (Marine Corps), Marine Corps Ground Combat/Supporting Arms Systems account. Garland's L-3 Electro-Optical Systems Division employs 336 people at the Garland facility and 202 at the Dallas site. Currently, it is not possible for a Marine to use Night Vision Devices (NVDs) and Thermal Weapon Sights (TWSs) at the same time. This causes a decrease in awareness and puts the Marine at greater risk. Through research, the industry has developed technology to fuse the two systems, enabling a Marine to see a night scene and thermal imagery, targeting lasers and targeting information all through the helmet-mounted NVD. The RASOR program is developing a kit to retrofit the existing NVD that will enable the user to receive the imagery and targeting data from the thermal weapon sight.

(3) The entity to receive funding is Mustang Technology, 400 W. Bethany Dr., Ste 110, Allen, Texas 75013.

This \$1M request is funded through the Navy RDT&E, Power Projection Advanced Technology account. Mustang Technology Group, of Allen, aims to improve the radar

system for the Navy. The Navy lacks an all-weather airborne unmanned air vehicle (UAV) surveillance capability to detect and track high value targets that move, stop for a while, and then move again (Move Stop Move: MSM). Not having this capability allows terrorists that stop and plant mines and IEDs along the shoreline to evade surveillance. The MTI Scout radar hardware is designed to support MSM but requires additional work to develop, integrate, and test the MSM mode software. The light weight and low power of the MTI Scout radar make it ideal for many other airborne manned and unmanned surveillance platforms, like the Predator, Fire Scout, and MC-12W.

(4) The entity to receive funding is Raytheon, 2501 West University Drive, McKinney, TX 75071-2813.

This \$2M request is funded through the Army RDT&E, Combat Vehicle Improvement Programs account. Raytheon's Active Protection System division employs approximately 35 people full time in McKinney. APS is an externally mounted vehicle protection system that identifies, discriminates and intercepts rocket propelled grenades (RPGs), mortars, antitank guided missiles and artillery projectiles after they are launched toward a combat vehicle. It provides 360 degree surveillance and protection against multiple simultaneous threats. This funding will allow insertion of reduced cost electronics and modifications to the radar for Stryker integration, as well as software and hardware development for system command and control, including the human-machine interface.

(5) The entity to receive funding is SVTronics, 3465 Technology Drive, Plano, Texas 75074.

This \$3.4M request is funded through the Navy RDT&E, Medical Development account. SVTronics in Plano employs 120 people. The U.S. Marine Corps has been developing a lightweight, self-contained, Mobile, Oxygen, Ventilation, and External Suction (MOVES) system in support of the En Route Care System. The MOVES system uses ambient air to produce oxygen and then delivers the oxygen directly to the casualty. It has a ventilator that can ventilate a patient with up to 85% oxygen, and it also has suction capability. In addition, the MOVES system can monitor vital signs including blood pressure, heart rate, pulse oximetry, temperature, oxygen and carbon dioxide levels, and ECG. All of these capabilities are integrated in a single system that can run on its own power and easily connect to a patient litter for transport. MOVES reduces the cube and weight of the present En Route Care System by over 60%, and eliminates the hazards associated with pressurized oxygen cylinders in the field.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. FLEMING. 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. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010." I have requested

funding for the following projects in Fiscal Year 2010:

Nuclear Enterprise Surety Tracking, Account: RDTE, AF. Recipient: United States Air Force, Global Strike Command (Barksdale AFB, Louisiana). In support of AFGSC at Barksdale AFB, funds would support the Air Force's efforts to reinvigorate the Nuclear Surety Mission by combining a suite of technologies and applications on a bio-metrically secure handheld computing device to enable the real-time tracking of nuclear warheads and nuclear bombs across all USAF installations.

Reconstitution of B-52 Nuclear Capability Study, Account: RDTE, AF. Recipient: United States Air Force, Global Strike Command (Barksdale AFB, Louisiana). In support of the 2nd Bomb Wing and Headquarters, Eighth Air Force at Barksdale AFB, FY10 funds would provide for a comprehensive study of nuclear vulnerabilities to assure the B-52 bomber can meet its nuclear mission. Project will support the USAF/Global Strike Command mission to reinvigorate the Air Force nuclear enterprise. The goal is to produce a prioritized list of recommendations that will enhance the B-52 fleet's capability to execute its nuclear role in support of USSTRATCOM commitments.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: 1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, 2) is 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, and 3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LANCE. 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. 3326, The FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Agency: Army
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$3,150,000
Project: Conversion of Municipal Solid Waste to Renewable Diesel Fuel
Recipient: Covanta Energy 40 Lane Rd, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The purpose of this program is to convert military solid waste to diesel, resulting in >10% savings and stabilize the long-term cost of fuel. This conversion will also enable the military to exercise unprecedented control over raw material (waste feedstock) generation and supply.

Agency: Army
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project: Dermal Matrix Research
Recipient: LifeCell Corporation, One Millenium Way, Branchburg, NJ 08876

The purpose of this program is to continue development of an off-the-shelf transplantable

graft from porcine tissue for combat casualties with full-thickness burns and other skin and dermal deficits prior to their evacuation from the theater of operation.

Agency: Army
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project: Printed and Conformal Electronics for Military Applications

Recipient: FlexTech Alliance, 84 W. Santa Clara St., Suite 630 San Jose, CA 95113

The funding would be used to develop and manage a supply chain and prototype development program for printed and conformal electronics.

Agency: Army
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$2,500,000
Project: Standard Ground Station—Enhancement Program

Recipient: Sarnoff Corporation, 201 Washington Road, Princeton, NJ 08540-6449

The purpose of this program is to allow the Standard Ground Station (SGS) to be used in other locations outside of Iraq by developing methodologies that can be applied to, and deployed in, multiple terrains and topographies—coastal, mountainous, forested—to extend the SGS's geographic primacy and protect Joint Warfighters as they prosecute the global war on terror.

Agency: Army
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project: Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab)
Recipient: SeaBox, Inc., 450 Black Horse Lane, No. Brunswick, NJ 08902

The purpose of this program is to provide a containerized, mobile foundry to the U.S. Army, allowing deployed forces to produce spare and replacement parts in the field. This cuts the order time from weeks or months to 24 hours.

Agency: Air Force
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$3,000,000
Project: Planar Lightwave Circuit Development for High Power Military Laser Application
Recipient: LGS Innovations, 15 Vreeland Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932

The purpose of this program is to meet the High-Energy Laser Joint Technology Office (HEL-JTO) need for revolutionary high power, high efficiency, electrically-driven laser technology that can be turned into a ruggedized system for use by all branches of the military.

Agency: Defense-wide
Account: RDT&E
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project: Secure, Miniaturized, Hybrid, Free Space, Optical Communications
Recipient: LGS Innovations, 15 Vreeland Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932

The purpose of this program is to provide a fully operational secure, miniaturized, RF optics hybrid wireless communications system meeting the specific volume, weight, and power constraints required for secure, covert defense-related communication applications for the Department of Defense.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am

submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3326 the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Amount: \$3 million
Account: Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

Entity receiving funds: Army and General Dynamics located at 9256 Randolph Road NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Description: The U.S. military has stated that it needs a compact, low-cost accuracy kit to place on existing mortar and rockets. This funding will be used to develop this technology for the U.S. military.

Amount: \$1.5 million
Account: Army National Guard, Operations and Maintenance

Entity receiving funds: Army National Guard and the HAMMER facility, located at 2890 Horn Rapids Road, Richland, WA 99354.

Description: These funds will be used to ensure that Army National Guard units receive the training needed to respond to weapons of mass destruction attack.

Amount: \$1 million
Account: Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

Entity receiving funds: Army and Infinia, located at 6811 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Description: These funds will be used to provide the Army with a small, efficient, reliable way to equip American troops with both electricity and hot water.

Amount: \$2 million
Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense Wide

Entity receiving funds: Battelle Northwest located at 902 Battelle Boulevard, Richland, WA 99352 and Heritage University located at 3240 Fort Road, Toppenish, WA 98948.

Description: These funds will be used to provide a security protected collection of technical reports, scientific studies, and reference documents on chemical and biological warfare available to the U.S. intelligence community. This supports the intelligence community's mission to make all relevant documents available to intelligence analysts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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. 3326 the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Analytical Graphics, Inc. (AGI) COTS Technology for Space Command and Control, Exton, PA—\$2 million to refine existing COTS technologies to make them completely applicable for space command and control programs. The funds will enable development and demonstrations of various COTS technologies for integrated space command and control.

Arkema, King of Prussia PA—\$2 million to develop lightweight, breathable clothing resistant to chemical and biological agents.

Bally Ribbon Mills, Bally PA—\$3 million to develop a technology and machine to produce

3D bias woven composite structures for aerospace applications.

Cerus Corporation, Bala Cynwd, PA—\$3 million requested for blood safety and decontamination technology development.

Morphotek, Exton PA—\$1 million for potent human monoclonal antibodies against BoNT A, B and E suited for mass production and treatment of large populations.

Rajant, Malvern PA—\$3 million for portable mobile emergency broadband systems.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. POE 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. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lamar University

Address of Requesting Entity: 4400 MLK Boulevard, P.O. Box 10119, Beaumont, TX 77710

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 in funding for Lamar University's Advanced Fuel Cell project to continue to develop an efficient and clean advanced renewable energy source to meet urgent U.S. Army space and missile defense battlefield requirements. The Advanced Fuel Cell project continues to develop, test and validate advanced fuel cell technologies necessary to enable lightweight, power efficient, environmentally clean, and cost-effective renewable energy technology and products for Army space and missile defense systems including: sensors, radars, weapons, and communications. Project could also be used in border, port, and chemical facility surveillance.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of HR 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: 17 DARPA 0602715E Materials and Biological Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Milliken and Company

Address of Requesting Entity: 920 Milliken Road, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304

Description of Request: This project continues work that began in July 2007 under

Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Cooperative Agreement #W911NF-07-2-0074. An annual program plan was mutually developed for three years with the Cooperative Agreement Manager at the onset of the award. The scope of the effort will be to leverage the past work to fabricate a full-scale molded part that is suitable for use on an existing tactical vehicle platform. Milliken will work with ARL and a designated U.S. DOD prime vehicle contractor to select, fabricate and test the specific component, such as a hood, quarter panel or underbody hull component. The amount is \$2,800,000 and it would go to Milliken and Company.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill—H. R. 3326:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1308 West Main Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801

Description of Request: \$1,500,000 for the University of Illinois to establish the Center for Assured Critical Application and Infrastructure Security (CACAIS) which will address the development of trust validation tools for critical computer infrastructures of particular importance to the nation, namely defense applications, financial systems, and electrical power, to ensure public confidence in these systems. It is my understanding that of this amount \$1,000,000 is for equipment, facilities, and laboratory costs; \$375,000 for personnel; \$75,000 for technology transfer; and \$50,000 for computer costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Address of Requesting Entity: 2902 Newmark Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61826

Description of Request: \$2,500,000 for the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory to field validate large-scale Zinc-Flow electrical energy storage to improve the energy security, fossil-fuel consumption and carbon-footprint of our military bases. It is my understanding that of this amount \$950,000 is for energy storage systems; \$400,000 is for equipment, installation, test, and data acquisition; \$975,000 for personnel; \$175,000 for administration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday July 30, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I am requesting as part of H.R. 3326, the Defense Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army RDTE Ballistics Technology account (PE 0602618A)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: PPG Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 949, Lexington, NC 27293

Description of Request: The bill provides \$2,000,000 for Advanced Composite Armor for Force Protection at PPG Industries (PPG). PPG recently discovered new resin and fiberglass technologies that can provide both performance improvements and weight savings in composite solutions for ballistic protection. Advanced composite materials will be developed and tailored to defeat evolving ballistic and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) fragmentation threats. The research program will develop both non-transparent and transparent solutions. As PPG has begun initial research on this project, a variety of composite designs have demonstrated success in laboratory testing. Solutions will utilize new high strength glass fibers and will resist a wide range of threats, including ballistic, blast and IED. Further, the project directly supports research objectives at PPG facilities in Lexington, North Carolina, to develop composite ballistic panel solutions designed to meet specific identified threat levels. As threats continue to evolve, advanced soldier and asset protective material technologies are crucial to the U.S. Army. Technologies such as PPG's fiberglass composite research are of national interest as we seek better protection for our soldiers in the field today and look ahead to our defense needs to come.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Air Force RDTE Basic Research Materials account (PE 0602102F)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF Micro Devices

Address of Requesting Entity: 7628 Thorn-dike Road, Greensboro, NC 27409

Description of Request: The bill provides \$2,000,000 for the Gallium Nitride Microelectronics and Materials project at RF Micro Devices. Gallium Nitride-based microelectronics is the next generation of semiconductor technology. It is of critical importance to the development of many advanced defense systems, in particular radar, communications and electronic warfare systems. This technology also has the potential to open up entirely new areas of commercial wireless infrastructure applications. This Navy research project focuses on the development of advanced GaN RF power devices with enhanced performance and reliability. Building on prior research and development, this request will enable the RFMD Defense and Power Business Unit to

accelerate development and adoption of RFMD GaN technology. The Defense and Power Business Unit was created specifically to tailor RFMD technology to serve the needs of the defense community.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Air Force RDTE Advanced Materials for Weapons Systems account (PE 0603112F)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Timken Company

Address of Requesting Entity: GNE-01, 1835 Dueber Avenue, S.W., P.O. Box 6928, Canton, Ohio 44706

Description of Request: The bill provides \$1,000,000 for the Hybrid Bearing project at Timken Company. Standard aerospace bearings are not adequate for the demands of the Joint Strike Fighter engine, or many other engines. As a result, the Air Force has been working with industry to develop an improved bearing that is tough, corrosion resistant and can tolerate the high speeds and temperatures of the expanding mission requirements. This project will test various corrosion resistant steel, including CSS-42L, for use in the bearing, as well as the introduction of new ball and retainer materials in the final bearing design (such as silicon nitride balls, and a light weight carbon-carbon composite material for the retainer material). The hybrid bearing technology, which includes a variety of material and coating technologies, is being incorporated into the Joint Strike Fighter engine, and other platforms.

The Air Force has been working on this project since 2003 with the Timken Company. From prior year funding, 80% of the technology requirements set forth by the Air Force to bring the project to the point of final testing/ placement into weapon platforms has been completed, including full engine tests. If fully funded, the project should be completed in calendar 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy RDTE Integrated Surveillance Systems account (PE 0204311N)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems—Greensboro

Address of Requesting Entity: 5440 Millstream Road, McLeansville, NC 27301

Description of Request: The bill provides \$2,000,000 for the Autonomous Anti-Submarine Warfare Vertical Beam Array Sonar project at General Dynamics. The Autonomous Anti-Submarine Vertical Beam Array (VBA) is a stationary, acoustic array system that helps protect surface ships and submarines against submarine-launched torpedoes and anti-ship cruise missiles by detecting and reporting quiet diesel and nuclear powered submarines. The VBA Sonar is deployable from Trident guided missile submarines (SSGN), the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and other surface ships. The VBA Sonar can be used to protect an established Sea Base or Global Fleet Station in deep water or in the littorals. Once positioned, it transmits submarine contact information back to the deploying platform's combat system for classification, localization, tracking and engagement.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE) RF Systems Applied Research account (PE 0602271N)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF Micro Devices

Address of Requesting Entity: 7628 Thorn-dike Road, Greensboro, NC 27409

Description of Request: The bill provides \$2,000,000 for the Gallium Nitride (GaN) Power Technology project at RF Micro Devices. Gallium Nitride-based microelectronics is the next generation of semiconductor technology. It is of critical importance to the development of many advanced defense systems, in particular radar, communications and electronic warfare systems. This technology also has the potential to open up entirely new areas of commercial wireless infrastructure applications. This Navy research project focuses on the development of advanced GaN RF power devices with enhanced performance and reliability. Building on the prior work on the project, this request addresses the challenges in using this key technology to implement solutions for the Navy's advanced RF systems needs.

RFMD Defense and Power Business Unit will be the recipient of the funding and use the funds to accelerate development and adoption of RFMD GaN technology. The Defense and Power Business Unit was created specifically to tailor RFMD technology to serve the needs of the defense community. The project will be led from the lead design and fabrication facility in North Carolina.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Marine Corps Operations and Maintenance Operational Forces account (1A1A)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saab Barracuda USA, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 608 East McNeill Street, Lillington, NC 27546

Description of Request: The bill provides \$3,500,000 for the Ultra Lightweight Camouflage Net System (ULCANS) at Saab Barracuda USA, LLC. ULCANS is the next generation camouflage system. ULCANS increases survivability against advanced multi-spectral visual, infrared (IR), and radar (RF) threats, providing reduced probability of visual detection, enhanced thermal and radar signature suppression, and improved background matching. ULCANS "Marine friendly" features include a more durable and snag-resistance design. The funding requested would provide ULCANS for one Marine Expeditionary Force.

The ULCANS will greatly enhance the ability for combat troops and support units to conceal military target signatures of weapons, vehicles and semi-permanent positions in situations where the natural cover or concealment may be absent or inadequate. ULCANS can also be used as an aid in the concealment of permanent prominent objects in a fixed pattern or array, which present obvious targets. The United States Marine Corps has an Unfunded Requirement (UFR) for ULCANS. Saab Barracuda, LLC, in Lillington, North Carolina, is the industry leader in development, testing and production of multi-spectral camouflage and heat-reducing systems. The company produces 3,500-plus ULCANS systems per month. A supplier in my district, Glen Raven, provides manufacturing support for this product.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project Name: Fort Hood Training Lands Restoration and Maintenance

Account: Operation and Maintenance, Army Project Recipient and Address: Fort Hood, TX U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hood, Bldg. 1001, Rm W321, Fort Hood, TX 75544

Amount Provided: \$2,500,000

Project Description: Dedicated resources are needed to rehabilitate Fort Hood lands degraded by over 60 years of training with tanks and other military vehicles. Substantial rehabilitation can be achieved over the next five years with an integrated program that reduces soil erosion and compaction, increases desirable vegetation, supports woody vegetation management, and provides appropriate tank trails, stream-crossings, and hilltop access points for tactical vehicles. Texas AgriLife Research will work with Fort Hood Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) and other collaborators to plan, implement, execute, and verify the effectiveness of these rehabilitation efforts.

Benefit to Taxpayers: The project improves training land for Fort Hood soldiers using research proven reclamation practices. The practices installed through the project have saved both time and money, while achieving training area restoration. The local economy also benefitted as local contractors were employed for soil ripping, gully plug construction, and other work.

Spending Plan: \$700,000 is for brush clearing and endangered species maintenance programs. Of the remainder, approximately 90% goes to Fort Hood-ITAM programs for implementation of training lands restoration validated practices and 10% goes to Texas AgriLife Research for assessment of these programs and development of new practices.

Project Name: Techniques to Manage Non-compressible Hemorrhage Following Combat Injury

Account: RDT&E Army

Project Recipient and Address: National Trauma Institute, 16500 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 350, San Antonio, TX 78232

Amount Provided: \$2,500,000

Project Description: Traumatic injury is a nationwide problem with severe consequences for our military and civilians. Noncompressible hemorrhage from injuries to the torso is the leading cause of potentially survivable deaths of American troops and its mitigation is the highest priority of U.S. military trauma surgeons and researchers. NTI's goal is to develop simple, rapid and field-expedient techniques for non-surgeons to stop truncal hemorrhage. To secure advances in this field will require additional federal funding. Currently, trauma research is significantly underfunded compared to illnesses which do not cause nearly the same level of mortality as trauma.

Benefit to Taxpayers: Increasing trauma research is likely to lead to the reduction of mortality and complications from noncompressible

hemorrhage and improve outcomes. This will affect soldiers as well as civilians from the 31st and every congressional district.

Spending Plan: Personnel, 54%; Materials & Supplies, 8.4%; Equipment, 4.2%; Patient Care Costs, 16.8%; Administrative Costs, 16.2%.

Project Name: Army National Guard M939A2 Repower Program

Account: O&M Army National Guard
Project Recipient and Address: Osh Kosh Corporation, 1300 N. 17th St., Suite 1040, Arlington, VA 22209

Amount Provided: \$5,000,000

Project Description: Army National Guard M939A2 Repower Program. Due to the age of the M939 vehicle fleet, a lack of a support program for major sub-assemblies, and parts obsolescence, the M939A2 Repower program is a critical program to maintain the M939 series 5-ton trucks the U.S. Army will have in its inventory until 2035.

Benefit to Taxpayers: The M939 series vehicles are fielded in all 54 states and territories and are used extensively in Homeland Security, disaster relief, emergency response, and training missions. This program benefits Central Texas (Killeen/Ft. Hood area) from a work force and supplier perspective. Approximately 48 production employees and support staff are involved in the M939A2 Series 5-ton Repower Program in Killeen, TX.

Spending Plan: \$5 million to install vehicle repower kits for aging Army National Guard M939 Series 5-ton trucks utilized in homeland defense and national security missions. Approximately 90 percent of funding is for material, including engine, transmission, cooling package, electronics, and other vehicle components, with the remaining 10 percent for manufacturing labor.

Project Name: High Volume Manufacturing for Thin-film Lithium Stack Battery Technologies

Account: RDT&E Army
Project Recipient and Address: Applied Material, 1300 N. 17th St., Suite 1040, Arlington, VA 22209

Amount Provided: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The war fighter is reliant on dependable power for electronics and weapons to assure superiority in battle. The power sources must have energy available to power the electronics and weapons and be small, light and affordable. Applied Materials will develop cost effective domestic mfg. systems for next generation thin-film lithium batteries that provide a solution to these challenges that meet current and projected future DOD requirements for high power, light weight, small size and low-cost. Successful development of the proposed mfg. systems will address the DoD power source technology requirements such as energy and power density, life cycle, shelf life, discharge and charge rates, form factor, safety and cost for the needed military applications such as sensors, fuses and man wearable soldier battery devices.

Benefit to Taxpayers: This project establishes in the U.S. innovative manufacturing technologies for a strategically important military and commercial field—thin-film energy storage technology. It will strengthen the competitive edge of Applied Materials and enable U.S. based companies to provide high-tech next generation domestic sources of thin film lithium batteries for military and commercial applications.

Spending Plan: The total project cost is \$30.5 million of which Applied Materials has requested \$3.0 million from Congress. Applied Materials will match the federal contribution dollar for dollar: Personnel Salaries/Wages, \$12,777,500; Travel, \$660,000; Equipment, \$14,165,667; Materials/Supplies, \$2,904,000; Others (Shipping), \$24,000; Total Direct Costs, \$30,531,167.

Project Name: HTS Trap Field Magnet Motor

Account: RDT&E Navy
Project Recipient and Address: Teco Westinghouse Motor Company, 5100 North IH 35, Round Rock, TX 78681

Amount Provided: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The megawatt power on Navy future ships is estimated to be six times greater than that of existing surface combatants. The emergence of superconductor motors have the potential to make propulsion packages smaller, more powerful, more energy efficient, and quieter than their standard counterparts. The cost of superconductor motors, however, must be reduced if they are to be affordable for Navy ship applications. This development effort is for the purpose of demonstrating that bulk high temperature trapped field magnets can be used rather than wire to reduce the cost of superconducting motors by one third, produce twice the power, and increase safety of the crew and ship by being able to turn the magnets off during fault conditions.

Benefit to Taxpayers: Will help sustain the 391 jobs at TECO-Westinghouse in Round Rock and create 4 new jobs. Once the program moves from development to production phase, it would have direct impact on 40 to 50 jobs. The benefit to the U.S. Navy is that it would have a powerful, affordable, reliable, and safe motor to support advanced weapon systems and radars on future ships in meeting the Navy's requirements stated in its Next Generation Integrated Power System Roadmap.

Spending Plan: If fully funded, the \$6 million requested in FY10 combined with the \$2 million appropriated in FY09 is expected to complete the development effort. The breakout is as follows: \$920,000 for Program Management and Support; \$3,500,000 for engineering labor; \$290,000 for manufacturing labor; \$1,290,000 for Testing.

TRIBUTE TO KELSEY DENNIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kelsey Dennis, a student at Ames Middle School in Ames, Iowa, on being selected as a winner of the Library of Congress's 2009 Letters About Literature Competition.

The Letters About Literature Competition is a reading and writing program sponsored by the Library's Center for the Book in partnership with Target Stores and in cooperation with affiliate state Centers for the Book located across the country. Kelsey's letter was one of approximately 55,000 entries nationwide selected from students in grades four through twelve. Her letter was written to Jerry Spinelli, the author of *Stargirl*.

I consider it a great honor to represent Kelsey Dennis and her family in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating her. I wish Kelsey continued success in her future education and career.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Outdoor Venture Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2280 S. Highway 1651, Stearns, KY 42647

Description of Request: The funding of \$6 million will be used to address U.S. Army modular command post tent needs.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Outdoor Venture Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2280 S. Highway 1651, Stearns, KY 42647

Description of Request: The funding of \$3 million will be used to address U.S. Army air-supported temper tent needs.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, N

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Progeny Systems Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 155 Valley Oak Drive, Suite B, Somerset, KY 42503

Description of Request: The funding of \$2.5 million will be used for the development of a biometrics-based submarine access control system to automate and simplify secure system access. Properly configured biometrics systems, engineered into tactical system workstations and ship infrastructure, offer the ability for systems to reliably recognize users without user intervention, resulting in rapid and secure system access.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, N

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Boneal Incorporated

Address of Requesting Entity: 6962 U.S. Highway 460, Means, KY 40346

Description of Request: The funding of \$5 million will be used for the development of experimental low cost, expendable autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs). AUVs provide support for a variety of mission including intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, deployment of mine counter measures, and assistance of anti-submarine warfare.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326
Account: OM, A
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Phoenix Products, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 Bethford Road, McKee, KY 40447

Description of Request: The funding of \$2.5 million will be used to retrofit U.S. Army UH-60 transmission drip pans.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM, ARNG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Phoenix Products, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 Bethford Road, McKee, KY 40447

Description of Request: The funding of \$2.5 million will be used to retrofit U.S. Army National Guard UH-60 transmission drip pans.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: DPA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aspen Compressor, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 Chappell's Dairy Road, Somerset, KY 42503

Description of Request: The funding of \$4.5 million will be used to produce miniature compressors for electronics and personal cooling systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tier 3 Data and Web Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 1708 Forest Lane, Suite 105, Corbin, KY 40701

Description of Request: The funding of \$2 million will be used to provide the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) with an interface system to the Army's Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) system. This system will reduce manufacturing and repair potential costs and bridge the communications gap by exchanging product technical data between engineering and procurement.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Address of Recipient: Room 1 Kinkead Hall, Lexington, KY 40506

Description of Request: The funding of \$2 million will be used for a lethal cancers early detection and awareness program. This program can provide the Department of Defense with health information to identify high risk factors and exposures to cancer in military environments, and provide a model for early cancer detection and screening.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, DW

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Address of Recipient: Room 1 Kinkead Hall, Lexington, KY 40506

Description of Request: The funding of \$1.5 million will be used to accelerate the adoption of sustainable manufacturing for small and medium enterprises in the U.S. Department of Defense supply base. The program will serve

as a pathway to find and utilize resources that can be of value to the defense manufacturing industrial base.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Recipient: Morehead State University

Address of Recipient: 150 University Boulevard, Morehead, KY 40351

Description of Request: The funding of \$2 million will be used for the development of advanced power technologies applicable to nano-satellites, which will help meet tactical warfighter requirements. The program will look at increasing the power available from solar cells through innovative mechanical structures that increase surface area. This effort is in direct support of the Army's mission in developing nano-satellites to meet tactical warfighter requirements.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: DRUGS

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Recipient: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: The funding of \$3.5 million will be used to support law enforcement in the eradication of marijuana across the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the use of military equipment and personnel.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OP, A

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Recipient: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: The funding of \$6 million will be used for the procurement of generators for the Kentucky Army National Guard. This will increase the capabilities of the Kentucky National Guard to effectively carry out its Defense Support to Civil Authorities mission by providing adequate power generation to its 54 National Guard armories and rapid, transportable emergency power generation to critical life-saving and emergency response facilities throughout the Commonwealth in emergency situations.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: AP, A

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Recipient: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: The funding of \$2 million will be used for the one-time procurement of advanced civil support radio systems to be installed on Kentucky Army National Guard UH60 Black Hawk helicopters. This will increase the National Guard's effectiveness when performing the full spectrum of state emergency missions by allowing direct communication with civilian first responders.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ensign Bickford Aerospace and Dynamics

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 219, State Route 175, Graham, KY 42344

Description of Request: The funding of \$3 million will be used to provide for the forwarding and optimization of current Reactive Armor (RA) solutions to reduce weight, defeat emerging threats, develop multi-threat capability enhancements, and increase overall safety.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Defense Appropriations Bill, H.R. 3326:

Earmark: Army Command and General Staff College Leadership Training Program

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Leavenworth, KS

Address of Requesting Entity: 881 McClellan Ave., Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to continue a partnership with Kansas State University to provide an M.A. and Ph.D. in Security Studies, and an M.S. and Ed.D. in Educational Leadership to military students and faculty at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth. The program was developed in close coordination with senior faculty at CGSC. This program responds to a need identified by Fort Leavenworth in an area of expertise at Kansas State University.

Earmark: Repair Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning System at Ft. Leavenworth

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Leavenworth, KS

Address of Requesting Entity: 881 McClellan Ave., Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,796,000 to replace a failing HVAC system in the Community Center located in Building 318. This is a 41,000 SF building, built in 1940. This building provides a unique location for a variety of community support events throughout the year that often involve large numbers of people, such as town hall meetings, Chapel family events, Army Family Action Plan conferences, etc. The existing heating and air-conditioning equipment is failing, and portions of it cannot be repaired due to its age. As a result it is unable to cool and heat the building sufficiently throughout the year.

Earmark: Repair Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning System in National Simulations Center

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Leavenworth, KS

Address of Requesting Entity: 881 McClellan Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,785,000 to correct air quality problems in the three-story, 93,000 SF National Simulation Center located in Building 45. Originally built in 1882, this former barracks was remodeled 15 years ago into a secure training facility, which due to its mission, could not have any windows. It houses a large amount of information technology which is used in conducting simulations. The number of personnel using the building during training simulations has increased substantially over the last several years. The HVAC system must be upgraded to handle the requirement to properly ventilate and cool the building given the larger heat load generated by the automation equipment and the high number of personnel. The existing HVAC equipment was installed during the last remodel and has reached its useful life expectancy. It is no longer capable of supporting the mission.

Earmark: 190th Air Refueling Wing Squadron Operations Facility

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OM,ANG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas Air National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 5920 SE Coyote Dr., Topeka, KS 66619

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to remodel and upgrade the current Squadron Operations Facility to effectively meet the day-to-day requirements of the 190th ARW, which has increased in size and mission for the KC-135R tanker operation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JUDGE RAYMOND LAWRENCE
FINCH, TO THE FEDERAL AND
VIRGIN ISLANDS JUDICIAL
BRANCHES AND TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Judge Raymond Lawrence Finch, a Jurist extraordinaire, who has served the Virgin Islands legal and judicial communities with diligence, competence and unflinching dedication for 33 years from the Bench.

Raymond Finch is a true "Native Son", a product of two Crucian Virgin Islands families: Bough and Finch; whose family members have been making outstanding contributions to the Territory of the U. S. Virgin Islands for more than four generations.

Raymond Finch is a product of the Virgin Islands public school system and a graduate of the Christiansted High School in 1958. He completed, on schedule, his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Economics, from Howard University in 1962; and his Juris Doc-

tor Degree in 1965, from the Howard University School of Law.

Entering in the U. S. Army as a First Lieutenant in 1966, he served honorably for three years, adjudicating claims of U.S. personnel and Vietnamese nationals. He was also an Advocate before the Elimination Boards, Article 15 Hearings and in Article 32 investigations. His exemplary service was awarded with the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and a Certificate of Appreciation from General William C. Westmoreland and the Army Chief of Staff.

Having served previously as a Law Clerk in the Municipal Court of the Virgin Islands, he worked as a Law Clerk upon his return to the Territory, in the firm of Hodge and Sheen. He was admitted into the Virgin Islands Bar in 1970 and became a partner in the law firm of Hodge, Sheen, Finch and Ross in 1971. For more than a dozen years he was an instructor at the University of Virgin Islands and the American Banking Association.

In 1976, then Virgin Islands Governor, Cyril E. King, appointed him Judge of the Municipal Court of the Virgin Islands. On September 1, 1994, after being nominated by President Clinton, Raymond Finch took the oath of office as Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and became Chief Judge of the District Court in August, 1999.

Raymond Finch the Law Clerk, to retiring District Court Judge Finch, has seen the remarkable evolution of the Virgin Islands Judicial system. The Municipal Court that he first served as a Law Clerk was the same Court to which he was first appointed as a Judge. During his judicial tenure, the Municipal Court became the Territorial Court, where it achieved its jurisdictional autonomy and recognition as the highest local court in the Territory and it is now the Superior Court. During Judge Finch's District Court tenure, the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands was established.

Accordingly, Finch's judicial career also evolved through his serving as Acting Presiding Judge, Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands; Judge, Appellate Division, U. S. District Court of the Virgin Islands; by Special Designation as Judge of the U. S. District Court of the Virgin Islands; U. S. District Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge for the Virgin Islands. During Judge Finch's tenure on the Bench, he was served by a group of Law Clerks, many of whom have gone on to distinguished and illustrious careers.

His demeanor has always been one of quiet reserve. He is one of those rare individuals that will listen attentively. There have been occasions where a court room participant miscalculated with uttering a statement, uncomfortably finding themselves in the vise of a first class mind. His tenure has produced excellent legal Opinions and Memorandums, along with Decisions that demonstrate inordinate wisdom and compassion. He has mastered the uncanny ability to clearly and concisely follow the dictates of law, weaving and intermingling, with the African West Indian derived customs, of Danish and American cultural and jurisprudential influence. No easy task. His pride and understanding of the Virgin Islands culture, heritage and its people, resulted in outstanding interpretations and implementations of law that appealed to all the adversaries.

His numerous community and professional involvements have been demonstrated through membership in the Virgin Islands Bar

Association; Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; American Law Institute; American Judges' Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association, and the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission. His wise acumen was sought as or contributed to, the Task Force Member of the Criminal Code Revision Project; Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions, Third Court of Appeals; Supervisory Board of Juvenile Justice & Prevention of Delinquency Committee; the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands; and Board of Directors of Boy's Club, St. Croix Division.

At the recent unveiling of his official District Court Judge portrait, he showed a profound sensitivity when he thanked all that had gathered.

Judge Finch has one son and two daughters. Through marriage, an additional son and daughter.

The Virgin Islands and its people have been privileged to witness the passing of one that touched many, thereby making the world a better place.

HONORING DENNIS CUBA AND
DAVID PARSONS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize two heroic police officers from my district and to reinforce the importance of swimming pool safety.

On the evening of Tuesday, July 7, City of Pembroke Pines police officers Dennis Cuba, a seven-year force veteran and David Parsons, a 25-year force veteran, arrived within one minute of receiving a call about a boy whose arm was entrapped in the drain of a hot tub.

There is no doubt that the quick response and professionalism of the Pembroke Pines Police Department saved five-year old Miguel Marin's life.

Officers Parsons and Cuba were able to revive Miguel, but only after several attempts to free him from the brute force and suction of the spa drain—the result of a faulty drain cover.

Unfortunately, not all of these stories have a happy ending. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death to children under the age of five.

Hundreds of children across our country have died as a result of accidental drowning in swimming pools and spas.

In 2007, Congress passed the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, which aims to stop these senseless accidents.

In addition to encouraging the use of barriers, such as fencing to prevent children from wandering unsupervised into the pool, this law increases safety at public swimming pools and spas by requiring anti-entrapment drain covers. And yet even with these protections, we must remind parents to be vigilant and know where their children are at all times.

On behalf of the citizens of Pembroke Pines, I thank officers Parsons and Cuba for their heroic efforts and hope that we can learn an important lesson from this near-tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 278 OF OSAGE,
IOWA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 of Osage, Iowa. The Unit facilitated the Veterans Inspiring Patriotism program as a part of the Joe Foss Institute, and I am honored to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following commentary from the program in Osage.

“Osage American Legion Post 278 Presents program at Sacred Heart School:

Betty McCarthy of Osage American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 was the facilitator of the Joe Foss Institute’s program ‘Veterans Inspiring Patriotism’ for Sacred Heart students grades K–6th. Joe Foss achieved international fame as America’s top Marine fighter pilot in World War II with a record of more than 60 missions in the South Pacific and shooting down 26 Japanese Zeroes. His bravery in combat earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Joe’s many lifetime achievements are told in his autobiography ‘A Proud American.’

In 2001, he founded the Joe Foss Institute as a non-profit organization with its mission of promoting Patriotism, Public Service, Integrity and an Appreciation for America’s Freedoms. The ‘Veterans Inspiring Patriotism’ is designed for school children from grades K–12. Through this program, American Flags for the classroom and replicas of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are made available at no cost to be presented along with the program.

An age appropriate video was part of the presentation which helped the students understand the freedoms established by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Following the video, John Ross, member of Osage Legion Post 278, told of his service in the military and what it means to be a patriot. This was followed by questions from the students.

The presentation ended with John Ross presenting American Flags as well as the laminated copies of the Constitution and Bill of Rights to 5 students, each of whom were wearing the uniforms of the 5 branches of the service. These uniforms were worn by veterans of World War II, Korea and Desert Storm.

McCarthy told of the final tribute, the military rites at the graveside of a veteran, the presentation of the American Flag under which they served and then TAPS was played by a 6th grade student. The program ended with the singing of God Bless America!

Osage American Legion Post 278 and Sacred Heart School are indebted to the Joe Foss Institute for making this program possible.”

INTRODUCTION OF THE JERU-
SALEM EMBASSY AND RECOGNITION
ACT OF 2009

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, forty-two years ago, during the Six Day War of 1967, Israeli troops reunified the city of Jerusalem. Since then, people of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city, and the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected.

In 1995, the U.S. Congress declared that it is the official position of the United States that Jerusalem is, and rightly ought to remain, the undivided capital of Israel. Since that time, the Congress has repeatedly and overwhelmingly adopted multiple resolutions reaffirming this commitment to Jerusalem’s continued status as a unified, undivided city. President Obama has also pledged his personal support for Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. On June 4, 2008, while still serving as a United States Senator, President Obama said that: “Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided.”

Despite this apparent unanimity, however, the United States has inexplicably never acted to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. United States officials do conduct diplomatic meetings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Israel, but the Embassy remains firmly grounded in Tel Aviv.

Every sovereign country has the right to designate its own capital and the United States maintains its Embassy in the functioning capital of every country. The one exception is Israel, a great friend and ally to the United States. The President of Israel, the Knesset—Israel’s Parliament—and the Israeli Supreme Court are all located in Jerusalem; and that is where the Embassy of the United States rightfully should be as well.

I rise today to introduce the “Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act of 2009” which mandates the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and reaffirms U.S. policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel; for two reasons. First, passing this bill and immediately relocating the United States Embassy to Jerusalem will, in my opinion, send a strong message to the Iranian regime that the United States stands in strong solidarity with the people of Israel—we will not tolerate the mullahs’ constant threats against Israel, and we will not accommodate their pursuit of a nuclear bomb. Second, passing this bill will send a bipartisan message to the Administration that the United States Congress remains strongly committed to Jerusalem’s continued status as a unified, undivided city; a position that President Obama—despite his comments from June 4, 2008—appears to be backing away from.

For example, Presidential Determination 2009–19, which was transmitted by the Administration to Congress just a couple of months ago, renewed a legally required waiver which allows the Administration to continue to delay the May 31, 1999 deadline for moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. While the renewal of the waiver

was not unexpected or unusual, the actual text of the waiver message did contain a surprise. The Obama Administration neglected to include a key sentence that the previous Administration had included in previous determinations; specifically: “My Administration remains committed to beginning the process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem.”

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that the crucial omission in Presidential Determination 2009–19 was an inadvertent oversight. Even if it was, I believe it is well past time to revisit the Jerusalem Embassy Act and close, once and for all, the ludicrous waiver loophole that has continued to allow the diplomatic embarrassment of not having our Embassy located in the capital city of Israel to continue for ten years. I strongly urge my colleagues to demonstrate their support for the people of Israel by co-sponsoring this important bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding a congressionally directed appropriation project I sponsored as part of H.R. 3326, FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: Department of the Army—RDT&E

Amount: \$1,500,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH), 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The funding for the Zumwalt National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats is requested to further the understanding and ability of operational military forces to identify, prevent, and mitigate any threats war fighters may face from biological and chemical weapon agents in any environment at any time.

**INTRODUCING HOUSE RESOLUTION
TO RECOGNIZE THE DYKE
MARSH WILDLIFE PRESERVE AS
A UNIQUE AND PRECIOUS ECO-
SYSTEM**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing one of the national capital area’s most unique and cherished wetland and wildlife preserves and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the legislation that was enacted to ensure its survival.

In 1959, the U.S. Congress passed legislation designating Fairfax County’s Dyke Marsh as a protected ecosystem, for the purpose of promoting fish and wildlife development and preserving their natural habitat. Until that time, the Dyke Marsh, which is the largest remaining freshwater tidal marsh along the Potomac

River shoreline in this area, was in danger of disappearing as a result of commercial dredging and dumping operations.

One of the key driving forces behind this legislation was our very own Honorable JOHN DINGELL of Michigan. His leadership, determination, and dedication to conservation and habitat preservation were essential to ensuring that the Dyke Marsh was not destroyed at the expense of further dredging and filling activities. Representative DINGELL, along with the late Honorable John P. Saylor of Pennsylvania and the late Honorable Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin, are to be commended on their efforts in championing this legislation 50 years ago, and one purpose of this resolution is to do just that.

The Dyke Marsh was formed over 5,000 years ago and today provides a delicate, yet critical, habitat for a diverse array of more than 6,500 species of plants and animals, including some that are threatened or endangered. Thanks to this insightful legislation and continued restoration efforts since that time, the value of Dyke Marsh today extends beyond its role as a preserve and protected ecosystem; it provides natural flood control, stemming of shoreline erosion, water quality enhancement, and aesthetic and recreational enjoyment for people of all ages.

Please join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of this legislation, in recognizing the importance and significance of the local treasure that the legislation protects, in reaffirming our commitment to protecting our precious threatened wetlands, and in honoring three individuals whose leadership and commitment to environmental stewardship were instrumental in the Dyke Marsh's preservation.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING WOMEN AIRFORCE
SERVICE PILOTS FROM WORLD
WAR II

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II. They were the first women to fly military aircraft for the United States and deserve to be commended for their bravery.

From 1942 to 1944, these women flew in various non-combat missions, allowing male pilots to be deployed into combat. Their success in flying fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft eventually led to the integration of female pilots into the United States Armed Services.

There were 1,102 female WASP trained during World War II, and 300 survive today, two of whom currently reside in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Joan Lemley of Purcellville and Barbara Ross of Warrenton are two of these brave pilots who served their country during World War II.

On July 1, President Obama signed S. 164 into law, which awards our nation's highest honor—the Congressional Gold Medal—to each of these women pioneers of World War II. They will finally receive the recognition they deserve for their wartime military service to

our country. I was pleased to be an original cosponsor of the House version of this measure, which was introduced by Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in commending Barbara Ross, Joan Lemley and the other women pilots for serving their country in World War II.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN NOVAK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ryan Novak, a native of rural Decorah, Iowa and current University of Iowa student. Ryan is riding his bicycle across the United States this summer to raise money for people with disabilities.

Ryan is participating in the Journey of Hope, a 64-day, 4000-mile bicycle ride from San Francisco, California to Washington, DC to benefit Push America. Push America was founded in 1977 through Pi Kappa Phi as a way for undergraduate fraternity brothers to experience leadership development through serving people with disabilities.

During this bicycle ride, Ryan is not only raising money but educating people about the needs of those with disabilities. He is also stopping at local organizations and a variety of community events to meet people with disabilities and to tell his story and promote the cause.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Ryan Novak for his leadership and commitment to serving people with disabilities. I consider it an honor to represent Ryan in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to list the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home State of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3326, the FY2010 House Defense Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: 3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Electronics Technology Account in the Department of Defense RDT&E

Recipient: Boise State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725

Description: The 3-D packaging approach offers the promise of a dramatic decrease in the system weight and volume, together with increased system performance. This project will provide funding to continue to develop 3-D processing techniques on silicon and LTCC platforms. These include technologies for die and wafer-scale bonding and 3-D interconnects. These techniques will be applied to cre-

ate 3-D integration and packaging solutions applicable to a general category of high performance sensor systems. The military has a need for new three-dimensional (3-D) packaging of electronic systems, particularly sensor systems for portable (i.e., on-soldier) applications. 3-D integration and packaging of sensors will result in smaller electronics with expanded capability, allowing the soldier in the field to be more effective.

Project Name: Accelerator-Driven Non-Destructive Testing

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Support Systems Development Account in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: Idaho State University

Recipient's Street Address: 921 South 8th Avenue, Stop 8007, Pocatello, Idaho 83209

Description: The Idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) will develop a research, education and commercialization program that takes non-destructive testing techniques developed at the IAC and advances their development. The penetrating and non-destructive techniques that are under development include new techniques in positron annihilation spectroscopy with accelerator-based gammabeams, the use of mono-chromatic x-ray beams and the use of photon activation (via photonuclear reactions) for trace element analysis of materials and manufacturing processes. The development of practical non-destructive testing (NDT) techniques will help the U.S. Air Force reduce aircraft downtime necessary for inspection and enhance turn-around times by more quickly identifying needed repairs through spectroscopy and the use of x-ray. The development of practical NDT techniques will be of immense value to the armed forces in four critical areas: quicker return of aircraft to the line by reducing the tear-downs necessary for inspection; non-destructively addressing the enormous 'aging fleet' problem of the U.S.A.F. and the private sector; better economics by replacing parts on an on condition inspections basis instead of a 'life limited' basis; and the ability to successfully apply NDT techniques to composite materials. Currently, no commercialized NDT technique works on composite materials.

Project Name: Domestic Manufacturing of 45nm Electronics (DOME)

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Advanced Spacecraft Technology Account in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: American Semiconductor, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 3100 South Vista Avenue, Suite 230, Boise, Idaho 83705

Description: Funding for this program will deploy a new foundry capability to address the most critical electronics sourcing issue faced for secure supply of advanced DOD integrated circuits in 2012 and beyond. DOME is an AFRL-sponsored initiative to implement a 45nm state-of-the-art wafer fabrication capability to meet current and future system requirements for fabrication of specialized integrated circuits in a broadly available foundry capacity to serve DOD. Microelectronics capability for defense applications requires advancement of technology for each generation of new defense system. Defense system requirements are often highly specialized and include capability beyond that of standard commercial devices due to their unique operational environments. An advanced and sustainable defense microelectronics supply solution is required that can provide parts in low volume at

reasonable costs and be fabricated on-shore to meet security requirements. This advanced process technology enables higher speed, lower power electronics that are of vital importance to the military and intelligence communities. The DOME program will deliver the capability to manufacture semiconductors at the most advanced technology node currently in production, 45nm, at an American run on-shore facility optimized for DOD/IC business.

Project Name: Hybrid Energy Systems Design and Testing

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Military Engineering Advanced Technology Account in the Army RDT&E

Recipient: Idaho National Laboratory

Recipient's Street Address: 2525 Fremont Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Description: The Hybrid Energy Systems Development and Testing Program will provide the Army transformational technologies that advance Army leadership in global energy security and carbon reduction. Hybrid energy concepts provided through this program could allow the Army to simultaneously address energy supply (electrical grid and fuel supply) security and surety, environmental (CO₂) footprint reduction, and provide national economic benefits. This project will leverage unique assets at the INL, such as its Hybrid Testing Lab, engineering-scale energy test beds, supercomputing capabilities, and hybrid systems design teams, and nuclear technology designs, to develop, validate, and assess hybrid and other advanced energy system concepts. This program will provide a foundation for Army leadership in clean, smart, secure energy for future defense and nondefense applications.

Project Name: Hybrid Power Generating System

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Advanced Electronics Technologies Account in the Department of Defense RDT&E

Recipient: M2E Power, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 845 West McGregor Court, Suite 150, Boise, Idaho 83705

Description: Research at the Idaho National Laboratory resulted in a breakthrough technology using compressed magnetic fields which can generate power. M2E Power is expanding on this research to develop high density generators based on breakthrough configurations of permanent magnetic material, coil designs and advanced power electronics. With further development efforts, M2E Power's technologies will enable lightweight, compact power sources and highly power-dense components that will significantly reduce the logistics burden, while increasing the survivability and lethality of the warfighter. The continued research, development, testing and validation of the technology should result in mission extension for dismounted soldiers and considerable savings by reducing the reliance on disposable batteries. In addition, the technology will substantially increase the overall efficiency of motors, generators and propulsion systems used defense-wide.

Project Name: Integrated Passive Electronic Components

Amount Received: \$1,700,000

Account: Advanced Spacecraft Technology in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 820 Idaho Ave., Morrill Hall 109, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Spacecraft are critical for coordinating modern military operations, particularly for intelligence gathering, battle-space communications, resource deployment (e.g. Global Positioning System), and targeting. More accurate and timely information enables more effective deployment, but requires enhanced sensing, communications and computing, which require more power. Limited energy sources and cooling capacity aboard spacecraft restrict increased processing capability. Power consumption has become a limiting factor in the performance electronic and computing technologies. Microchip designers have addressed rising power consumption by reducing the voltage levels of the power delivered to the chips, with excellent results. However, this creates a new problem of how to deliver clean low-voltage power to the chips. This research will develop the technologies to enable low-voltage power regulation to be integrated onto the same piece of silicon that holds the computing circuits, thus making ultra-low-power microelectronics practical. The key to this technology is integrated passive components. In addition, this research will produce a new range of component options for analog circuit designers, enabling greater ability to program and increasing flexibility of on-board electronic systems.

Project Name: Material, Design, Fabrication Solutions for Advanced SEAL Delivery System external structural components

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Operations Advanced Seal Delivery System (ASDS) Development in the Department of Defense Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E)

Recipient: Premier Technology Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 1858 West Bridge Street, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.

Description: Premier Technology Inc. will work with the Idaho National Lab, Navy PEO Submarine (PMS 399), U.S. Special Operations Command, Naval Special Warfare Command and the Navy Office of Naval Research to provide material, design and fabrication solutions for ASDS external structural components allowing those components to withstand severe hydrodynamic, hydrostatic and shock loading while maintaining significant resistance to corrosion in situations where the ASDS is attached to the submerged host submarine operating at high speeds. Candidate components include the host submarine pylon assembly, ASDS lower hatch (buttress threads) and ASDS shaft line components. The goal of this project is to assist the U.S. Navy in bringing ASDS to its fullest operational capability by addressing challenges that it faces in key material issues.

Project Name: Radiation Hardened Cryogenic Read Out Integrated Circuits

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Defense Production Act Purchases in Department of Defense Procurement

Recipient: ON Semiconductor, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 2300 Buckskin Road, Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Description: Readout integrated circuits (ROIC) are the foundation of thermal imaging systems. These systems have forever changed modern warfare and surveillance. The United States Air Force and the Missile Defense Agency have been investigating ways to improve manufacturing capabilities and improve cryogenic and radiation performance of these circuits. The thermal imagers of the fu-

ture will operate in harsh environmental conditions for longer periods of time and will have increased resolution (through increased pixel count) than the detectors of today. Maintaining a domestic source of this technology, as well as working to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of this critical technology, are as equally important as increasing the yield. The DPA Title III Readout Integrated Circuit (ROIC) program will continue the improvement efforts to develop technology that includes a larger stitched die, smaller feature size (< 0.35um), improved yields, and reduced cycle times will enable a domestic U.S. source for ROIC manufacturing to meet our national defense needs.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Defense Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I rise today to provide a description for how funds appropriated in response to my requests submitted to the House Appropriations Committee will be allocated. In making those requests, I submitted a financial certification letter to Chairman OBEY which accompanied my requests, and included the following information:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge these requests (1) are not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended to be used by any entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should any of the requests I have submitted be included in the bill, I will place a statement describing how the funds in each of the included requests will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

In order to fully comply with these standards, Madam Speaker, I hereby submit a description of how the funds appropriated in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 will be used for the projects to follow.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010
Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: SCRA, Institute for Solutions Generation (funding will benefit the Anniston Army Depot)

Address of Receiving Entity: 5300 International Boulevard, N. Charleston, SC 29418

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 in funding for the Highly Integrated Production for Expediting RESET. This funding was requested by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Anniston Army Depot, located at 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201. A critical readiness issue facing the military today is repairing and restoring

military equipment that has been damaged or worn out in battle. Resetting small arms and crew served weapons is particularly challenging, given their sheer numbers and the fact that, there is a growing incidence of non-conforming parts used to support reset operations there. In addition, under the current system, a lot of time and cost are required to design and apply product improvements during reset. HIPER ensure a quick and efficient RESET turn-around for weapons to the theater. The requested funding will drive downstream efficiencies in manufacturing and quality inspection by enabling the utilization of laser scanning technology to significantly shorten the time and lower the cost for resetting and modernizing the military's small arms and crew-served weapons. This funding will provide for integration, collaboration, scanning and reverse engineering technology, and supply chain improvements to enhance and expedite RESET efforts.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010
Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: BAE Systems

Address of Receiving Entity: 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 2000, Arlington, VA 22209

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 for the Paladin Integrated Management for work to be completed in Anniston, AL. The FY 10 President's Budget contains funding for research and development Army funds to assist in making the M109A6 Paladin and its companion vehicle the Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicle (FAASV) sustainable through the year 2050. The changes to this vehicle will incorporate the Bradley's drive train and suspension components that will reduce the logistics footprint thereby reducing operational and support costs. This funding is needed for this program be reinstated to its original schedule (the program was Congressionally reduced by that same amount during the FY09 budget process). Procurement funds to initiate low rate initial production are in the FY 10 procurement budget. The Army intends to fund this program through completion. This is a national defense program which provides fire-power to our troops engaged in combat.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010
Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Electric Fuel Battery Corporation (Arotech Subsidiary)
Address of Receiving Entity: 354 Industry Drive, Auburn, AL 36832

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 for the Novel Zinc Air Power Sources for Military. This funding will develop Zinc-Air battery technology that will provide the soldier with a high energy density power source that significantly reduces battery carry weight. Previous advances in the technology have helped to cut warfighter battery carry weight in half. Continued development of body-worn energy distribution systems, coupled with further development of Zinc-Air battery technology, promises to cut warfighter battery carry weight further, while reducing battery quantities carried on long missions. Reducing battery type and count lowers operational risk by reducing the need for re-supply. In addition, Zinc-Air bat-

tery's intrinsic safety (cannot combust or explode even when penetrated by hot projectiles) enhances warfighter safety. Lithium-Air battery technology is in its infancy but has the highest possible energy density of any battery system promising a quantum leap in the warfighter mission length.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010
Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Auburn University

Address of Receiving Entity: 102 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: Provide \$1,500,000 for the Logistical Fuel Processors Development to Meet Army/TARDEC/TACOM Needs. The technical focus of this program is the development and demonstration of logistical fuel processor-fuel cell combinations that operate at significantly higher efficiencies than current IC engines used by the Army. System attributes to be optimized include: overall efficiency, fuel flexibility, activity maintenance and poison tolerance of the various catalysts, start-up/shutdown time-scales, process robustness, reliability/ruggedness, safety, thermal/acoustic signature and integration, and reductions in overall weight and volume. Additional efforts will be conducted to design and adapt fuel processor/fuel cell systems to appropriate electrical loads with respect to voltage, current, AC/DC operation, peak power requirements versus average power and overall autonomy time. More efficient forms of energy conversion and power production are of key importance to the Army and can be leveraged many times as a gallon of fuel or a pound of food is transported from its point of origin to a forward deployed base of operations. For reasons of inter-operability, the Army must utilize existing and readily available fuel sources such as JP-8 and diesel.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010
Account: OM, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Intergraph Corporation

Address of Receiving Entity: 170 Graphics Drive, Madison, AL 35758

Description of Request: Provide \$5,000,000 for the Fort Benning National Incident Management System (NIMS)-Compliant Installation Operations Center. In January 2009, the Department of Defense (DOD) released an instruction sheet (NUMBER 6055.17) on the Installation Emergency Management (IEM) program to establish policy, assign responsibilities, and prescribe procedures for developing, implementing, and sustaining IEM programs at DOD installations. IEM directly supports the Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, which orders the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). A NIMS-compliant installation operations center provides a unified approach to incident management, standard command, and management structures, as well as creates an emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid, and resource management. Without this system in place, it is very difficult for responders from different jurisdictions to communicate and work together effectively. Because Fort

Benning extends across the Alabama-Georgia border, the implementation of a NIMS-compliant installation operations center directly supports HSPD-5 by providing interoperability and cross-jurisdiction capabilities among local and multi-state response agencies. The request will allow Fort Benning to create a NIMS-compliant state-of-the-art operations center. This system will provide Fort Benning with the critically needed capability to track and protect new incidents and existing activities. The final solution will integrate first responder force protection and the fire fighting common operational picture into one comprehensive command and control/decision support capability that will provide visibility to the commander to gain status and direct response, analyze the current anti-terrorism and force protection mission, and allow for appropriate reporting to other operations centers throughout the country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 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. 3326, "Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: RDTE—Air Force
Project Amount: \$2,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 328 Ferris Hall, 1508 Middle Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996

Description of Request: The funding will be used for design, testing, and evaluation of systems needed for the harvesting and storage of green energy. The need for the nation to design, implement, and test systems and processes capable of producing renewable energy at a large scale is vital for the U.S. military and the nation as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO DONNIE D. CHIZEK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donnie D. Chizek as a member of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. This military unit was recently awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. This rare and prestigious citation honors the Unit's courageous actions in the Republic of South Vietnam.

In 1970 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment distinguished itself through a series of serious combat missions over a period of several months. The Presidential Unit Citation has been awarded less than 100 times since its inception in 1941. I am very pleased with the Department of Defense's review and recommendation to recognize this unit with this esteemed honor.

The bravery and sacrifice displayed by Donnie Chizek during his service to our nation goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. I know that members of the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Donnie on his well deserved award and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S.
MARINE CPL. NICHOLAS G.
XIARHOS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in honoring the service of U.S. Marine Corporal Nicholas G. Xiarhos—a loving son and brother, exceptionally dedicated soldier, and a constituent of mine.

On July 23, Nick died after being injured by a roadside explosive while serving in the Garmsir District, an area in the volatile region of southern Afghanistan. If ever there was an individual who went above and beyond to answer the call of service to his country, Nick was that man. He returned from a tour of duty in Iraq this past October only to change battalions so that he could be redeployed to Afghanistan in May. At the time of his death, Nick was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and was scheduled to return home around Christmas.

Beloved and admired by his family, peers, fellow men and women in uniform, and his hometown community of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, 21-year-old Nick was the epitome of a true American hero. He eschewed being singled out for his achievements and admirable sacrifices, telling others that he was no different from the thousands of other Marines who shared the same mission. As he told his parents only two weeks before his death, he was living his dream while serving in Afghanistan despite the physical and emotional toll that combat takes on even the most seasoned soldiers.

Six feet tall, athletic, and muscular, Nick had a heart of gold that instinctively drew others to him. During his years at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, he was dubbed “the mayor of DY” for his outgoing, amiable, friendly nature and popularity. As a senior, he received the “Does Most For Others” title—a well-deserved moniker that embodied how Nick approached relationships, his military service, and life in general. Upon returning from Afghanistan, Nick’s goal was to attend college and—following in his father, Lieutenant Steven Xiarhos’, footsteps—to become a police officer.

Nick’s life was one of immense promise, tragically ended too soon. As he is laid to rest tomorrow, I want to extend my deepest condolences to the Xiarhos family—his parents, Steven and Lisa; his younger brother, Alexander; and his twin sisters, Ashlynn and Elizabeth. While he will be truly missed by all those whose lives he touched, Nick’s memory and the sacrifice he made for our country will forever live on.

Thank you, Nicholas Xiarhos, for your service. May you rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF WATCHMAN
NEE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the immense spiritual achievement of Watchman Nee, a great pioneer of Christianity in China.

Christianity Today magazine recently honored Watchman Nee as one of the 100 most influential Christians of the twentieth century. Watchman Nee died over thirty years ago but his life and work continue to influence millions of Protestant Christians in China. Today more than three thousand churches outside of China, including several hundred in the United States, look to him as one of their religious and theological leaders.

Watchman Nee was an astonishingly devoted and energetic man, which I think can be seen from a capsule summary of his life. He became a Christian in 1922. In the 1930s, he traveled to Europe and North America, where he delivered sermons and speeches. Later his sermons were collected and published as books. By the late 1940s, Nee had become the most influential Chinese Christian writer, evangelist, and church builder. In 1952, the Chinese government imprisoned Nee and many other Christian leaders for their faith. Nee was never released, though during the 1960s and 1970s several of his books continued to grow in influence and popularity, particularly in the United States, and his best-known book, *The Normal Christian Life*, sold over one million copies world-wide and became a twentieth-century Christian classic. In 1972 he died at the age of 71 in a labor farm; his few surviving letters confirm that he remained faithful to God until the end.

Madam Speaker, it is estimated that China has more than one hundred million Christians, and millions of them consider themselves the spiritual heirs of Watchman Nee. Millions more are rightly proud of the contribution Watchman Nee made to global Christianity—he was the first Chinese Christian to exercise an influence on Western Christians—and indeed of his contribution to world spiritual culture. It is sad that the works of Watchman Nee are officially banned in China—even as they are being discovered afresh by a new generation of Western Christians. It is my hope that Watchman Nee’s collected works can be freely published and distributed within China.

After Watchman Nee’s death, when his niece came to collect his few possessions, she was given a scrap of paper that a guard had found by his bed. What was written on that scrap may serve as Watchman Nee’s testament: “Christ is the Son of God Who died for the redemption of sinners and was resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth in the universe. I die because of my belief in Christ. Watchman Nee.”

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
LEANDER, TX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the City of Leander and its staff for their great work within the community for the Adopt-a-Unit Program. The City of Leander adopted troops from the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas through the Adopt-a-Unit program. The city offered support to the troops and their families with supplies, care packages and moral support during their deployment to Iraq over the last year.

I appreciate the work and dedication of the City of Leander staff and commend them for their commitment to the soldiers of the United States Army.

It is an honor to recognize the City of Leander for their great work.

PROTECTING THE SURVIVORS OF
OUR JUDICIAL OFFICIALS

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am honored to bring to the floor the Judicial Survivors Protection Act of 2009. The bill would provide a limited six month period for incumbent Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors’ Annuities System (JSAS) and begin contributing toward a survivors’ annuity for their spouses and dependent children.

The JSAS is a critical optional benefit for Federal judges. Currently, unlike the survivors of other Federal employees, judges’ spouses and dependent children receive no survivor income benefits unless the judge elects to participate. In addition, the judge must have specifically elected JSAS for a spouse to continue health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program after the judge’s death.

The judges of our Federal judiciary frequently give up lucrative jobs with many benefits for the honor and privilege of serving on our judiciary. Allowing a JSAS open season is a small way to allow judges to provide for their families despite the financial sacrifice of accepting a Federal judgeship.

Judges are bound by their initial decision regarding contributing to JSAS for the remainder of their career. However, circumstances change, and while initially judges may have chosen not to opt into the program due to financial pressure at the time, conflicting priorities such as the need to pay the expense of a dependant education, or simply the failure to plan ahead, this leaves the survivors of forty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges at risk.

Currently only sixty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges participate in JSAS. This bill would provide those forty percent of active or senior Federal judges, who did not initially enroll in JSAS, a limited open season to enroll in the program.

To compensate for the Judge’s delay in opting into the program, new enrollees who previously declined to participate in JSAS would

pay an enhanced contribution rate of 2.75 percent of their salaries to preserve the financial integrity of the JSAS Fund. Should these new enrollees later retire from the bench, they, like all other retired judges participating in JSAS, will pay the contribution rate of 3.5 percent of their retirement salary.

Additionally, the bill would authorize Federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS in order to enhance the value of their survivors' annuities.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this bill would carry a negligible cost as any impact on the JSAS system by the new enrollees would be entirely borne by the new enrollees.

Congress has previously authorized such a JSAS open season three times: in 1976, 1985 and 1992. It has been seventeen years since the last open season, and this bill is but a small step towards lightening what is often the financial burden of judicial public service.

The Senate unanimously passed this important legislation. I am proud to join the Senate and send this important measure to President Obama.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE
PASSING OF MR. YOSEMITE, NIC
FIORE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and respect to one of my friends and heroes, Mr. Nic Fiore, who lived a full 88 years of life, and passed away on June 16, 2009 from pneumonia.

Nic was a legendary ski instructor and community leader who taught nearly 140,000 people to ski at Yosemite's Badger Pass Ski Area. Nic served in several different capacities in Yosemite for 57 years after first coming to Yosemite in 1947 from his hometown in Montreal, Canada. Nic originally came to Yosemite for one season but fell in love with the crowned jewel of America's national parks and stayed for the rest of his life, building community, friendship, and family in the area. He is survived by his daughters, Cindy and Nicole, and eight grandchildren.

In describing his experience moving to Yosemite from Canada in 1947, Nic said, "I had never been in love, but the feeling hit me like a ton of bricks. Like a bolt of lightning. Right then and there, down deep, in the corner of my heart, I said to myself, 'I doubt you'll ever leave this place.' And I never have."

In 1956, Nic was named director of the Yosemite Ski School, and in 1963 he was appointed director of the Yosemite High Sierra Camps. During this time, Nic also managed the Wawona and Glacier Point hotels among other concession facilities.

Many of the aspects of Yosemite and Badger Pass Ski Area that are most beloved by myself and families everywhere who have the privilege to visit and enjoy Yosemite National Park can be attributed to Nic's legacy. Nic was a visionary in making the Badger Pass Ski Area the family-oriented teaching ski facility that it is today by preserving old skiing tradition.

I can attest to what Nic's Yosemite colleagues have said about Nic's generosity of

heart, his ability to make everyone who met him feel as though they were his best friend, and his mastery of Yosemite. Nic had a special ability to share his passion and enthusiasm for skiing, and recreation with generations of visitors to Yosemite as well as the permanent Yosemite community.

The list of Nic's accomplishments is long. In 2006, Nic was chosen by the Yosemite Fund as their person of the year, and was designated as "Yosemite's Ambassador-at-Large." In January 2009, Nic was inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame, an enshrinement award presented by the Sportsmen's Exposition. To be considered for this considerable award, nominees must have inspired thousands of Californians to take part in the great outdoors and must have taken part in an overriding range of adventures. I personally cannot think of a more qualified individual to fit that description than Nic.

Nic held the position of executive director of the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Western Division. He was recognized as the "Most Valuable Ski Instructor" of PSIA in 1971. Nic also received the "Charlie Proctor Award" in 1986, which honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of skiing in Northern California and Nevada. It is the highest award given by the Sierra Chapter of the North American Ski Journalists Association. Additionally, in 1987, Fiore was nominated for the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame, as well as received the "Outstanding Contributions to the Sport of Skiing" award.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, Nic was also an author, writing a best selling book, "So You Want to Ski" along with a newspaper column titled "Ski Tips by Nic Fiore."

Again, Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of my friend and Yosemite community builder Mr. Yosemite, Mr. Nic Fiore. Nic will be missed by many. His legacy in the Yosemite community will live on, as will his passion and enthusiasm for the sport of skiing.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF BISHOP MUSEUM

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, August, 2009 marks the 120th anniversary of Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, the State of Hawai'i's Natural and Cultural History Museum. Founded more than a century ago, in the memory Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop by her husband, Charles Reed Bishop, Bishop Museum has contributed to the world's understanding of the natural and cultural history of the Pacific and Hawai'i. It has collected and preserved nearly 25 million scientific animal and plant specimens and 2.4 million cultural objects that together help tell the full story of Hawai'i and the Pacific.

Bishop Museum recently completed a major restoration of one of its original buildings, Hawaiian Hall. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bishop Museum's Hawaiian Hall has traditionally housed Hawai'i's most sacred and beloved artifacts. With its volcanic stone exterior and extensive use of native koa wood, Hawaiian Hall is considered a masterwork of late Victorian museum design.

With this important renovation, hundreds of thousand visitors and local residents will enter the world of Hawai'i. They will hear the oral tradition of oli and mo'olelo. They will experience Hawai'i's deep connection between its natural and cultural worlds. Bishop Museum has served as an essential repository and education institution for over a century.

In honor of this important anniversary and the major restoration of Hawaiian Hall, Congressman ABERCROMBIE and I introduced H. Res. 541, which we are hoping will pass the House in the near future. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the important efforts of the Museum and in celebrating the 120th anniversary of its founding with the restoration and reopening of its Hawaiian Hall. Mahalo!

BILL TO CLOSE OFFSHORE
REINSURANCE TAX LOOPHOLE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to come before the House to introduce legislation ending the use of excessive affiliate reinsurance by foreign insurance groups to strip their U.S. income into tax havens, avoid tax, and gain a competitive advantage over American companies. In the past, I have offered a number of bills to limit offshore tax avoidance. Today's bill follows on that trend but focuses specifically on one area of the financial services sector.

The financial services industry has, like all us, experienced a tough year with the economic upheaval. As businesses realign, merge, and in some cases, cease operations, the advantages of a no- or low-tax jurisdiction from which to operate is tempting. The benefits of being headquartered in a tax haven can be quite significant for a company with investment income over long periods of time. Use of affiliate reinsurance allows foreign-based companies to shift their U.S. reserves and their investment income overseas into tax havens, thereby avoiding U.S. tax.

The President has recently suggested a number of proposals tightening tax rules for U.S.-based companies operating overseas. Those proposals deserve a thorough review to assess their merits. But before we consider cracking down on the foreign earnings of U.S. companies, we should make sure we are taxing the earnings of foreign groups that do business in the United States the same way we do for those based here. Ending the tax advantage for foreign-based insurance groups from use of affiliate reinsurance was even a platform issue for candidate Obama last year.

There is no doubt that there is a legitimate role for reinsurance. It is a fundamental business technique for risk management and is to be fostered. However, reinsurance among affiliates can serve other purposes as well, including tax avoidance. Just as Congress and Treasury have attempted to measure what is legitimate in debt transactions between affiliates, there have been previous attempts to address the problem of excessive reinsurance between related entities. Unfortunately, as recent data shows, those attempts have been unsuccessful.

Since 1996, the amount of reinsurance sent to offshore affiliates has grown dramatically,

from a total of \$4 billion ceded in 1996 to \$33 billion in 2008, including nearly \$21 billion to Bermuda affiliates and over \$7 billion to Swiss affiliates. Use of this affiliate reinsurance provides foreign insurance groups a significant market advantage over U.S. companies in writing direct insurance here in the U.S. We have seen in the last decade a doubling in the growth of market share of direct premiums written by groups domiciled outside the U.S., from 5.1 percent to 10.9 percent, representing \$54 billion in direct premiums written in 2006. Again, Bermuda-based companies represent the bulk of this growth, rising from 0.1 percent to 4 percent. And it should be noted that during this time, the percentage of premiums ceded to affiliates of non-U.S. based companies has grown from 13 percent to 67 percent. Bermuda is not the only jurisdiction favorable for reinsurance. In fact last year, one company moved from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland citing “the security of a network of tax treaties,” among other benefits.

Congress first recognized the problem of excessive reinsurance in 1984 and provided specific authority to Treasury under Section 845 of the tax code to reallocate items and make adjustments in reinsurance transactions in order to prevent tax avoidance or evasion. In 2003, the Treasury Department testified before Congress that the existing mechanisms were not sufficient. In 2004, Congress amended this provision to expand the authority of Treasury to not only reallocate among the parties to a reinsurance agreement but also to recharacterize items within or related to the agreement. Congress specifically cited the concern that these reinsurance transactions were being used inappropriately among U.S. and foreign related parties for tax evasion. Despite this grant of expanded authority, Treasury has still been unable to stem the tide moving offshore.

Recently, a coalition of U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance companies has been formed to express their concerns to Congress. With more than 150,000 employees and a trillion dollars in assets here in the U.S., I believe it is a message of concern that we should heed. Last month, they wrote to the leadership of the House and Senate tax-writing committees urging passage of my bill because, as they wrote, “This loophole provides foreign-controlled insurers a significant tax advantage over their domestic competitors in attracting capital to write U.S. business.”

That is why I am again filing legislation to disallow deductions for excess reinsurance premiums with respect to U.S. risks paid to affiliated insurance companies that are not subject to U.S. tax. The excess amount will be determined by reference to an industry fraction, by line of business, which will measure the average amount of reinsurance sent to unrelated parties by U.S. companies. The bill allows foreign groups to avoid the deduction disallowance by electing to be treated as a U.S. taxpayer with respect to the income from affiliate reinsurance. Thus, the bill merely restores a level-playing field, treating U.S. insurers and foreign-based insurers alike. The legislation provides Treasury the authority to carry out or prevent the avoidance of the provisions of this bill.

My colleagues may be thinking that this sounds similar to another provision in the code, and they would be right. The tax code currently tries to limit the amount of earnings stripping—that is, sending U.S. profits offshore

through inflated interest deductions—by disallowing the interest deduction over a certain threshold. In the reinsurance context, U.S. affiliates of foreign based reinsurance entities may be sending offshore excessive amounts of reinsurance to strip those premiums out of the purview of the U.S. tax system. My bill limits the deduction for those premiums to the extent the reinsurance to a related party exceeds the industry average.

I hope that in the coming weeks, my colleagues and experts in the industry will carefully review this new proposal and provide constructive commentary on it. A fuller technical explanation of the bill will be posted on my website, which will provide some background on the industry as well as a technical description of the bill. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address the House on this important matter and I assure my colleagues that I will continue my efforts to combat offshore tax avoidance, regardless of what industry is impacted.

THE GENERATING RETIREMENT OWNERSHIP THROUGH LONG-TERM HOLDING

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I, along with Congressman ARTUR DAVIS and Congressman JOSEPH CROWLEY, re-introduce today the Generating Retirement Ownership Through Long-Term Holding (“GROWTH”) Act of 2009. At a time when our economy is struggling to recover, this bipartisan bill would provide a valuable tool to hardworking Americans saving for retirement and other financial goals.

Mutual fund investors are overwhelmingly middle-income Americans investing for the long term. For many of these investors, mutual funds provide a low-cost, professionally managed, diversified opportunity in which they can save for their own retirement. Currently, investors who buy shares in a mutual fund and hold them for the long term find themselves taxed as they go—even though no fund shares were sold and no cash was received. This legislation allows mutual fund shareholders to keep more of their own money working for them longer by deferring capital gains taxes until they actually sell their investment. The GROWTH Act makes it easier for these individuals to meet their retirement savings goals.

Most of our Nation’s mutual fund shareholders report that retirement is the primary reason why they are saving. More than 29 million Americans are saving through long-term mutual funds held in taxable accounts, either to supplement their employers’ retirement plans, or because they do not have access to such plans. Seventy-six percent of mutual fund investors say that their primary financial goal is to save for retirement. At the same time, almost half—about 76.2 million of 158.1 million workers—are not offered any form of pension or retirement savings at work.

Meanwhile, the costs once in retirement are growing. For example, the Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates that, depending on their source of health insurance coverage and their comfort level with having a 50-per-

cent, 75-percent, or 90-percent chance of having enough savings to cover health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket health care expenses in retirement, men retiring at age 65 in 2019 will need between \$114,000–\$634,000, while needed savings for women range from \$164,000–\$754,000.

Mutual fund investors who automatically re-invest are doing the right thing. They are saving for the longer term, contributing to our national economy, and building up their own retirement nest egg. These Americans should be encouraged to save not punished for doing so through a tax on automatic reinvestments. The tax code needs to help, not hinder, saving for retirement. I urge my colleagues to join us in this effort and cosponsor this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER LEANDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce for its great efforts within the community and serving as a helpful resource for the Adopt-a-Unit Program in Leander. The city of Leander participated in adopting troops from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The Program provided soldiers and their families back home with supplies, care packages and moral support during their deployment to Iraq over the last year.

I appreciate the hard work and commitment of the Greater Leander Chamber staff and look forward to what great things it will do in the future.

It is an honor to recognize the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce and its staff.

EARMARK DISCLOSURES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

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

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Alice Road

Amount Provided: \$750,000

Account: FHWA TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Recipient: Iowa Dept of Transportation

Recipient’s Street Address: 800 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010

Description: This funding would be used for the constructing of a 6-lane arterial blvd. as part of a north-south economic development corridor.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Ames Intermodal Facility

Amount Provided: \$350,000

Account: FTA—Buses & Bus Facilities

Recipient: Ames Transit Agency

Recipient's Street Address: 1700 University Blvd. Ames, IA 50010

Description: This project would construct an intermodal transportation facility that would consolidate three essential transportation functions in Ames, IA. within a single, intermodal facility (intercity bus operations, public transit and parking law enforcement). The funds would accommodate the design phase of this project, in support of a multi-modal and "green" transportation resource. Funding would move the project forward.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Ames Transit Facility Expansion

Amount Provided: \$500,000

Account: FTA—Buses & Bus Facilities

Recipient: Ames Transit Agency

Recipient's Street Address: 1700 University Blvd. Ames, IA 50010

Description: The current bus storage facility is built for 25 vehicles; the facility now houses 70 vehicles on the same site, crowding both storage and maintenance operations. The new facility would be built on the existing site or a satellite site.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Earthworks Engineering Research Center—EERC

Amount Provided: \$500,000

Account: Transportation Planning, Research, and Development

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall Ames, IA 50011

Description: The EERC is an effort that does research in the area of geo & construction engineering approaches to U.S. civil infrastructure needs. The research initiatives are aimed at finding better ways to evaluate those technologies and techniques used in earth moving related to new and improved transportation infrastructure. This project is all the more relevant as we approach solutions to infrastructure needs.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Iowa Highway 92 Reconstruction

Amount Provided: \$750,000

Account: FHWA TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Recipient: Iowa Dept of Transportation

Recipient's Street Address: 800 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010

Description: The project would consist of improvements to Iowa Highway 92 located in Warren County, Iowa. Project would begin approx. 1,000' west of Warren County Road R63 and extend east for approximately 1.3 miles to the city of Indianola. This project is necessary because the existing highway no longer meets current roadway design standards, and has areas of limited passing and sight distance. The area has an above average crash rate.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Jefferson, Iowa Streetscape

Amount Provided: \$385,000

Account: HUD EDI

Recipient: City of Jefferson

Recipient's Street Address: 220 Chestnut St. Jefferson, IA 50129

Description: This is phase I of a multi-phase streetscape initiative that includes underground wiring for signal controls, sidewalk re-facing and general improvements from the back of curbs to building fences in a four-block area around the Greene County Courthouse.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Jet Engine Technology Inspection to Support Continued Airworthiness—JET

Amount Provided: \$700,000

Account: Research (FAA)

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall Ames, IA 50011

Description: The JET program at Iowa State Univ. develops advanced inspection techniques for jet engine components to enable the use of more fuel efficient engine technologies, and to ensure that new material & design approaches do not compromise safety. Aviation safety is important to the industry, particularly as new materials are driven close to margins of safety.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Marshalltown Bus Replacement

Amount Provided: \$315,000

Account: FTA—Buses & Bus Facilities

Recipient: City of Marshalltown

Recipient's Street Address: 24 N. Center St. Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description: The City of Marshalltown is seeking to replace one "low-floor" bus that is 17 years old. The funding is needed to assist in the purchase of a replacement bus for use as part of the city public transportation fleet.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Roger Snedden Dr. Extension/Grade Separation—Phase 1

Amount Provided: \$1,000,000

Account: FHWA TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Recipient: Iowa Dept of Transportation

Recipient's Street Address: 800 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010

Description: This project is oriented toward safety improvement with the reconstruction of Industrial Park Road, including the widening of this heavily traveled road, and planned construction of a railroad overpass. Funding is needed for reconstruction of Industrial Park Rd, in anticipation of overpass construction. The overpass grade separation will allow safe crossing over a busy railroad switchyard, improving safety and environmental impacts.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: West Grand Avenue Extension

Amount Provided: \$750,000

Account: FHWA TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Recipient: Iowa Dept of Transportation

Recipient's Street Address: 800 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010

Description: This project is comprised of three roadway segments that will be part of the transportation infrastructure in SE Dallas

County, IA. The roadway corridor improvements will provide access from I-35 to a technology park and, ultimately, connect to I-80 and the SW Beltway in Madison County, IA. The funding in the bill is for necessary planning and environmental reports.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Portable Rapid Bacterial Warfare Detection Unit

Amount Provided: \$4,000,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide

Recipient: Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 2901 South Loop Drive, Ames, IA 50010

Description: The project objective is to develop portable instrumentation that provides biological warfare identification in drinking water samples in hours or minutes instead of days. This technology provides the rapid response needed to protect our troops from exposure to harmful agents on the battlefield, and could also have homeland security applications. For example, early bird flu virus identification in remote areas could help avert a pandemic flu scenario. This technology would provide for the rapid detection of biological warfare agents both domestically and internationally.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Shared Vision

Amount Provided: \$3,000,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Mechdyne Corporation.

Recipient's Street Address: 11 East Church Street, Marshalltown IA 50158

Description: The project objective is to develop software and hardware to achieve a capability to provide all levels of military command with access to real-time, visual information about a battle space, for use in mission planning and after action review. The result will be a battlefield-ready Army Battle Command System that integrates information collected using a wide range of methods (reconnaissance imagery, direct surveillance, sensors, etc.) to create virtual representations of a given area, providing an operational picture for all mission phases. The request will provide funding needed to proceed with field-testing and evaluation of the system, the next stage of development with the U.S. Army.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Wireless Medical Monitoring System (WiMed)

Amount Provided: \$3,000,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Athena GTX

Recipient's Street Address: 3630 SW 61st Street, Suite 395

Description: The purpose of the project is to greatly improve casualty care in combat situations, where medics are unable to effectively monitor injured soldiers' conditions. Current medical triage monitors and vital signs data tracking tools are complex, heavy, and have numerous wires with bulky connections. Wounded soldiers in Iraq will see care within one hour, and in Afghanistan the time may exceed four hours. There are often extensive delays in air evacuations during fire fights and a definitive lack of medical state monitoring.

The Wireless Medical Monitoring System ensures that medical triage can be performed effectively by medics on the battlefield, and that medical information about the casualty is retained to improve treatment following evacuation. The system includes a stick-on sensor that integrates pulse oximetry, blood pressure, temperature, skin humidity, and electrocardiograms into a single unit. Information from these units is broadcast to a single monitoring screen used by the medic, using Wi-Fi technology. The U.S. Army and the National Trauma Institute are currently conducting comprehensive clinical trials across numerous Level 1 Trauma Centers using this system.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: HyperAcute Vaccine Development

Amount Provided: \$4,500,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: BioProtection Systems Corporation

Recipient's Street Address: 2901 S. Loop Drive, Suite 3360, Ames, IA 50010

Description: The project objective is to develop anti-viral vaccines for use against Ebola, Crimean Congo and other biological warfare agents. Although millions of dollars have been spent on Biological Defense over the past several years, only a handful of vaccines/medications have been developed to counter known threats. Unfortunately, most have proven to be weak and impractical to administer because they require multiple doses for protection or treatment. Importantly, these vaccines would not protect against genetically engineered biological weapons, which are relatively easy to produce. The vaccine technology is being developed to (1) enhance current vaccines, making them more effective and practical for use, (2) generate vaccines for known threats where a vaccine does not exist, and (3) develop a vaccine platform that could be adapted for newly developed biological agents. This request covers the third year in a three-year development plan for this vaccine technology, which was selected by the Department of Defense to satisfy existing military requirements, and has received funding through the National Institutes of Health, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Advanced Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) Training Systems

Amount Provided: \$3,500,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Iowa State University
Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: The Virtual Reality Applications Center (VRAC) located at Iowa State University has a scientific team leading research in the development of advanced software prototypes that utilize immersive virtual warfighting environments, in collaboration with the U.S. Army. Keeping up with the unique demands of urban combat and ever-changing environments in counterinsurgency warfare requires flexible and adaptive training systems that can be modified rapidly and deployed effectively in the field. This project is intended to help the Department of Defense meet its training objective to ensure soldiers can improvise and adapt to emerging challenges.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Multi-Utility Materials for Army Future Combat Systems

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Iowa State University
Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: This initiative is designed to enable Iowa State University, in partnership with Florida A&M University and the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, to support the U.S. Army in developing and evaluating weapons and protective armor materials, with emphasis on survivability. This includes the development of new materials and non-destructive techniques to assure that the materials have the desired properties to provide the best and most reliable physical protection to the soldier.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Low Cost GPS Receivers

Amount Provided: \$4,000,000

Account: Defense Production Act

Recipient: Rockwell Collins

Recipient's Street Address: 400 Collins Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA, 52498

Description: This initiative is funded under the "Defense Production Act," which ensures that certain products are manufactured in America—for national security reasons. The primary objective of the program is to bring production of the "substrate" used to construct military GPS microchips back to the U.S. from overseas. The funding will also further development of the next generation military GPS receiver, which will be smaller, more accurate, more secure, and cheaper to produce. Cost savings will allow the purchase of a higher number of receivers so that each squad of soldiers could have one. Due to the current shortage of military GPS units, soldiers are purchasing and using commercial handheld devices that are highly vulnerable to electronic interference, jamming, and spoofing.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2009"

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the "Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009," which would protect those hard-working Americans who play by the rules, pay or settle their medical debts, yet find their economic well-being and their credit scores adversely affected for years due to medical debt, large or small, that has gone to collection.

The "Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009" would prohibit all consumer credit agencies and creditors from using paid off or settled medical debt collection in assessing a consumer's creditworthiness.

Medical debt is unique. Americans don't choose when accidents happen or when illness strikes. Medical debt collection issues affect both insured and uninsured.

According to credit evaluators, medical debt collections are more likely to be in dispute, inconsistently reported, and of questionable

value in predicting future payment performance because it is atypical and non-predictive.

Nevertheless, medical debt that has been completely paid off or settled can significantly damage a consumer's credit score for years. As a result, consumers can be denied credit or pay higher interest rates when buying a home or obtaining a credit card.

The issue of medical debt affects millions. In fact, according to the Commonwealth Fund, medical bill problems or accrued medical debt affects roughly 72 million working-age adults in American. For 2007, 28 million working-age American adults were contacted by a collection agency for unpaid medical bills.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the City of Round Rock and its staff for their great work within our area with the Adopt-a-Unit Program. The City of Round Rock adopted soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The city provided troops with supplies, and support over the last year during their deployment to Iraq. Jill Goodman and Eric Whitfield were key players in the city's operation to offer support to these soldiers and their families.

I appreciate the work and dedication of the City of Round Rock staff and citizens and look forward to all that their efforts will bring in the future.

It is an honor to recognize the City of Round Rock for its great work.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH CANNON HOUGHTLING

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Bay Area icon, Joseph Cannon Houghtling, who passed away at his home on June 23, 2009, in San Francisco, California, at the age of 84. He was a distinguished American, a dedicated publisher, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Joe Houghtling was born in San Francisco and attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale in 1947 and throughout his life lived in Palo Alto, Los Gatos, Atherton and Portola Valley.

In the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, Joe Houghtling and his partners published a string of newspapers that included the Los Gatos Times-Observer, The Sunnyvale Standard, The Mountain View Register-Leader, The Gilroy Dispatch, and The Pleasanton Times. He was a California delegate to the Democratic Conventions in 1956, supporting Adlai Stevenson, and in 1960, supporting John F. Kennedy.

He was Northern California Treasurer of the 1960 Kennedy campaign and he actively participated in many other campaigns, including those of Governors Pat and Jerry Brown, Senator John Tunney, Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN

and former Congressman Pete McCloskey. He also served on the State Park Commission, the State Highway Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Joe Houghteling was President of the National Maritime Museum Association in San Francisco from 1992–1994 and served on the boards of many distinguished nonprofits including Stanford Hospital, California Tomorrow, the Planning and Conservation League Foundation, the Coro Foundation, Peninsula School and the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Joe Houghteling lived his life beautifully, gracefully, and full of commitment and our country and our community are immensely better because of him. I was blessed to know him, to have had his wise counsel and to have his loyal support throughout all the years of my public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mr. Houghteling's wife, Signa Judith Irwin Houghteling, his daughters, Anne of Palo Alto, Elizabeth of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Mary of Berkeley, and his grandson, Philip Cannon Houghteling Balboni of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Joseph Cannon Houghteling gave our country a lifetime of service and we are a grateful nation for all he did throughout his special life.

RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICE FROM
CHIEF RICHARD A. JAMISON

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to publicly celebrate 30 years of service in law enforcement by Chief Richard A. Jamison.

Richard Jamison joined the Converse Police Department on August 23, 1979. Within just 1 year, he was promoted to Corporal in Patrol. Through his hard work and dedication to the job of protecting the citizens of Converse, Mr. Jamison was promoted to Chief of Police on April 24, 1999.

He has shown such a devotion to Converse that he does more than just act as Chief of Police; he also serves his community. Chief Jamison was voted citizen of the year by the Converse Lions Club 2003–2004, for his many service contributions to the community.

He has also supported Project Graduation at Judson High School for 21 years, to protect our high school graduates from the dangers of drunk driving. He has been instrumental in fundraising efforts to support this program.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize 30 years of service from Chief Richard A. Jamison. I am proud to be here today to publicly honor this great citizen of the 28th district of Texas.

HONORING THE VIRGINIA GARCIA
MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant and enduring contributions of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center and all community health workers in Oregon.

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center was founded in 1975 following the tragic death of 6-year old Virginia Garcia. Accompanying her parents from Texas to Oregon to work in the strawberry fields, an untreated foot wound turned deadly when Virginia couldn't get basic medical treatment because of linguistic and cultural barriers. In an effort to prevent similar tragedies from occurring, the community came together to establish the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

As we celebrate Migrant Farmworker Health Day and recognize our special partners—Providence Health System, Marie Napolitano, and Rosalia Ginsberg—it is important to take a moment and reflect on how far we've come.

Today Virginia Garcia employs 300 people and provides high-quality, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate services to more than 30,000 patients a year in Washington and Yamhill counties. It operates four primary care clinics, three dental offices, and two school-based health centers, as well as providing outreach to schools, community centers, and migrant and seasonal farm workers through its mobile clinic.

Without clinics like Virginia Garcia and its network of community partners it isn't clear where many of our region's most vulnerable residents would turn for essential, basic health care. I applaud Virginia Garcia's commitment to providing important health care services to the residents of the 1st Congressional District and stand by its mission to eliminate barriers to access.

It is an honor for me to recognize the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center and its special partners for their contributions to health in Oregon.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 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 H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2010.

1. Advanced Digital Hydraulic Drive Systems

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 26201 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI

Amount: \$2,500,000

Description of Request: The objective of this project is to develop and demonstrate a hybrid

hydraulic drive system on military 4x4 vehicles. This compact drive system will enable vehicles to be operated more safely and effectively on even the harshest terrains, and also save a substantial amount of fuel. Having seen firsthand the challenges vehicles currently face with respect to immobilization, roll-over or forced-slow speeds due to weight, the value of such a system is very apparent. The additional weight of important armor results in increased problems with maneuverability, so the reduced weight of the new hybrid system addresses this problem. In addition to reducing the weight of the drive system, this project will also increase fuel efficiency by roughly 60 percent. The increased fuel efficiency will provide clear logistical benefits by increasing vehicle range and decreasing vehicle re-fueling requirements. This is not at the expense of vehicle performance, however, as the reduced weight will actually add to vehicle traction and performance.

Funding Breakdown: Funding for Phase III funding of this program will be used specifically to (1) develop and demonstrate a laboratory-scale advanced digital hydraulic system and (2) create and demonstrate a retrofit-kit prototype inserted onto a demonstrator vehicle. Approximately 10 percent of the funds will be used for high pressure component and system reliability testing, 10 percent will be used to develop drivetrain-specific parametric models from vehicle drive-test data, 35 percent to develop the retrofit kit and 45 percent to develop the lab-scale system integrating advanced components.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This project will dramatically increase fuel efficiency in military vehicles, and hence, provide logistical benefits as well as preserve fuel. The new hybrid system will also reduce vehicle weight, which will add to vehicle performance and allow for vehicles to carry increased armor or supplies.

2. University of Michigan Center for the Genetic Origins of Cancer

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 E Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI

Amount: \$2,500,000

I am supporting Rep. JOHN DINGELL's request for funding for the University of Michigan's Center for the Genetic Origins of Cancer. The goal of the Center for Genetic Origins of Cancer is to accelerate the discovery of molecular signatures of cancers and rapidly develop personalized treatments for cancer patients. This initiative's purpose is to deliver the right treatment to the right patient at the right time. Specifically, the funding will be going to three things integrative oncogenomics, which would identify novel gene fusions in tumors of the breast, prostate, lung, and colon; unique animal models, which would use recent breakthroughs in gene fusion research in animals to mimic tumors in humans; and lastly, to study the functional genomics of cancer stem cells, which are believed to be the cells that actually start the growth of tumors. This is very exciting research, and it could very soon benefit thousands of my constituents, and millions of folks across the country.

Funding Breakdown: The DOD funding will account for roughly 18 percent of funds for

this program. 36 percent of the funding will go toward research costs, 30.5 percent of this funding will go toward equipment and cores, 23.5 percent will go to miscellaneous needs, including a sequencing machine, cell sorter, and auto starter.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE
2009 THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor ten individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2009 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In May, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from a teenager starting his own lawn-mowing business to a mainstay in the Nebraska business community. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Steve Brown, of Thedford, began an entrepreneurial scholarship for graduating seniors if they return to the community and begin a business, which was matched by the Custer County Chief He is also the president of the Thedford Area Community Foundation board. The TACF has held a banquet for the past 5 years and has brought in close to \$25,000 every year. They then have given up to \$15,000 back to the community for repairs and improvements.

Since 1977 Adam Broughton has helped promote the City of York, saved jobs, and established and expanded a number of businesses. He has served with the York Chamber of Commerce, the York County Development Corporation, and Sertoma. He was instrumental in obtaining two \$500,000 grants for the community of York, one for Gerber Foods Corporation and the other for Great West Teeuwissen Corporation. Those grants have helped keep over 40 jobs and the businesses in York. Adam helped to start Crystal Lake Foods, which processes food products for the United States and Asian Rim countries.

In less than 4 years, Clark Swihart of Columbus has built a company employing 14 Nebraskans and is a rapidly growing e-commerce company, specializing in unique promotional products—such as custom silicone wristbands, t-shirts, and more. He has created a unique service, jobs, and revenue.

Began as a combined effort of Twin Valleys Public Power District in Cambridge, Southwest Nebraska RC&D in Cambridge, and Trail Blazers RC&D in Red Cloud, the Furnas/Harlan Partnership of Arapahoe is striving to build a

unified vision for economic development in Furnas and Harlan counties. The Partnership works with individual communities to help promote the surrounding communities and educate residents to help further their careers.

GROW Nebraska of Holbrook is a non-profit organization which has helped hundreds of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Nebraska for more than 10 years. From training sessions to networking and access to new markets through cooperative ads, GROW has helped Nebraska business grow and succeed. Recently GROW Nebraska was selected as a finalist for the eBay Seller's Challenge. GROW has also introduced a Flavors Project. The project gives people "GROW bucks" and allows them to use them at various participating locations just like cash.

Rich and Kellie Patterson, owners and operators of Hometown Hardware in Kimball, have made a name for themselves through their dedication to customer service and devotion to community. The young couple have been described as an "anchor of our downtown" and in just 2 years have already expanded their store.

Though only in high school, Ryan Grossnicklaus of Aurora owns and operates a lawn mowing company in Aurora and was recently awarded a scholarship by the National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation.

Todd Messing of Columbus started his own business, Messinc, in 2004. Todd is involved in the New Neighborhoods Initiative grant process to provide affordable housing to those with low to moderate income. His main goal is to provide assistance to community and economic development using education and volunteerism while keeping a profitable and environmentally-friendly business process.

Finally, Xpanxion LLC of Kearney is an international software development company which has placed a priority on hiring Nebraskans, has opened a quality assurance center in Kearney, and has focused on working closely with the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Xpanxion's has already created 16 full-time jobs and 4 part-time positions, and plan to add more jobs in the future. Xpanxion has helped curb the "brain drain" by hiring employees back to rural Nebraska from places outside of Nebraska.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

HONORING KIMBERLY BRAZIER
UPON RECEIPT OF THE GIRL
SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a young woman in my district, Kimberly Brazier.

Kimberly will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 3, 2009. For her project, she made two decorative wall quilts for the Huntington Hills Center for Health and Rehabilitation for senior citizens there to enjoy. I wish to commend Kimberly for her community service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in HR 3326:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University, (2) Waterfront Technology Center

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.8 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Air Force—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture
Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Absecon Mills Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Vienna and Aloe Avenues, PO Box 672, Cologne, NJ 08213

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2.5 million for Force Protection—Non Traditional Weaving Application for Aramid (Ballistic) Fibers and Fabrics. By re-evaluating standard industry design and manufacturing techniques for force protection technology, we believe Non Traditional weave designs of Aramid (ballistic) fiber coupled with new applications of microwave plasma treatments can enhance the strength of the fiber and result in enhanced individual mobility, ease of medical access, reduced weight, increased ballistic protection, cost effective savings and weight reduction of ballistic materials currently used.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326
 Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Com-
 munications Systems
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal
 Street, Camden, NJ 08103
 Description of Request: Provide an earmark
 of \$3.0 million for Senior Scout COMINT
 (Communications Intelligence) Capability Up-
 grade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing
 mission, there is an immediate need to add
 improved COMINT capability to detect and
 characterize new, modern, low-power radio
 signals at extended standoff ranges in the
 presence of interference. The current systems
 are not able to detect these specific signal
 sets, which limits intelligence collection capa-
 bilities.

GOD BLESS, THANK YOU AND
 GOOD LUCK, LIEUTENANT COLO-
 NEL REBECCA LEGGIERI, MILI-
 TARY FELLOW TO THE 13TH CON-
 GRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF
 MICHIGAN

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and wish continued blessings of God upon U.S. Army LTC Rebecca Leggieri. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri served as a 90-Day Military Fellow in the office in my 13th Congressional District Office of Michigan in Washington, DC, and is due to report to the Pentagon's Office of Public Affairs in a few days as she continues her service to our Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was invaluable in her ability in educating the office about the valued role that America's servicemembers perform every day to protect our freedom. As a mother, Army warrior and patriot, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri offered a unique perspective on the impact and effect of the decisions that Congress, in general, and the House Appropriations Committee on Defense, in particular. I am proud that, in the United States of America, women who have ability, character and quality can advance to the upper levels of the military as Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was born in Schenectady, New York to Joseph V. Palowich and the late Monica Palowich. She graduated from Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, New York where she excelled at basketball, track and swimming. Today, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is still involved in athletics with her children and continues to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Rebecca graduated from Saint Lawrence University in May 1989 with a bachelors of arts degree in English Writing and Government. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was a 4-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship student at Saint Lawrence University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps upon her graduation from college. She served in command and staff positions in Quartermaster and Logistics units in New York, Virginia, Nebraska and Arkansas before being assigned to Washington, DC. She later earned a masters degree in Public Communications from American University in May 2004.

Rebecca began her career in Army Public Affairs at the Pentagon in 2002 as the Speechwriter for the Chief of the Army Reserve. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri then served as the Public Affairs and Media Officer at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from June 2004 until June 2005. She is currently serving as the Community Relations Public Affairs Officer for the Army's Chief of Public Affairs in the Pentagon.

While Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri has served for the last 3 months on Capitol Hill as an Army Fellow in the Army Congressional Orientation Program, ACOP, and assigned to me, Congresswoman CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK, I have learned much about the contributions of our individual servicemembers and their families. I thank the Secretary of the Army and former Congressman Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff General George W. Casey, Jr. for this wonderful program that is a tremendous benefit to all Members of Congress.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is also very active in the local community, serving for the past 4 years as Public Relations Chair on the Board of Directors for Coles Little League in Manassas, Virginia.

In thanking and wishing the continued grace of God to Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri, I also extend the same to her family. Rebecca is married to COL John Leggieri, also in the United States Army and from New York State. John and Rebecca were married 16 years ago, on July 24, 1993. They have two children, 14-year-old Olivia, who is entering high school this fall and 11-year-old Gabriel, who will be entering middle school.

Thank you Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri for your continued public service to the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, to our Nation, and to the world. May you, your family and all of America's military have God's continued good grace and infinite blessings.

TRIBUTE TO LTJG EDWIN NORTH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LTJG Edwin North in recognition of the 11 years of honorable service in the United States Navy during and after World War II.

Edwin North started his military career in the U.S. Army ROTC at Michigan State University. In 1943, he decided to join the U.S. Navy where he served with distinction on various ships in the Pacific Theater, including the heavy cruiser USS *Tuscaloosa*. He also served as captain of a Landing Craft Tank, LCT, where amongst his other duties, he ferried sailors, rescued from the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*, from the USS *Doyle* to the island of Peleliu for treatment. On his LCT he performed other tasks like transporting equipment ship-to-shore, and transporting slave labor survivors, who had been rescued from Japanese capture, from Peleliu Island to resettlement on Koror Island.

In addition, Lieutenant junior grade North served with great honor and distinction in numerous other activities in the Pacific Theater, performing reconnaissance missions and deliveries ship-to-shore on his LCT, mostly in

areas of potential danger to life and craft that were still under Japanese control. In another instance, Lieutenant junior grade North was handpicked to be an observer in the turret of an amphibious PBY observation plane. He performed these duties calmly and courageously, gaining praise for his surveying and observation skills in the midst of a high level of danger while reconnoitering active Japanese emplacements and other potential Naval targets on New Guinea. Lieutenant junior grade North was seriously injured in a fire resulting from the collision of his combat ship with its supply ship. He spent several months in various hospitals recovering from his injuries before returning to duty.

Following his service in the Pacific Theater, Lieutenant junior grade North was assigned stateside to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois. On January 19, 1954, LTJG Edwin North was honorably discharged from active duty after eleven years of service in the United States Navy. In more recent times, Lieutenant junior grade North served as a volunteer with distinction in the Michigan Governor's Home Guard.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize LTJG Edwin North in gratitude for his eleven years of service to our country. I hope the years to come will bring him health, happiness, and special memories with family and friends. We are thankful for his dedication to this nation, and wish him and his family the best.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are dedicated to educating our Nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

Since the House Fellows Program began in 2006, 63 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program, with 12 more enrolled for this summer. With plans to select a teacher from every congressional district over the next several years, the

House Fellows Program will impact thousands of high school teachers and their students and will energize thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

As a former U.S. history teacher, I believe strongly in the importance of civic education. We must continue our efforts to get our youth involved in the political process in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that. I congratulate the following educators who are participating in the 7th session of the House Fellows Program:

Ms. Rachel Snell (CAMP, MI-4); Mr. Ronald Hailey (MCDERMOTT, WA-7); Ms. Rosemary Quirk (NEAL, MA-2); Ms. Jennifer S. Venable (BARTON, TX-6); Ms. Cheryl Anderson and Mr. David Martin (LEWIS, GA-5); Ms. La-Shanda West (ROS-LEHTINEN, FL-18); Ms. Rhonda Rush and Ms. Jessica Newman (BACHUS, AL-6); Mr. Michael Feldman (CASTLE, DE-AL); Mr. Don Woods (HALL, TX-4); Mr. George Blackledge (TAYLOR, MS-4).

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Thanks to Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler for their outstanding leadership, and Dr. Thomas Rushford, Dr. Charles Flanagan, Mr. Dave Veenstra, Mr. Anthony Wallis and Mr. Benjamin Hayes for providing the crucial staff support. Thank you also to the Office of the Historian interns: Mr. Maurice Robinson, Mr. Parker Williams, Ms. Kaitlin Utz and Ms. Debbie Kobrin.

HONORING JOHN AND GINNY
MCELENEY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend John and Ginny McEleney for their dedication to the City of Clinton and the State of Iowa, and for their leadership in the U.S. auto industry.

John and Ginny McEleney are third generation automobile dealers and their children are continuing this tradition. John became a dealer-operator when he was only 24 years old. Today, he is President of McEleney Autocenter Inc., in Clinton, Iowa, and McEleney Autoplex, Inc., in Iowa City, Iowa.

John is a past chairman of the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association and has served on multiple national dealer councils. In 2003, he was elected to the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Board of Directors and he is currently chairman of the NADA. Over the past months the international auto industry has experienced unprecedented change. Throughout this period John McEleney has been a tireless and effective advocate for his colleagues and the thousands of Americans who work in auto dealerships. He has fought to protect jobs and chart a profitable course for the industry in the future.

The McEleney family and their businesses have made Clinton and communities across Iowa better places to live and work. Madam Speaker, I join the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the entire Clinton community in thanking John and Ginny McEleney for their generosity and leadership.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE
PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1525, whose language has been incorporated into H.R. 3139.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the economy in Kansas' 2nd District. Doniphan County, Kansas is home to some of the most fertile farm land in the United States.

The levees along the Missouri River in Doniphan County protect three vital communities, White Cloud, Elwood and Wathena, as well as thousands of acres of farmland.

The 1993 floods devastated these communities and the surrounding farmland. And they should serve as a reminder of the importance of sound floodplain management. H.R. 1525, which I cosponsored with my colleague Representative MATSUI from California, will allow communities, like the ones that I represent in Northeast Kansas, the flexibility to find sources to quickly and efficiently repair levee systems.

I thank my colleague for her leadership on this important legislation. And I encourage the House support its passage.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CLARENCE "CAL" W. MARSELLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting this statement to express congratulations and gratitude to Clarence "Cal" W. Marsella on the occasion of his retirement as General Manager of the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

Under Mr. Marsella's leadership, RTD built partnerships with local, state and federal officials to realize a vision of an innovative public transit system that meets the unique needs of our region.

During his tenure with RTD, Mr. Marsella oversaw the successful completion of three new light rail lines, including the T-REX light rail project that opened November 17, 2006. In 2004 metro area voters overwhelmingly approved the FasTracks transit expansion program for the eight-county metro area. This represents the largest transit-only voter approved program in the United States. With Mr. Marsella's determination, progress on the FasTracks program has moved ahead swiftly, and construction is currently underway on the West Corridor which runs from downtown Denver to Golden, Colorado.

Mr. Marsella began his transportation career in the highway engineering division of the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation in 1974. He now serves on the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board and regularly lectures at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado masters degree programs in Transportation and Public Administration. He also speaks to numerous groups on the benefits

and nuances of public-private partnerships. He was selected by the American Public Transportation Association as the Outstanding Public Transportation Manager in 2006 and, under his leadership, RID was selected as the Outstanding Transportation Agency in North America in 2003 and 2008.

I congratulate and extend my sincere gratitude to Cal Marsella for his service to the Denver region. I wish him continued success and all good fortune in his work ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR
HOUSING COMMEMORATION BILL
OF 2009

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce The Fair Housing Commemoration Act of 2009 to commemorate The Fair Housing Act (FHA), enacted in April 1968, the last of the three great civil rights acts of the 1960's, with a monument in the Nation's Capitol. The Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation is raising funds and is working with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) to adhere to the requirements and process established by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986. This may be the first time that a sector of our economy has decided to raise a monument commemorating a statute that regulates some of its practices. The Foundation's precedent is commendable.

Fair housing and the movement to bring equal opportunity in the real estate markets are intertwined with our nation's history. The federal government has both been a part of the problem and an integral part of its solution. Every branch of the federal government has played a key role in our national progress towards fair housing. It is fitting that we commemorate not only the passage of the Fair Housing Act, but also the history of our nation's path towards equal opportunity in housing.

THE NATION'S BEGINNING

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution establishes a right to own private property that the government cannot take without just compensation. Early immigrants sought a place where they could own and transfer real estate without the arbitrary interference of the government. That right was not universal. Slavery denied basic rights to a whole class of Americans based on race, and reduced some of our people to the subhuman status of property. Among the effects of slavery was the denial of the right to own and use real property.

POST CIVIL WAR

The Civil War and the constitutional amendments ending slavery were accompanied by laws that gave all citizens the same rights as white citizens to own and use real property. The Civil Rights Act of 1866 was our nation's first "fair housing" law. Subsequent years saw that law ignored and severely limited by court decisions, culminating with the philosophy of "separate but equal" in the Plessey v Ferguson case. In addition, Congress and some states passed laws that restricted access to private property ownership and use by Latinos and Asian Americans.

In the early 20th century, social scientists and leaders within the real estate community

established guides for neighborhood desirability based on racial composition. Homogeneous communities for white, northern European background residents were seen as best investment for homeowners and others. Some early zoning laws sought to limit, by race, people who could live in certain communities, as did some practices of the real estate sector. Although the Supreme Court, in its 1917 decision in *Buchanan v. Worley*, struck down these racial restrictions, these racial biases were incorporated into FHA rules and formed the basis for many private agreements to segregate and form racially restrictive covenants.

WW II

Following the Second World War, returning GIs, through the GI bill, were offered a path to homeownership. African Americans and other minority group members were excluded from these GI bill benefits in many communities. The great migration of the middle class to suburbs was largely a white phenomenon, creating segregated white suburbs and large isolated urban minority communities. There was little response by the government or the courts. Most notable, was the Supreme Court in 1948 ended judicial enforcement of racially restrictive covenants in the case *Shelley v. Kraemer*.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The Civil Rights movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work in Chicago, brought renewed attention to housing discrimination. The federal government, first through executive order then through the Civil Rights Act of 1964, banned discrimination in federally funded housing. By 1961, seventeen states had passed fair housing or open housing laws. It was not until April 1968, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that Congress passed the Fair Housing Act.

Also in April 1968, the Supreme Court ruling in *Jones v. Mayer* held that the Civil Rights Act of 1866 prohibited discrimination in private real estate transactions. That law lacked an effective government enforcement mechanism, and covered racial and religious discrimination. Gender discrimination was prohibited in 1974. In 1988, in response to growing awareness of the housing issues faced by families with children and persons with disabilities, the adoption of the Fair Housing Act Amendments established effective government enforcement and extended protections to families with children and persons with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, in light of this long battle for fair housing, I ask that the House pass this bill.

RECOGNIZING BILLIE RAY
HUDDLESTON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Billie Ray Huddleston was born in Celina on August 23, 1929. His love for church, family, school and community continues even as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

Billie Ray has lived his entire life in Celina, where he attended Celina High School and graduated in 1946. He then attended North Texas State College, now known as the Uni-

versity of North Texas, and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science. He taught math for 10 years until deciding to farm full time, first with his father and then with his son, and continues to help his son and grandson as needed.

During his farming years, Billie Ray served on the Celina Cooperative Gin Board for 37 years. He has been a longtime director of the Collin County Farm Bureau and for six years served as a director of the Texas Farm Bureau. During part of this time he served on the Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Boards and continues to be involved in federal and state legislative affairs. He also served on the Project 2000 Committee for long-range planning to carry Texas Farm Bureau into the next century. He has been the recipient of many awards, including the Collin County Conservation Farmer of the Year, Denton Wise County Conservation Farmer of the Year, Collin County Farmer of the Year and the Collin County Farm Bureau Pioneer Award.

In 1955, Billie Ray married Jane Merritt and they have four children: Charles and his wife Sherry of Celina, Janet and her husband Randy of Celina, Laurie and her husband Russell of Waco, and Mike and his wife Ingrid of Keller. They are the grandparents of 11 beautiful grandchildren.

During the time his children were in the Celina schools he served for 13 years as a trustee of the Celina Independent School District. He was also a member of the Quarterback Club for many years, serving as captain in 1973.

His civic involvement includes serving on the Celina City Council for 2 terms during which the first Comprehensive Plan was formed, and recently he served on the committee for the current comprehensive plan which is in its final stages. Seeing the need for a public park, he was instrumental in securing the land and negotiating the purchase of more than 40 acres, where a wonderful park was dedicated in 2006 to the City of Celina. In 2002 he and his wife, Jane, were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce "in recognition of their continuous service and support." In July of 1976 he was recognized by The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Texas for his participation in celebrating the Bicentennial.

Billie Ray has been a member of the First Baptist Church in Celina since 1951 and has served as a deacon for 53 years. He has been such an important and influential member of the Celina community, and his many friends today join his family in wishing a wonderful 80th birthday to this great citizen, Billie Ray Huddleston.

CONGRATULATING THE PLANO
EAST AND PLANO WEST JROTC
ACADEMIC TEAMS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, congratulations are in order. This June, the Plano East JROTC Academic team placed fifth in a competition from schools around the globe in Washington, D.C. Out of 1,645 Army JROTC programs, 72 teams (24

academic/48 leadership) from around the globe competed in Level III of the 2009 U.S. Army JROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl competition, the final level of the Army JROTC Academic and Leadership Championship. Plano East JROTC deserves special recognition for their achievement.

In addition, on March 5th, the Plano East and Plano West Senior High School JROTC Academic Teams earned 1st and 3rd place honors, respectively, out of 198 teams/schools, in the U.S. Army JROTC 5th Brigade portion of the 2009 U.S. Army JROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl competition.

The Panther JROTC Academic Team is comprised of: Team Commander c/1LT Zen Ren upcoming Senior, c/CSM James Untiedt upcoming Senior, c/1SG Amber VanHecke upcoming Junior, c/SSG Sabrina Gibson upcoming Junior. The two alternates were Plano East Senior cadets Mary Walker and Harrison Stone.

Competition questions are based on the SAT, ACT, JROTC curriculum and current events. The test is administered jeopardy-style, via the Internet, with a 30 second time limit for each question. The team members are able to quickly read, discuss, and exchange information before finalizing an answer.

According to Major (Ret) John Napoli, Jr., who serves as the Director of Army Instruction for the Plano Independent School District, "we are proud of the academic accomplishments of all our students. This bowl is one of many ways we challenge our students on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Our foremost priority in JROTC is to the academic and professional development of all our students. In the last two years alone our graduating seniors have earned over \$4.5 million in college scholarship monies."

The cadets and the Plano East Senior Army Instructor LTC (R) Bernard Aikens are shining examples of the future leadership and military excellence that you can only find in America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 460, I inadvertently did not vote, but intended to vote "yes."

SEVERELY INJURED VETERANS'
BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 2009

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I join my good friends and colleagues, MIKE MICHAUD of Maine and HENRY BROWN of South Carolina, in introducing the Severely Injured Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2009. This bill will provide increased benefits to our most severely injured veterans.

Madam Speaker, as servicemembers are returning from the Global War on Terror with

more severe and complex injuries than in previous conflicts, the services and benefits that the Department of Veteran Affairs provides must change as well in reflection of their needs.

This bill recognizes this need and provides significant increases for these veterans and their families. The bill increases compensation for catastrophically injured veterans who are in need of regular aide and attendance by fifty percent. Qualifying veterans would receive a monthly payment of \$7,552, and those in need of the highest level of care would receive \$8,642.

We are all aware of the impact of attending to daily personal needs such as bathing and eating can have on family caregivers. Increasing the rate of the aid and attendance benefit for veterans would support family caregivers who experience a loss of income, and allow veterans to remain in their homes.

This legislation would also expand eligibility for aid and attendance benefits to include veterans with service connected residuals of severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). It would permit these veterans in need of constant supervision and assistance to remain in their residences rather than being institutionalized.

More servicemembers of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom are surviving blast head injuries cause by an IED explosion than in any previous war. These servicemembers and veterans may not have any physical disabilities, but may suffer extreme cognitive disabilities as a result. A veteran with severe TIM can require constant supervision and assistance to perform all activities of daily living. However, current law does not provide veterans with severe TBIs with the same level of compensation that is available to veterans with severe physical disabilities.

Further, the bill codifies a U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims ruling that protects non-service connected pension payments for elderly, indigent, and severely disabled or house-bound American veterans. The bill also increases this benefit by ten percent.

It would also authorize veterans with severe burns to receive specially adapted auto grants.

Lastly, the bill honors the recipients of our nation's highest award for bravely by doubling the monthly pension given to Medal of Honor Recipients to \$2,000.

Madam Speaker, this bill makes all of these needed improvements without new increases in direct spending. I urge my colleagues to join me in improving the lives of these veterans by co-sponsoring this bipartisan bill.

SUDAN: U.S. POLICY AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CPA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues testimony that John Prendergast, co-founder of the Enough Project, gave yesterday before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health on the critical issue of U.S.-Sudan policy, specifically as it relates to implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). During the Clinton administration John was director of African Affairs at the National

Security Council and special advisor at the Department of State. I respect his views given his long-time involvement in Africa and Sudan.

SUDAN U.S. POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CPA

Thank you Congressman PAYNE and members of this subcommittee for the opportunity to testify on a topic that will help determine the future of millions of people from Sudan and the surrounding region.

At this subcommittee hearing, members will hear a very different message than that which will be communicated at tomorrow's Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing. Today, this subcommittee's members will hear a bipartisan critique of the current direction of U.S. policy towards Sudan. Rich Williamson, Roger Winter and I all have negotiated extensively with the regime in Sudan, have roughly a combined six decades in working on or in Sudan, and have a very clear idea of what is required for lasting peace to have a chance in that embattled country.

This hearing comes at a moment in Sudan's history fraught with danger and potential. There is no effective peace process for Darfur, but one could be built with U.S. leadership. The CPA is on the brink, but could be salvaged if U.S. engagement deepens. Next year's elections are at risk, but could become an important opportunity to strengthen opposition parties and democratic structures crucial for the referendum and for Sudan's political future. The referendum itself is doubtful, but its prospects could be enhanced with a credible international roadmap.

The major unknown variable that will help determine whether the dangers or the opportunities get maximized is the unresolved internal debate over the direction of U.S. policy towards Sudan. In the absence of any agreement on the policy, U.S. diplomatic engagement has been energetic, for which Special Envoy Gration should be credited. But the substance of this robust engagement has been fraught with missteps, lack of internal coordination, and an overall aversion to pressuring the ruling National Congress Party (NCP). Sustained pressure leveraged by meaningful and focused sticks is the principal tool that has moved the NCP to change its behavior during the 20 years of its authoritarian rule. This substantial track record of empirical evidence of the value of pressure makes the direction of U.S. diplomacy all the more questionable.

There is also a broader inconsistency in U.S. foreign policy when it comes to Sudan. The Obama administration has resolutely worked to craft more formidable international coalitions to isolate North Korea and Iran for important U.S. policy objectives. However, the U.S. is not doing the same for Sudan, despite the existence of a regime there that is responsible directly or indirectly for the loss of two and a half million lives in the South and Darfur.

U.S. GOALS IN SUDAN AND HOW TO ACHIEVE
THEM

In the context of its policy review, the U.S. should spell out clear goals:

(1) U.S. leadership in constructing a more effective Darfur peace process, using as a model the process that led to the CPA involving a lead role for the U.S. and a multilateral support structure that provided international leverage, expertise, and support;

(2) U.S. leadership in supporting the implementation of the CPA, continuing the trend of deeper engagement over the last few months but structuring clear penalties for non-implementation of any of the key provisions;

(3) U.S. leadership in supporting the democratic transformation of Sudan by supporting the electoral process, providing institutional support to opposition parties and civil society organizations, and building the capacity of the Government of Southern Sudan;

(4) U.S. leadership in preparations for the South's referendum in 2011, which will be a make-or-break process for the future of both North and South.

The essential word that repeats throughout all these goals is "leadership." U.S. leadership—multilaterally and when necessary unilaterally—will be an enormously influential ingredient in a successful transition to peace and democracy in Sudan.

But success will require greater leverage than that which presently exists. The debate internally within the U.S. Government in part rests on the degree to which incentives or pressures ought to be favored instruments for changing the behavior of the Sudanese regime, the Darfur rebels, and the GOSS. It is the view of this panel and the activist organizations that comprise the Darfur movement that the way forward should involve deeper diplomatic engagement that is rooted in multilateral pressures and the credible threat of significant consequences for policies or actions by Sudanese parties that undermine peace efforts and lead to worsening humanitarian conditions. In the absence of these pressures, and if incentives are all that are put forward, then failure is guaranteed.

Success will also require the construction of credible and effective processes that allow for the achievement of U.S. policy goals. First and foremost, the glaring lack of an effective peace process for Darfur calls out for greater U.S. leadership in constructing from the existing elements a revitalized process that has the chance of ending Darfur's war. Secondly, the U.S. should intensify its early efforts to revive the CPA and back these efforts with the construction of clear multilateral consequences for violations or non-implementation of key elements of the deal.

U.S. policy must be shaped by the fact that these complex conflicts have a common core: Flawed governance by a center that exploits and marginalizes an underdeveloped periphery. Not only does the CPA provide a roadmap for resolving the longest and bloodiest of these conflicts, but it also offers a framework for the kind of democratic, structural transformation necessary to alter the root cause of Sudan's many recurring conflicts. The successful model of the CPA could and should be replicated in a revitalized Darfur peace process. The U.S. cannot afford to allow the CPA to fail, nor can it allow the continuation of an ineffective Darfur process that obstructs any real possibility of peace.

PRIORITIES FOR CPA IMPLEMENTATION

The troubling reality is that Sudan's North-South peace remains precarious at best. Given the mounting tensions between the North and South and the spate of violence in the South in recent months, deeper international engagement is required. Renewed Sudanese civil war could bring wholesale violence on a terrible scale while further destabilizing the entire region. I will focus the remainder of my testimony on the key priorities for the U.S. Government in CPA implementation.

I am encouraged by recent positive steps by the Obama administration to prioritize CPA implementation and to revitalize international efforts to urge the Sudanese parties to work on an array of outstanding provisions in the agreement in the remaining year and a half. These new efforts should be followed up with an approach that penalizes failure of one of both of the Sudanese parties to implement key provisions of the agreement. The hard work begins now. It is time

for the administration to pursue specific priorities in order to meet the key benchmarks in the crucial final stages of CPA implementation.

The U.S. must direct renewed energy and commitment toward the following strategic priorities:

1. **Protect the People:** Due to a worrisome upsurge in intercommunal violence, the death toll in the South this year now exceeds the number of violent deaths in Darfur in the same period, and as elections draw closer, instability may well increase. Tribal clashes are occurring among a heavily armed civilian population that the poorly disciplined southern army has proved incapable of securing. Some of the latest clashes highlight the flaws and dangers of the so-called the Joint Integrated Units, or JIUs, whose presence has often led greater violence, instability, and civilian casualties. The U.S. should take two specific measures to help improve security and decrease the risk of further violence in communities throughout the South:

Work with the U.N. Security Council to ensure that the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) has the necessary capacity to fulfill its mandate and protect civilians. The United States should lead efforts within the U.N. Security Council to strengthen UNMIS' ability to support the CPA, but this support must be matched with clearer strategic vision by UNMIS on how it can best allocate its resources to operationalize its mandate amidst ongoing security threats throughout the South. Other guarantors of the CPA can support UNMIS' efforts by contributing to coordinated programs such as security sector reform within the SPLA.

Encourage the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) to take leadership in promoting local peace-building initiatives to defuse tensions between communities that have taken up arms against each other.

2. **Build the "peace dividend":** Since the signing of the CPA, progress has been slow in providing basic infrastructure and services to the peripheral areas of Sudan. Insecurity and underdevelopment remain a fact of life for most Sudanese. As long as that is the case, the southern government will have difficulty consolidating the peace and holding together an ethnically divided South with competing political visions. The GoSS has also been hit hard by the financial crisis, and is in need of significant economic support, but this support should be aimed specifically at capacity building efforts that can strengthen the fledgling government. Additional investments in agriculture and micro-credit would make a difference on the ground for the people of southern Sudan, more than two million of whom have returned home to very little after decades of war.

3. **Defuse North-South tensions:** A number of contentious issues between the North and South must be resolved in next year and a half, all of which necessitate robust support from the international community in order to keep the negotiations and processes on track. The U.S. should direct renewed energy and commitment toward the following strategic priorities:

Urge meaningful reforms from the Sudanese parties before the 2010 elections. The United States and other key actors, operating on a tight timeline, need to lower their expectations for the election and develop a multilateral strategy to press the Government of National Unity—the ruling National Congress Party in particular—to enact meaningful reforms regardless of who wins in 2010, revitalize CPA implementation, and establish a framework for talks in Darfur that are consistent with the power-sharing provisions of the CPA. There also has to be a clear and unified international posture with regard to addressing the issue of Darfur, given

the near-impossibility of holding a free and fair ballot there.

Keep the parties on track in the dual processes of implementing the legal ruling on the boundaries of the Abyei region and demarcating the North-South border. Two crucial issues regarding contested borders between Sudan's North and South need sustained attention from the international community. The failure to establish clear international penalties for a failure to implement these key CPA provisions such as the demarcation of the disputed North-South border has been a clear drag on the CPA. However, last week's legal decision on the boundaries of Abyei—an oil-rich, contested region along the disputed North-South border within Sudan—is a crucial litmus test of the parties' will to implement the CPA moving forward. Now that the ruling on Abyei has been accepted by both parties, the U.S., the U.N., and the rest of international community must follow through on its commitments to help implement the ruling and monitor the status of the demarcation of the Abyei boundaries.

Encourage negotiations between the NCP and SPLM on long-term wealth-sharing arrangements before the 2011 referendum. Track-two diplomatic efforts can get both parties to consider various scenarios for wealth sharing after the referendum and mitigate the likelihood that these discussions will short circuit into a zero-sum game leading directly to conflict after the referendum. Discussions of access to land for populations with diverse needs and livelihoods and planning for mutually beneficial development of oilfields in the contested border region could ease current tensions over border demarcation and generate momentum for further cooperation.

Urge passage of the referendum law before the elections. Applying pressure on Sudan's Government of National Unity to urge the National Assembly to review and pass the law on the southern referendum before the elections could reduce tensions between the parties after the elections and enable preparations for the referendum to begin now. Once the law is passed and the Referendum Commission is created, potential disputes, such as questions over whether or not certain populations—such as southerners in Khartoum—are eligible to vote, can be addressed before tensions escalate in the immediate run-up to the referendum.

4. **Prevent a return to war:** The likelihood of a return to war between the North and South, or of conflict breaking out within the South, is real. An arms race between the Northern and Southern government is just one warning sign of a tenuous situation that could explode into outright conflict. Several preventive measures can mitigate the risks of violence in the run-up to the 2010 general elections and the 2011 referendum:

Enhance efforts to professionalize and modernize the SPLA. The SPLA has struggled to transition from a guerilla movement to a formal army, a process complicated by attempts to integrate southern militias that opposed the SPLA during the war. To ensure that the south is stable and the GoSS can deliver a peace dividend, the SPLA must continue to modernize through a well-supported process of security sector transformation that improves discipline, command and control, capacity, and competency. Toward this end, the Obama administration should explore the sale of an air defense system to the GoSS. Although introducing new weapons systems into a volatile military environment could be interpreted as contrary to donors' responsibility to make unity attractive, it is in the interests of lasting stability that the GoSS spend money on defense wisely. Unlike the afore-

mentioned refurbished tanks, an air defense is non-offensive and helps level the playing field by neutralizing the north's major tactical advantage in the event of renewed hostilities.

COMPREHENSIVE PEACE: THE ONLY OPTION IN
SUDAN

Ending genocide in Darfur and fulfilling the promise of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement requires a comprehensive approach to Sudan rather than reactive crisis management. The U.S. must lead the international community in working now to ensure that the CPA does not collapse and spark a devastating new round of conflict in Sudan. With a significant diplomatic reinvestment in the CPA that prioritizes protecting civilians, building peace in the South, and defusing tensions between the North and South, the U.S. can help prevent the catastrophic consequences of a potential collapse of the CPA.

HONORING DARRELL "SHIFTY"
POWERS

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a southwest Virginia resident whose service to this Nation will long be remembered. On June 17, 2009, Darrell "Shifty" Powers, a distinguished World War II veteran, passed away. I would like to take this occasion to recognize his many contributions through his military service to our great Nation. Mr. Powers, who was portrayed in the HBO documentary film "Band of Brothers," is a true American hero from southwest Virginia.

A native of the Dickenson County, Town of Clinchco, Virginia, Mr. Powers volunteered for the United States Army during the early stages of the Second World War in 1942. He was quickly assigned to the newly formed 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment and began training at Camp Toccoa, Georgia. Each day, the new recruits would train by running 6 miles up and down the Curahee Mountain. As a result of the steadfast dedication of Mr. Powers and the other members of what came to be known as Easy Company, the regiment was quickly transformed into one of the Army's toughest fighting units.

In 1943, after completion of parachute school at Ft. Benning, Georgia, the 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry was attached to the 101st Airborne Division and was transferred to England, where they would spend a year preparing to invade the European continent.

At about 1 a.m. on June 6, 1944, Mr. Powers and the other members of Easy Company boarded a plane which transported them across the English Channel in order to parachute into Normandy behind German fortified positions. Shortly after landing, Mr. Powers and 2 fellow soldiers realized that they were a day's walk from their intended drop zone. The Airborne troops spent almost a week fighting German soldiers before they were sent back to England to prepare for an invasion of Holland.

In September 1944, Mr. Powers' unit, along with Polish and English divisions, parachuted into Holland to secure a road for tanks and supply shipments to prepare for a push across

the Rhine River into Germany. During the attack, the English troops landed in a German tank division and were immediately killed. Mr. Powers and the rest of Easy Company spent the following 3 months fighting for control of the same road, laying low during the day and moving at night.

After securing the road and moving out of Holland, Easy Company was then ordered to defend the town of Bastogne, Belgium, when they learned that German troops had counter-attacked along the Adrennes forest. For nearly a week, the undermanned and under-supplied Easy Company fought off a much larger German force. Easy Company lost 16 men during that week of fighting at Bastogne, and 34 more during fighting at Normandy and Holland.

A little more than a month after Hitler's forces were pushed back in mid-January, General Dwight Eisenhower met with Mr. Powers' unit in France and awarded them the Distinguished Unit Citation for holding Bastogne.

Soon after, Mr. Powers earned enough combat points to step away from the front lines of battle and return home to southwest Virginia. Mr. Powers was on his way out of combat when the truck he was riding in collided head-on with another Army truck, killing one soldier and badly injuring Mr. Powers.

After recovering from these injuries he returned home to work for Clinchfield Coal Company in Dickenson County, Virginia, for 33 years. Mr. Powers rarely spoke of the horrors of the combat he faced until producers came to him with the "Band of Brothers" HBO mini-series idea. After the success of "Band of Brothers," Mr. Powers often would receive countless expressions of support and thanks for the role he and his combat unit played in World War II. Upon Mr. Power's passing his online obituary received comments from people across the Nation and several individuals from Europe paying tribute and expressing deep appreciation for the sacrifices he made to help free Europe during World War II. In his later years, Mr. Powers dedicated a great deal of time to speak to current soldiers stationed or returning from Iraq and Afghanistan about his experiences in war and life.

The outstanding dedication and sacrifice that Mr. Darrell "Shifty" Powers displayed during his time with the United States Army will be remembered not only by countless citizens in my congressional district in southwest Virginia but also by citizens across this country and across Europe. The effects of his service to our country will be forever lasting. I want to honor the passing of a great Virginian and a great American.

**MEDICARE VA REIMBURSEMENT
ACT OF 2009**

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I recently introduced H.R. 3365, the Medicare VA Reimbursement Act of 2009. This legislation authorizes the establishment of a Medicare VA reimbursement program where HHS reimburses the VA for the provision of health care to Medicare eligible veterans for the treatment of non-service-connected conditions at VA medical facilities.

Today, there are veterans who have earned VA health care benefits with their service to our country, as well as Medicare benefits, by paying into the Social Security system during their working years. Even though these individuals have clearly earned both of these benefits, current law unfairly prohibits them from using their Medicare benefits at VA facilities even though they may feel more comfortable seeking care among their fellow veterans from VA providers who specialize in caring for veterans.

This is also inconsistent with the authorities granted to other Federal entities such as the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Department of Defense's (DoD) TRICARE for Life that are allowed to bill Medicare. IHS and DoD are able to augment their resources with Medicare collections and reinvest the extra funding back into their programs and services. H.R. 3365 would provide equity in such billing practices among the Federal entities. In other words, the VA would be able to access an important new source of revenues from Medicare which may be reinvested to further strengthen the VA's health care system.

In detail, this legislation requires the Secretaries of VA and HHS to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) no later than six months after the date of the enactment of the Act. The MOU must establish such program elements as the frequency of reimbursement, the billing system, the data sharing agreement, and the payment rate.

H.R. 3365 also provides some guidelines on setting the payment rate so that the terms that contributed to the failure of the Medicare DoD Subvention Demonstration Project are not repeated again. For example, this legislation prohibits setting a reimbursement rate which is less than 100 percent of the amount that Medicare would pay a participating provider. It also prohibits annual caps on reimbursement and does not allow for a maintenance of effort requirement, which refers to the requirement that VA maintain a certain level of spending before they can be reimbursed from HHS.

Finally, H.R. 3365 requires an annual report to Congress providing program data, as well as a triennial GAO report assessing the program impact.

I urge the support of all Members for this important legislation.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GANDHI-KING SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act of 2009. The purpose of this legislation is to create three international initiatives that take the philosophy and examples of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and apply them to current day issues.

In recent years, increasing youth violence has been the center of national headlines. Gangs, drug abuse, stabbings, shootings, bullying, unnecessary harm and heartache plagues schools and communities from Atlanta to Chicago and in unsuspecting urban, rural,

and suburban areas all around and in between. In response to this alarming trend, I introduced the SAFETY through Nonviolence Act, a bill that would teach the doctrine of non-violence in thought, words and actions to students, educators, local police, and community leaders. In reality, Madam Speaker, violence, human rights abuses, discrimination, unprecedented poverty, and terrorism are devastating every corner of our globe, and despite so much progress, much work remains.

In February, I led a congressional delegation with my good friend, the Gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) to India to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King's visit to the country. With an official send-off from Secretary Clinton, the delegation was welcomed by the Indian government and Indian people. Martin Luther King, III, his wife, Mrs. Arndrea Waters, and outstanding musicians from the Thelonius Monk Institute of Jazz also celebrated this historic visit with concerts, meetings, and ceremonies across the country.

The congressional delegation also met with Indian government officials, business leaders, and non-governmental organizations on issues of terrorism, democracy, human rights, child labor and trafficking, poverty, and international conflicts. Each of us returned to the United States inspired and determined in our own way to see how we could apply our experiences, our shared history, and the legacies of these two great men to some of the issues facing the international community. How can we build a new generation that understands the benefit of peace?

This legislation responds to that question. The Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act of 2009 would create an undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate student exchange program in which students would travel to significant sites of the American Civil Rights Movement and the Indian Independence Movement. They would then develop proposals on how to apply the philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to modern issues such as human rights, peaceful conflict resolution, civil rights, and democracy.

The second initiative created by this bill is a professional training module for international state, local and national government employees from conflict regions to develop international conflict solutions based on Gandhian principles.

Last but not least, the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act would develop an annual public diplomacy forum to be held alternately in the United States and India which will focus on the philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the resolution of global conflicts.

I believe that each person must ask themselves how we can make this little piece of real estate that we call Earth, a little cleaner, a little greener, a little safer, a little more peaceful. Gandhi once said that, "If we are to reach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children." The Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act of 2009 does just that and a little bit more.

Madam Speaker, I hope all of my colleagues will support this good, common-sense legislation that should be a cornerstone of our public diplomacy efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 478 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 135), "no" on rollcall vote No. 479 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1129).

HONORING MS. JANE MARKHAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Jane Markham, a dedicated member of my district office staff. Jane's last day as a Congressional Aide and District Representative in our office will be August 1, 2009, and she deserves our wholehearted appreciation for her work.

Jane Markham began her career working for Congress in 1997 as District Director and Field Representative for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and in 2003 she came to Chicago, Illinois to work for Congressman Rahm Emanuel, serving as a Congressional Aide and District Representative. She was instrumental to my transition into Congress and has served the needs of countless constituents of the 5th District.

While Jane's dedication and integrity will be sorely missed, her infectious personality and jovial attitude will be irreplaceable. Her sense of humor and vivacity are her trademark and our district staff will be at a loss without her unfaltering ability to make a person smile. Jane's family has always been a priority in her life. She and her husband David Cameron are the proud parents of their children, Mira and Julia.

We thank Jane for her time in our office, both as a co-worker tirelessly dedicated to constituent services and as a friend. We wish her all the best in the future knowing wherever that she may be, Jane will be going there with a confidence and liveliness that will be felt by all.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the record regarding H.R. 3327, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (HYPER-IFP)

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$2,000,000 for the Hyper-IFP (Hyper spectral Sensor for Improved Force Protection) Program. The introduction of a Hyper-IFP in FY08 is allowing the detection and recognition of humans (with a near zero false alarm rate) and providing indication of other certain physiological triggers that can indicate that a person is under extreme stress such as contemplating "bad" behavior. To date successful development, test and evaluation has been done in the lab, though these systems have not been fully optimized for theatre operation or for costs. The continued funding of Hyper-IFP will operationalize and integrate the knowledge gain in the lab and apply it in a true-fielded application at an affordable cost. The Hyper-IFP system will also be environmentally hardened to allow field deployment and allow integration with other FP sensors in the last quarter of 2009. Hyper-IFP is focused on the missions of Perimeter Security, Suicide Bomb Detection and Urban Route Recon. Utility will be demonstrated through an evaluation in both the Southwest border and contingency mission in Southwest Asia. This effort will require leveraging the current Force Protection sensor suite designs for the missions sites to maintain interoperability. In the end, this request focuses on both achieving data verification, and the delivery of sufficient hardware to validate the Technical Data package for re-procurement as well as demonstrate the system's ability to deploy to DoD/DHS users for the missions described. The Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, Ft. Belvoir Virginia, is very supportive of this project.

Project: Aircrew Body Armor and Load Carriage Vest System

Account: Other Procurement—U.S. Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eagle Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Biltmore Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

Description of Request: To provide \$3,000,000 to issue the Aircrew Body Armor Load Carriage Vest System, an integrated body armor vest system, to aircrew personnel. The system provides fire retardancy and ballistic protection from a wide array of threats including small arms fire, fragmenting shrapnel and spall, while decreasing the heat stress and weight burdens faced by airmen. Currently issued aircrew flight equipment survival vests are not body armor-compatible due to weight, heat, and survivability concerns. Current issue is not fire retardant and fails to meet the present needs of the U.S. Air Force. Of the \$3 million, approximately 25% is for materials; 25% is for labor; and 50% is for armor and armor integration.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Air Force-Other Procurement account. If funded in full, this is a one-time funding request with the goal of the Air Force using internally budgeted funding to continue fielding the system to aircrew personnel.

A TRIBUTE TO TUMBLEWEED SMITH

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize distinguished writer, speaker, and entertainer, Bob Lewis, better known as Tumbleweed Smith. Tumbleweed Smith is both creator and producer of the renowned radio program *The Sound of Texas*. August 1, 2009 will mark the celebration of 40 prosperous years on the air, making *The Sound of Texas* the longest running syndicated radio program in Texas.

In his 40 years of interviews, Tumbleweed Smith has accumulated the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. His one-man shows have been performed all over Texas, as well as six other states, and three other countries.

In addition to being an influential entertainer, Tumbleweed Smith has won international recognition for his advertising and production work. His honors include two CLIO advertising awards, the Governor's Award for Tourism, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement award and two Freedom Foundation awards.

The Texas House of Representatives has recognized Tumbleweed "for creating a priceless resource of Texas folk tales, lore and wisdom." He was honored by the Texas House of Representatives in 1999 for his outstanding communication skills and radio service to West Texas. In 2008 he was recognized by the Texas State Senate for celebrating his 10,000th program of *The Sound of Texas*.

Mr. Lewis resides in Big Spring, TX with his wife Susan and they have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandsons. He writes a syndicated weekly news column and teaches radio production in the Permian Basin. Tumbleweed Smith is a true gem to West Texas. I am proud to honor his achievements and look forward to more of his unique and entertaining work in the future.

TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CONSISTENCY ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, earlier today I introduced legislation—the Taxpayer Responsibility, Accountability, and Consistency Act. The aim of this legislation is to reverse the growing trend of the misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Independent contractors serve a legitimate purpose in our workforce, our economy, and in many business models. These contractors are important to our economy and often provide the flexibility that many businesses need. Some employers, however, are using a loophole that exists in the Internal Revenue Code to treat workers that are actually employees as contractors in order to reduce their own tax liability and avoid federal and state labor law. When employees are misclassified as contractors, responsible companies lose business,

workers lose rights and protections, and the federal and state governments lose out of billions of dollars in much-needed revenue.

This legislation is similar to the measure I introduced last year, along with Representatives RICHARD NEAL, and JOHN TIERNEY. I am pleased we have joined together again this Congress to reintroduce this initiative. Our efforts to construct this bill were informed by information obtained through public hearings on this issue in the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The Taxpayer Responsibility, Accountability, and Consistency Act would close the tax loophole that allows employers to misclassify employees as contractors at will. It aims to put all employers on a level playing field, protect workers, and reduce the federal budget deficit. The intention of the bill is not to deny businesses the ability to use legitimate independent contractors; instead it is to ensure that laws that determine what an employee or independent contractor is are evenly applied. They are not today.

I recognize that this issue is one that has vexed the Congress for some time and that forging the necessary degree of consensus to address this problem will be difficult. I intend for the legislation introduced today to serve as a basis for discussion and look forward to working with many stakeholders to perfect the bill and help push for its passage.

RECOGNIZING TREENA TUBBS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Treena Tubbs of Malad, Idaho. Treena is celebrating her twentieth year of work for the U.S. Government. She began her career with the USDA-FSA in the Malad office. After three years, she was recruited to work for the Veterans Administration. She traveled to Pocatello to work at the Veterans Affairs Community-based Outreach Clinic of the George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Treena quickly became known as a friendly and helpful assistant to the veterans who came to the clinic for services. Throughout her career, she has proved herself to be a compassionate ally of those who have bravely served their country and now are in need of medical care. By contributing her time and talents, Treena has ensured a brighter future for our veterans.

It is not enough for Treena to assist in meeting the needs of veterans during office hours. She always makes time from home to help fill out paperwork, answer questions, and remind of appointments. Because it is often difficult to remember all the questions while in the doctor's office, Treena welcomes calls at home to clarify issues the veteran may have regarding his or her care.

The son of one veteran tells of Treena calling in the evening to make sure his father was alright, as he had missed his appointment that day. Another vet said he spent several hours asking questions at Treena's kitchen table on a Saturday.

Although the drive from Malad to Pocatello is difficult, Treena makes it to the clinic unless the winter roads become truly impassable.

In keeping with her commitment to make positive contributions to her community and her sincere willingness to serve, Treena has recently been appointed to the Oneida County Hospital Board.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have a constituent in my district who is dedicated to improving the lives of our veterans and who devotes her time in selfless service to others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 655 (on agreeing to H. Res. 685), "present" on rollcall vote No. 656 (on motion to table the Boehner Privileged Resolution).

HONORING MR. DAVID HAWPE

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of Kentucky's premier journalists, a man who has shaped countless events and policies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for decades, Mr. David Hawpe. After 40 years of public service journalism, tough reporting, and insightful analysis as editorial director, he will retire on August 14, 2009. I cannot begin to adequately describe the immeasurable contributions Mr. Hawpe has made to better the lives of all Kentuckians.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1965 with a focus in journalism, Mr. Hawpe began his career as a reporter for the Associated Press and then moved to the The St. Petersburg Times in Florida, where he was an editorial writer.

In 1969, he came back to his home state and took charge of the Hazard bureau of The Courier-Journal in Eastern Kentucky, and in 1972, he moved to the Louisville home office. Mr. Hawpe held many positions, including editorial writer, assistant regional editor, managing editor and editor of The Courier-Journal and also served as city editor of the former afternoon newspaper, The Louisville Times.

Through his decades of reporting, Mr. Hawpe's influence can be seen in nearly every corner of the state.

He covered the Hyden mine disaster in 1970, bringing to light the many hazards and realities of coal mining. In later years, he played a significant role in strengthening laws and regulations governing the mining industry, and attacked abuses related to the broad deed and strip mining.

Through his reporting and advocacy, he helped bring about new regulations of toxic

chemicals, improved school bus safety, better enforcement of drunk driving laws, and reform in the medical license system.

Through his and his colleagues' legislative coverage, Mr. Hawpe and his coworkers literally helped reshape the Kentucky General Assembly—my home state's legislative body—into a more influential, co-equal branch of state government. In conjunction with formidable investigative reporting, Mr. Hawpe also played a critical role in the momentum to rewrite Kentucky's campaign finance laws.

And also, very notably, Mr. Hawpe has been instrumental in the reform of Kentucky's public education system. Through his direction of relentless and informed reporting, he helped convince the public that Kentucky was in need of meaningful, extensive higher education reform, which paved the way for the 1997 Kentucky Higher Education Reform Act. He has been credited by many, including a former governor and key policy makers, with being the main force behind this historic legislation.

In light of these achievements, it should be no surprise the newspaper won four Pulitzer prizes under his direction.

Mr. Hawpe is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame and has long been a strong advocate for ethics and diversity initiatives. A Nieman Fellow at Harvard, he was also prominent in national news organizations, having served as president of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Through Mr. Hawpe's editorials and columns, he has been called "the voice and conscience of The Courier-Journal" and, in my opinion, in many ways, he has been the voice and conscience of reform and good policy in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Over the years, he has held individuals and institutions accountable for their actions, reined in unfair practices, and been an unwavering advocate for the underprivileged. Mr. Hawpe will be sorely missed, but the impact of his work will be felt in my state, and, indeed the nation, for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that he has made our great state even better.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Commerce, Justice Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2847.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2997

ARS

Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Formosan Subterranean Research—\$2,600,000. The Formosan subterranean termite has infested 32 of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, with the most severe infestations in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. This insect has caused millions of dollars worth of damage including over \$300 million in New Orleans alone. Clearly, it is the most costly

pest in the state and the management of this termite is essential to Louisiana's economic well-being. For the last seven years, the LSU AgCenter has participated in the USDA/ARS project, Operation Fullstop. The AgCenter is the lead agency in management programs for this termite in the French Quarter and 16 public schools in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. The AgCenter has received approximately \$10.4 million since the initial appropriation in FY 1998. Sixty-six percent (66%) or (\$6,874,724) of these funds has been pass-through money to the pest management professionals (PMPs) and thirty-four percent (34%) or (\$3,520,606) has been used to conduct research and extension educational programs. During the past year, the AgCenter received \$750,000 for research and extension activities. Plans for 2010 include expansion from 77 blocks currently to the entire French Quarter (95 blocks), funding permitting. Termite numbers in the French Quarter have been reduced 75% in Part 1 blocks and 50% in other blocks after two years in the program. Plans for 2010 also include an education program with residents in New Orleans to develop neighborhood programs, in which residents would receive education, inspections, and program evaluation from the AgCenter. Significant numbers of property owners outside the program are adopting the French Quarter model of the program. Research would include use of molecular methods (mainly microsatellite genotyping) to determine colony affiliations of termites. This permits tracking of colony movement and permits assessment of colony elimination after treatment and floods (Katrina), i.e., are colonies detected after treatment survivors or new colonies. Research would also include use of molecular markers to establish colony origin and flight range of alates. This aids in understanding termite swarm behavior. Extension would continue to provide the critical tasks of educating the citizenry on all aspects of integrated pest management (IPM) of structural pests. Results of research and education outreach conducted within this request will benefit the State of Louisiana and the rest of the nation in combating the spread of the Formosan Subterranean Termite and in educating the public regarding its control.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 2997

ARS

USDA Sugarcane Lab, 5883 USDA Road, Houma, La

ARS Sugarcane Research \$3,654,000. The domestic sugarcane industry and others are interested in developing cellulosic opportunities to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of fossil fuel. The ARS's Sugarcane Research Laboratory (SRL) scientists at Houma are involved in a multidisciplinary team effort to develop superior varieties of sugarcane, for both sugar production and for the bio-energy industry that is evolving across the southeast. Additionally, the SRL is developing production practices needed for profitable production of sugarcane for both sugar and energy. The current facilities are not designed to handle an expanded program and lack many of the safeguards (environment, employee, and security) required by current federal standards.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 2997
NIFA SRG

Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Aquaculture \$150,000. Louisiana contains one of the most diverse aquaculture industries in the U.S. The state continues to lead the nation in production of crawfish, oyster, alligator, and pet turtle sales. Catfish production has declined in recent years but is still important. The total farm-gate value of aquaculture production in 2007 exceeded \$281.6 million. Research is needed to: 1) enhance crawfish harvesting technology and efficiency and to improve crawfish broodstock reproduction, 2) to further develop tools to facilitate genetic improvement of cultured finfish, 3) to determine the economic potential and effective culture techniques to facilitate the development of a marine baitfish industry, 4) to further refine finfish nutrition and feeding practices so that feed cost is reduced and water quality is improved, 5) to further protect cultured aquatic species from disease, and 6) to develop new value-added aquaculture food products and waste by-products.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2997

NIFA SRG

Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Tillage Silviculture \$188,000. This special grant addresses critical environmental concerns in Louisiana. Alternatives to traditional tillage in southwest Louisiana rice production are needed to improve floodwater quality, reduce soil erosion, and reduce production costs. Stand establishment and early-season plant density have been shown to be critical components of a reduced tillage system. Development of herbicide-resistant rice varieties has allowed drill seeding of rice, which increases flexibility with nutrient and vegetation management. However, the effect of rotational crops on rice grain yield and soil physical condition is not well understood and requires more research. Cotton and corn production are major components of the agricultural economy in northeast Louisiana. Reduced tillage practices and herbicide tolerant crops are being adopted to sustain soil productivity and reduce surface water contamination and are improving production efficiency. However, conservation tillage systems provide a favorable microenvironment for insect populations, which have the potential to limit economic value. Basic biological information is needed on insect population dynamics in reduced tillage systems. The animal waste management component of this project will develop data and systems that allow proper use of waste products and dairy lagoon effluent in two areas of the state. The dairy industry in southeast Louisiana and the poultry industry in north Louisiana will benefit from research on pasture runoff, background indicator organisms, optimum land disposal rates for poultry litter, and new uses for poultry litter particularly as it relates to forest productivity. Treatment alternatives that generate additional revenue to the dairy and poultry operator will also be explored. Critical environmental concerns relative to agriculture and forestry production practices on water quality will also be addressed. Enhanced research on Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help reduce both point and non-point source discharges associated with crop, animal, and timber production activities.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 2997

NIFA SRG

Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Wetland Plants \$188,000. Since the 1930s, 1,000,000 acres of Louisiana wetlands have been lost by human activities and natural forces such as the hurricanes of 2005. This directly affects U.S. security, navigation, energy consumption, and food supply. The potential for loss of life, industry, ecosystems, and infrastructure is enormous. The Coastal Plants Program (CPP) represents a major commitment to focus proven scientific technologies and outreach capabilities on issues critical to restore the coastal wetlands of Louisiana. This program combines the expertise of AgCenter plant breeders, ecologists, and other plant and soil scientists to facilitate the development and utilization of improved native plant resources to preserve remaining marshes and stabilize those that are being re-created. This project will develop strategies for genetic improvement leading to the economic and rapid establishment of critically important wetland plant species over large areas of threatened and reclaimed coastal wetlands. Native populations will be characterized and a genetic improvement program conducted to develop superior varieties/populations with enhanced value in the restoration and protection of wetlands. Plant cloning and molecular biology will facilitate genetic characterization and genetic improvement and provide superior plant materials to Louisiana's developing commercial wetland plant and seed industry. On-site marsh research will address issues concerning beneficial use of dredge material, sediment nourishment of deteriorating wetlands, and factors influencing vegetative response.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2997

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Blackbird Management \$94,000. Blackbird depredation of rice is a serious economic problem facing rice producers in Louisiana. Depredation of rice occurs at planting and just prior to harvest; however, the most serious problem is depredation of rice seed and seedlings at planting. Yield losses due to blackbird depredation have been estimated to vary from 77 million pounds in 1995 to slightly over 93 million pounds in 2002. Economic losses associated with blackbird damage have been estimated to average \$9.3 million annually from 1995 to 2002. Damage does not occur uniformly across the state; consequently, severe economic losses may be experienced by some producers due to the concentration of blackbirds in a given area. The use of DRC-1339 has resulted in reducing the extent of damage and the magnitude of economic loss. DRC-1339 is a selective avicide specific to blackbirds, grackles, and starlings. As a result, reduction in blackbird damage to rice is achieved with little or no effect upon other bird species.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2997

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Best Management Practices \$267,000. Of more than 2,600 agricultural producers trained through Louisiana's Master Farmer program, 92 have completed the third tier of the program which ends with certification from the

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. This represents a high benchmark in performance, which requires completion of eight hours of classroom instruction, participation in a Model Farm field tour, and development and implementation of an NRCS Resource Management System plan to address potential or occurring pollution. With the assistance of USDA programs and other technical assistance, these producers have installed research-based BMPs to address environmental issues. These certified producers manage more than 16,000 acres of Louisiana farmland, all within a 50-mile radius of 303d listed impaired state waters. In addition, multi-state collaboration has resulted in the development of a template by the Louisiana Master Farmer Program that can be used by other states to develop similar programs, focusing on curriculum development, implementation and lessons learned. Land area impacted by targeted programs is 1,020,507 acres.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3082

Army

Fort Polk, La 71459

Multipurpose Machine Gun Range \$6,400,000. Construct a standard design MPMG Range, required to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to zero Squad Automatic Weapon, Machine Guns, 40mm Automatic Launcher, and Sniper Weapons to detect, identify, engage and defeat targets in a tactical array.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3329, THE
LOOK-BACK ELIMINATION ACT
OF 2009

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Look-Back Elimination Act of 2009.

I am proud to serve on the Ways and Means Committee Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support led by Chairman McDERMOTT. I would like to thank Chairman McDERMOTT, my good friend, the Gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY), and all of my colleagues on the Subcommittee for their hard work in the areas of child welfare and foster care.

Today, American families are struggling in ways not seen since the Great Depression. Rising unemployment, health care costs, and a struggling economy are all taking their toll, and children in the foster care system must not be forgotten during these very difficult times.

When Congress passed welfare reform legislation in 1996, they eliminated the existing Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, which was a cornerstone of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, and replaced it with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF. At the same time, Congress locked the income eligibility requirement for federal foster care and adoption assistance benefits at the various existing 1996 income thresholds established by States under the now nonexistent AFDC program. This is known as the look-back standard.

Since that time, the federal law has not been changed, and despite changing economic realities like inflation and wage growth, states cannot update their income eligibility requirements. As a result thousands of children in foster care and adoption assistance programs are ineligible to receive federal benefits.

Last year Congress passed and the President signed legislation to phase out the look-back standard for children in the adoption assistance program. The bill I am introducing today would assist the other children affected by the look-back standard—those in the foster care system. We need to help these children, and we need to help them now.

The look-back standard sets the income limit for eligibility at thirty-one percent of the federal poverty level—a level so low that even a parent's part-time job at minimum wage could render a family ineligible. As a result, states are prohibited from using federal funds to assist those most in need. In my home state of Georgia almost sixty percent of children in the child welfare system cannot receive federal IV-E assistance. Thousands more foster care children across the country are ineligible to receive benefits. This is wrong; it is just plain wrong.

Foster care children need this support, and states are struggling to juggle services to try and prevent children from falling through the cracks. You just cannot put a price on helping a child. We must have this oversight corrected. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this commonsense legislation.

HEREFORD WWII POW CHAPEL

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the rededication of a Texas Historical Landmark, Camp Hereford Italian Prisoner of War Camp memorial chapel. This World War II monument has survived more than 64 years as a symbol of the shared history that binds Texas, the United States, and Italy together.

During World War II, the Hereford POW camp stretched across 800 acres in Castro and Deaf Smith counties in West Texas. It was the second largest United States POW camp built during World War II. An estimated 5,000 Italian POWs were held at the site between February 1943 and June 1946, when the last of the POWs were repatriated.

In 1945, the Italian POWs received permission from the U.S. military to pay for and build a chapel within the camp to serve as a marker for the burial site of their fallen soldiers. In honor of their five comrades who died while interned, skilled artisan Italian prisoners constructed the thirteen-foot-square chapel. After the war, the deceased were exhumed and returned to Italy, leaving the chapel abandoned and vulnerable to deterioration.

In 1988, former POWs donated money, original sketches, and photographs for the first major restoration of the chapel. The project was completed in time for a reunion held in Hereford in June, 1989. In 1992, the Texas Historical Commission declared the chapel a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark.

In spite of its historical significance, the chapel was severely vandalized in 2008.

Thanks to financial support from the Committee for Italians Living Abroad and the volunteer effort of Castro and Deaf Smith county residents, the chapel has once again been restored to its original beauty. The Castro County Historical Commission and Committee for Italians Living Abroad will co-host a rededication ceremony Saturday, August 8, 2009.

The restoration of this monument stands to preserve the history of the mutual regard that developed between the prisoners and their captors in rural Texas, and I congratulate the community for preserving this piece of history.

HONORING MRS. ERNESTINE
NEITZEL

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has made a very generous contribution to Oregon's coastal health and to the recovery of Pacific salmon and steelhead.

Mrs. Ernestine Neitzel has spent almost all her life living in the Necanicum River valley within the first congressional district of Oregon. She moved to Oregon from Colorado in 1925 at the age of four. Her father had purchased some farmland on the edge of the Necanicum River where they grew vegetables to be sold at local stores in Seaside, Oregon.

In 1945, Ernestine married Mr. Herbert Neitzel, who had recently returned from serving in World War II. Together, they purchased an additional 25 acres of farmland adjacent to the existing farm and expanded it to include dairy cows. During this time, Ernestine also delivered bread to the soldiers stationed at Fort Lewis, Oregon and worked in several stores in Seaside.

In the fall of 2008, Ernestine made the decision to give her family farmland back to the Necanicum River. Before being cultivated, this land was prime estuarine and rearing habitat for Pacific salmon and steelhead. Now, she is working with individuals and organizations within the state of Oregon to restore the land to its pre-developed state. Upon completion, this new wetland and estuarine habitat will help strengthen runs of migratory Pacific salmon and steelhead as well as resident rainbow trout.

Ernestine and the Neitzel family have a long history in the Necanicum River Valley and have dedicated their lives to enriching the surrounding communities. With this contribution, she leaves a legacy of environmental conservation and dedication to the restoration of a natural resource that is an essential component to our way of life in the Pacific Northwest.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: RDTE—Defensewide

Project Amount: \$2,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lentix, 800 South Gay Street, Suite 1625, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929

Description of Request: The funding will be used for the development of a very high resolution benchmarking vision system for long-range surveillance with focus on SOCOM and Navy tracking needs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: Navy RDT&E

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Carbon-Carbon Advanced Technologies (C-CAT)

Address of Receiving Entity: 4704 Eden Road, Kennedale, TX 76060

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 in funding to be used for the continuation of the fabrication development process by refining the design and manufacturability, improving the necessary subscale hardware durability and finally, conducting a full scale demonstration of the hypersonic weapons system at an approved test facility as it relates to the Strike Weapon Propulsion (SWEAP) system.

HONORING BRIANNA LIND AND ERIKA SCHREIBER UPON RECEIPT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge two young women in my district, Brianna Lind and Erika Schreiber.

Brianna and Erika will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 6, 2009. For their project, they put together a project to inform the public on global warming, global climate change, and risk management.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 620 (on agreeing to the Hensarling of Texas Part A Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 621 (on agreeing to the Latham of Iowa Part A Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3288), "no" on rollcall vote No. 622 (on agreeing to the Frelinghuysen of New Jersey Part A Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 623 (on agreeing to the Blackburn of Tennessee Part A Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 624 (on agreeing to the Jordan of Ohio Part A Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 625 (on agreeing to the Neugebauer of Texas Part A Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 626 (on agreeing to the Stearns of Florida Part A Amendment No. 12 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 627 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 628 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 629 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 630 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 631 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 9 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 632 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 633 (on agreeing to the Flake of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 634 (on agreeing to the Hensarling of Texas Part C Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 635 (on agreeing to the Hensarling of Texas Part C Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 3288), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 636 (on motion to recommit with instruction to H.R. 3288), "no" on rollcall vote No. 637 (on passage to H.R. 3288).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Research, Development Test & Evaluation, Air Force.

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Fairbanks North Star Borough, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used to undertake necessary follow-up engineering studies of a synthetic liquid fuels facility at/or near Eielson Air Force Base. These studies will address the environmental, technical and economic feasibility of a facility benefits, technical and economic feasibility of a synthetic liquid fuels facility and the environmental benefits and economic and technical feasibility of the transpor-

ation and sequestration of carbon dioxide to enhance crude oil recovery in northern Alaska.

This project will supply the U.S. Air Force and other military branches a secure supply of synthetic fuels to operate fighters, bombers and other aircraft and military equipment. It will help the Air Force to achieve its stated goal of certifying its fleet of aircraft on a synthetic fuel blend and purchasing 50 percent of its fuels in the form of a synthetic fuel blend by 2016.

Description of matching funds: Funding will go to supplement funds from P.L. 110-329.

Appropriated Amount: \$3,000,000.

Project Name: Synthetic Liquid Fuels.

Detailed Finance Plan: Of the \$3 million, all will go to the Fairbanks North Star Borough to be expended to study the technical, economic and environmental feasibility of the transportation and sequestration of carbon dioxide to enhance crude oil recovery in northern Alaska produced by a synthetic fuel facility located in the vicinity of Fairbanks Alaska.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Research, Development Test & Evaluation, Defense Wide.

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Kachemak Research Development, Inc., 59584 East End Road, Homer, AK 99603.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Kachemak Research Development, Inc. is a woman owned, HUBZone, 8(a) entity. AutoScan, an under vehicle inspection system developed by KRD, is a stationary system that captures the entire undercarriage image of vehicles, ranging in size from passenger vehicles to semi-trucks. Because of the unique capabilities of AutoScan, vehicles do not need to maintain a constant speed as they travel across the system. Funding will be used for product enhancement and beta testing of AutoScan generation 2 and 3 architecture. As part of the inspection protocol at every military base, CONUS and OCONUS, the undercarriage of every delivery vehicle must be inspected. Standard inspection protocols have been comprised of a mirror-mounted stick or search pits. AutoScan makes it possible for inspection personnel to maintain a safe stand-off distance. Additionally, it stores images for later comparison and analysis if needed. And it provides one, complete, clear image of any vehicle's under-side in real-time and capabilities that no similar system is able to provide.

Description of matching funds: KRD profit is reinvested back into the company to provide facilities that are needed to perform the work. KRD investment exceeds \$750,000 to-date.

Appropriated Amount: \$3,000,000.

Project Name: Under-Vehicle Inspection System.

Detailed Finance Plan: Of the \$3M, roughly 25% will go to administrative support within OSD and the contracting agency. The remaining 75% of the funding, \$2.25M, will cover labor: \$1,290,000; materials (including equipment and fabrication) \$238,000; benefits \$262,000; OH \$214,000; technical consulting \$112,000; \$31,000 travel; \$95,000 installation and beta testing of generation 2 and 3 AutoScan before fielding.

HONORING YVONNE DESOUSA
UPON RECEIPT OF THE GIRL
SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a young woman in my district, Yvonne Desousa.

Yvonne will receive the Girl Scout Award on August 3, 2009. For her project, she put together sewing squares decorated by younger girl scouts for children at Huntington Hospital. I wish to commend Yvonne for her community service.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3326 the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Act. This bill makes important investments to keep the American people safe, strengthen our military, and support our troops.

This bill contains \$636.3 billion for the Department of Defense next year to provide funding for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, enhance recruitment, address critical equipment needs at home, and, perhaps most importantly, support our troops and their families who give so much in defense of our nation. As a Member of the House Budget Committee, I am pleased that H.R. 3326 is fiscally responsible, for the first time including funding for ongoing needs for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan in the regular budgeting process. The decision to hide funding for our engagement abroad in "emergency" spending led to financial mismanagement, and it ends this year. The bill also calls for additional contracting reform and other efficiencies, while ensuring sufficient support for our men and women in uniform.

As a veteran of the U.S. Army, and the representative of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, I am proud of our troops who serve our country so bravely. Whether in the Army, Air Force or Navy, the Coast Guard, or the Marines; whether in the National Guard or in the Reserves; each soldier deserves our full support and respect. This bill provides our troops with a 3.4 percent pay raise and recognizes the hardship of stop-loss deployment by providing an additional \$500 per month for involuntary extensions of active duty. It provides significant funding for readiness training and medical care, often overlooked aspects of our military support. Knowing that the mission at home for military families is often critical to the soldier's mission abroad, I am pleased that H.R. 3326 fully funds Family Support and Yel-

low Ribbon programs, as well as providing \$472 million for family advocacy initiatives.

Madam Chair, there is no more important function for Congress than to protect the American people. This bill ensures our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have the funding and equipment they need, provides support for our troops at home, and improves the health of our entire military. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 3326.

HONORING BRITTANY LEAP'S
FIGHT AGAINST NEURODEGEN-
ERATION WITH BRAIN IRON AC-
CUMULATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and fortitude of a very special and courageous constituent of mine, Brittany Leap; and her mother, Sandy, and father, Richard. In February 2006, Brittany was diagnosed with a debilitating and degenerative disorder—Neurodegeneration with Brain Iron Accumulation, NBIA.

NBIA is a very rare and devastating neurological disorder that only gets worse over time—resulting in constant muscle cramping, an inability to control one's body, difficulty with speech, a loss of peripheral vision, and even blindness. No cure or specific means of treatment currently exists for NBIA, and scientists are still baffled by the factors that influence the disease.

Imagine waking up one morning having lost the ability to walk, or talk, or even eat. In Brittany's case, however, this is no dream. This is a very real challenge that Brittany faces every day of her life. To make matters worse, one of the few laboratories dedicated to researching her disease is at risk of having to close its doors because of a lack of funding; doors that upon closing will forfeit the hope of Brittany, her family, and the thousands of other people suffering from NBIA, that a cure may one day be realized.

Brittany is determined to continue fighting this disease and the potentially devastating consequences of what will happen if the research to develop a cure is suspended. She is unwavering in her pursuit to raise the funds necessary to keep hope alive, not only for her, but for everyone else with NBIA. Brittany has taken it upon herself, with the help of her loving parents—and so many others across this great Nation—to raise \$250,000 by year's end to keep the search for a cure alive.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Brittany and her family and all others with NBIA our heartfelt regards for their efforts to bring an end to this devastating illness, and I ask they give their support in any way possible to help Brittany in her efforts. I am inspired by Brittany's determination and I am honored to bring her story to the floor of this chamber.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. This bill provides \$636.3 billion to fund the defense, military family support, humanitarian assistance and oversight priorities of the American people.

This bill provides the resources to implement President Obama's national security strategy, including the new approach he is taking with respect to Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill also provides funding to support the general quality-of-life needs of our troops and their families. Specifically, the measure provides a 3.4 percent pay increase for military personnel; \$8.3 million in additional funds to compensate personnel subject to "stop loss" requirements; and \$2.6 billion to support military families—including \$472 million for family advocacy programs that help children and families manage the many challenges of military service.

The bill also provides \$29.9 billion for the defense health program, including \$500 million for traumatic brain injury treatments and funds to treat Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome. And finally, the Defense Appropriations Act includes a number of provisions to improve oversight of defense contractors and \$110 million for international humanitarian assistance including foreign disaster and emergency relief assistance.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Defense Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, FY10 Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: RDT&E, Army/Medical Technology/Program Element #: 0602787A/Line Item #: 28

Project Name: Understanding Blast-Induced Brain Injury

Amount: \$3,000,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 302 Canfield Administrations Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

Description: Most of the head and brain injuries occurring in current combat situations result from roadside explosions, but there is currently only limited understanding of blast-induced traumatic brain injury. This funding

would be used to model how blast waves from explosions cause short- and long-term brain injury to warfighters and to develop devices and equipment to mitigate the damage. This research will lead to devices for improved detection and optimized equipment designs to protect against multiple insults to the brain from the blast impact and blast waves.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, FY10 Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: RDT&E, Air Force, University Research Initiatives, PE 0601102F, Line 2

Project Name: Safeguarding End-User Military Software

Amount: \$1,500,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 302 Canfield Administrations Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

Description: Military software increasingly is being created by "end-user programmers," who use programming tools such as spreadsheets, military planning systems, and Matlab simulations to create software. This unvalidated software runs critical day-to-day operations and often is not dependable. The funding would be used to develop advanced software engineering safeguards that can be embedded in software programmed by military personnel to help them prevent and detect errors and produce more dependable military systems that save lives and money. Prototype safeguards implementing algorithms and mechanisms will be built and validated through carefully designed studies. These safeguards will be convenient for users and help them reason through the dependability of software as they develop it, protecting programmers and operators from errors and saving millions of dollars in programming development costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION—NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AVIATION RESEARCH (NIAR) WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$1,000,000 for facilities and equipment to expand the capabilities of its National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) to conduct Advanced Materials Research in support and improvement of its ongoing aviation safety research in the areas of metallic and nonmetallic structures, crashworthiness, and aging aircraft effects. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University located at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, Kansas, 67260.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION—NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AVIATION RESEARCH (NIAR) WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$1,000,000 for technical personnel, facilities and equipment at the National Institute for Aviation Research to provide a comprehensive education and training initiative for composite airframe maintenance and airworthiness awareness. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University located at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, Kansas, 67260.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION—INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE DISCRETIONARY—CITY OF WICHITA, KS: INTERSTATE 235/US 54 AND I-235/CENTRAL AVENUE INTERCHANGE

H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$750,000 for preliminary engineering and right-of-way costs for the reconstruction of the Kellogg (US-54) and Central interchanges on I-235 in western Wichita. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES CITY OF WICHITA, KS: 21ST STREET NORTH RAILROAD OVERPASS

H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for an elevated roadway overpass along 21st Street North from Broadway to I-135 in order to eliminate the lengthy vehicular traffic delays and vehicle entrapment issues associated with multiple at-grade rail crossings located along this segment of a busy east-west arterial city street. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita located at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, Kansas, 67260.

COMMEMORATING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as we enter into the month of August, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the anniversary of The Voting Rights Act of 1965. On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. The date marks a pivotal moment in our country's progress in extending equal membership in the political processes to every American. The right to vote is a fundamental principle of all democracies. Yet, in our great nation whose founding fathers and documents boasted of its creation to promote equality, there was a substantial period of history during which minority men and women were barred from that very right. The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to vote for every citizen, but the discriminatory practices of Jim Crow in the antebellum south used taxes, literacy tests, gerrymandering, and language discrimination to prevent Blacks from voting and taking part in the government. Without the right to vote, many African Americans were subject to intolerable injustices and appalling prejudice.

The Voting Rights Act represents a culmination of the great efforts of civil rights organizations and activists to inform the nation of the extensive disenfranchisement taking place

throughout the country. The anniversary of the enactment of this historic law provides an opportunity to acknowledge these activists. Most notably, their tremendous dedication and uncompromising pursuit of equality took the form of peaceful marches from Selma to Montgomery that were met with vicious attacks by state and local police forces. These events caught the attention of the President and Congress, contributing to a commitment to new civil rights legislation to counter the resistance and discrimination laws within the states. The enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 allowed African-Americans across the country to finally have a say in the functioning of the country. Today, I celebrate the anniversary of this law as a reflection of what our country represents: a nation pledged to representing the views, values, and beliefs of all the people it serves.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Chair, it was my hope that this year would mark a turning point in the type and amount of we spend on the Department of Defense. Oregonians know I frequently vote against Defense Appropriations bills as spending too much money for the wrong priorities.

I was pleased to see the traditional military pay raise included, as well as an extension of current stop loss compensation to troops extended tours in 2010. I also continue to strongly support provisions that prohibit permanent bases in Iraq and Afghanistan and torture.

Yet the bill also includes funding for programs that have been outdated since the end of the Cold War two decades ago, and which even the Secretary of Defense would like to terminate. The list of these programs funded here is long and runs into the billions: \$80 million for the Missile Defense, Kinetic Energy Interceptor Program, \$369 million for parts for the F-22 and C-17, an extra \$3 billion for Navy ships, and \$674 million for still more unrequested C-17 planes.

These programs come at the expense of other, more worthy projects and investments. I offered two amendments to the Rules Committee for this bill, both of which would have shifted funding to environmental programs. My first amendment would have shifted \$100 million from the unnecessary Joint Strike Fighter (F-35) Alternate Engine Program and toward the chronically-underfunded Defense Department's Environmental Restoration Program. These programs, responsible for the cleaning of toxic wastes and leftover bombs from all active bases and Formerly Used Defense Sites, will receive less funds than they did last year even though the number of sites needing clean up has increased.

My second amendment would have created a small pilot program to fund a practical demonstration of ordnance discrimination technology. Currently over 75 percent of material uncovered during the clearing of leftover and still dangerous bombs and shells is non-dangerous scrap metal. This type of technology, once proven through a live demonstration, would cut cleanup costs by two to three times.

These amendments were commonsense ways to reduce Pentagon liability, save money and resources in the long run, and make our lands safer for our communities and military personnel. I was extremely disappointed that these amendments were unable to receive an up-or-down vote. But I will continue to work to ensure the Federal government is a better partner to communities.

The Administration is moving in the right direction by being willing to make tough decisions to cut or terminate certain favored, yet expensive and unnecessary, programs. It is my hope that Congress can craft a bill in conference that more closely adheres to this principled and practical stance and that meets the needs of our military and our communities.

HEALTH CARE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, on July 20th, I held a health care hearing in the Minnesota State Capitol to discuss the challenges and opportunities for health care reform presents for Minnesota. Representatives from patient advocate groups, health plans, hospitals, health plans, County Commissioners, and State House Representatives were in attendance. The speakers discussed the need to expand preventative care, to end the practice of denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, and to improve access to quality, affordable care.

In hearing I heard over and over again that the current flawed Medicare reimbursement formula is harming Minnesota. The people of Minnesota want health care reform that addresses the three major challenges in health care reform—cost, quality, and access—none of which can be addressed without fixing the Medicare reimbursement formula. I support moving towards a system that ensures that all patients will receive evidence-based, quality care as the standard.

OPENING STATEMENT BY CONGRESSWOMAN
BETTY MCCOLLUM

FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR MINNESOTA

Good morning. Thank you all for joining me for this morning's hearing.

My goal today is to hear from a distinguished and diverse group of Minnesota experts on the subject of health care reform in Washington. I want to hear not just a view of the need for national reforms—but more specifically—the opportunities, challenges, costs, and consequences for Minnesota as we reform our nation's health care system.

Let me start by saying I support President Obama's goal of reforming health care with a focus on reducing cost, increasing access, and ensuring quality care for all Americans. The current system is not sustainable for our families, businesses, tax payers, or the providers of health care. In addition, almost

50 million Americans are uninsured and too often left to access care in the emergency room where it is too expensive and too late.

As we look ahead I want to maintain a system where people can keep their doctors and private insurance plans if they are working well for them.

I support a public insurance option that will expand the opportunity for coverage and create a competition in the marketplace to keep premium costs down and ensure quality care.

I believe we have both an opportunity and an obligation to ensure every child in America is not only covered by insurance but able to access the care they need to grow up healthy, safe and successful.

We can do all of these things, but I have a concern—a major concern. Comprehensive health care reform in my opinion must mean that all 50 states move forward under any legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Obama. In other words—I want a bill in which no state is left behind—and that means Minnesota.

In Minnesota we are doing a lot of things right. And, each and every one of the people testifying today is contributing to making health care in Minnesota successful. We are not perfect and I want to see even greater strides forward here at home, but when compared to many other places across the U.S. we are doing a good job.

In Congress health care reform is dominating the agenda and we are at a crucial time.

Minnesota's successes must not only be acknowledged, they should be rewarded. Instead, the legislation currently proposed has the real potential to actually harm Minnesota's delivery of health care and that is simply unacceptable.

About fifteen years ago while serving here in the Minnesota House of Representatives I worked on the issue of geographic disparities in Medicare reimbursement. The flawed and discriminatory formula that funds Medicare continues to penalize Minnesota tax payers and patients, doctors, hospitals, counties and the entire health care sector which is providing high quality, low cost care.

If the health care reform legislation moving through Congress simply extends the existing out-of-date Medicare reimbursement system into the future—rewarding high cost, low quality states while continuing to penalize Minnesota—then this is not reform.

Even worse, if this flawed Medicare reimbursement formula is extended as the basis of a public insurance option this will not only penalize Minnesota, it will undermine and deteriorate the very success our state has attained in delivering quality, low cost care.

In Congress, I have been outspoken about Minnesota's unfair treatment among the leaders of the Democratic Caucus and Chairmen Waxman, Rangel and Miller who are writing the bill.

I have distributed a letter I sent to Democratic leadership, signed by 19 other Democrats. Let me read from the letter:

"We represent states in which the quality of care exceeds the national average and per-beneficiary fee-for-service Medicare costs are substantially lower than the national average. Our "low-cost, high quality" states are setting the national standard for Medicare, yet we are penalized by the current Medicare reimbursement formula. Furthermore, any public insurance option that is based on Medicare's current reimbursement formula would only result in an unacceptable further penalization of our states."

I was pleased to have Congressmen Walz, Ellison, and Oberstar join me on this letter because we got the attention of the leadership.

The next day I was invited by Speaker Pelosi to a meeting with leadership and the three committee chairman—Chairmen Waxman, Rangel, and Miller and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer to discuss this issue. In the meeting a study of the Medicare reimbursement formula was offered ... and quickly rejected. I made it clear that we don't need to study this problem; it has been studied to death. Now is the time to fix the formula.

I'm committed to working with President Obama and leaders in Congress to pass health care reform that works to make our system meet the needs of all Americans. But this doesn't mean I will allow Minnesota to be left behind or disadvantaged because we are a leader.

Our group of twenty Democrats will again be meeting tomorrow. My message to leadership is clear—I want to pass health care reform but I will not vote for a bill that hurts Minnesota while benefiting other states. That is not reform, but rather a recipe for disaster.

In closing, this is the most important legislation I've worked on in my nine years in Congress.

It must meet Minnesota's needs and if it does not it will be difficult for our delegation to support it.

In my first year in Congress—2001—education reform legislation was passed called "No Child Left Behind." It was championed as a bill that would transform public education—except for one thing—I was sure it was going to hurt Minnesota and set back the reforms we already had in place. I was the only Democrat on the Education Committee to vote against "No Child Left Behind" and eventually 8 of the 10 members of the Minnesota delegation voted against it.

I want health care reform but I will not put my constituents and the State of Minnesota at a disadvantage or perpetuate a system that penalizes the excellent health care we deliver in our state.

I feel a sense of urgency as I return to Washington this afternoon. Your testimony today I hope will reinforce the need for reform and the need to ensure Minnesota's best interests are reflected in any legislation that is considered by Congress.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing your testimony.

TESTIMONY FROM BROCK NELSON, REGIONS HOSPITAL, CEO

Thank you Congresswoman McCollum for the opportunity to be here today and share our thought on health care reform legislation currently being debated by the United States House of Representatives.

My name is Brock Nelson. I am the CEO of Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Regions Hospital is part of the HealthPartners family of non-profit health care organizations.

Let me start by stating clearly, We wholeheartedly support President Obama's call for healthcare reform, and agree with his position that "the status quo is the one option that is not on the table". We applaud Congress and the White House for their ongoing efforts to obtain universal coverage for all Americans.

Legislation in the House is bold in its effort to obtain universal coverage through expanded subsidies and requirements on both individuals and business to provide coverage. Bold action is necessary if you want to address the problem of 50 million Americans who currently lack health coverage.

Unfortunately, these efforts to provide coverage for all will ultimately fall short unless Congress takes equally bold action to address how we pay for health care in this country. Our system currently rewards volume over value, and poor outcomes over good outcomes. We must change that equation if we want to make health care affordable in this country.

We urge you to insist that reform legislation includes a method that pays for value and quality, rather than the quantity of medical procedures. Currently, Medicare pays the most to less than one-half of the health care markets in a minority of states that generally provide poorer outcomes, safety, and service at higher cost, and much less to most of the country where providers demonstrate generally better outcomes, safety and service at lower cost. We believe that insertion of a measurement of value into the payment system is a critical step to change provider behavior throughout the country and “bend the cost curve” in U.S. health spending without compromising health.

Much of the discussion in Washington has focused on a “public option” and the development of an “exchange” or “gateway” to help deliver that option. We are not opposed to these mechanisms and in fact they could provide a benefit for parts of the market. But any new federal mechanism to provide coverage must operate under the same rules and market controls that exist today. A public option, like the current House proposal, that is based off of Medicare payments or an exchange that tilts the rules in favor of the public plan are bad choices and potentially devastating for local, non-profit health care markets like Minnesota.

‘Pay for value’ is the only tactic that will “bend the cost curve” in U.S. health spending, improve the quality of care that our citizens deserve, and create a long and healthy future for both the American people and the American healthcare system.

Congresswoman McCollum, you have been fearless in your efforts to address the geographic inequity in Medicare and these underlying problems in our payment system. Thank you! Please keep fighting and please let us know what we can do to provide help and support in your efforts.

TESTIMONY OF MELISSA WINGER, CHAIR OF FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL, CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS AND CLINICS OF MINNESOTA

I am the current Chairperson of the Family Advisory Council at Children’s Hospital and have been involved with the Council for 11 years. Through the council I have met many families who have a similar story as mine.

Thirteen years ago my son Devin was born with a complex chromosome disorder: he is missing 45 genes on chromosome number 4 and has an extra 30 genes on chromosome 6.

Devin has 17 medical conditions involving all organ systems. This has required over 40 surgeries and procedures and double that of hospitalizations all at Children’s Minneapolis.

He sees over a dozen pediatric specialists who have all been able to treat his unique needs.

All of his care has been coordinated and family centered which is something that Children’s value with ALL their families and patients.

We are currently treating a virus in his bone marrow and a deficiency in the immune system and he is getting IVIG infusions. He also had a Brain Aneurysm in his carotid artery repaired and needs to have annual testing involving high tech imaging to make sure the aneurysm continues to be stable. He also receives genetic testing to be able to pinpoint potential problems before he even starts to have symptoms

If Children’s could no longer provide this care for him, I am not sure he would survive. The aneurysm could return or his immune system could fail to respond to common infections.

I have my son today because of Children’s. Through the outpatient rehab clinics he

learned to walk, communicate, and manage table foods so he is no longer fully dependent on his feeding tube. He goes to school and performs in music shows and enjoys every minute of it!

I worry about my son, what if he gets sick? What if his bleeding disorder becomes too much to handle? What if he has difficulty with his respiratory condition? I am instantly reassured that Children’s is just a few miles away with everything needed to care for him and make him well again.

There are hundreds if not thousands of families in this state who have depended on the specialty care that Children’s provides when their child needed medical attention like my little Devin. Children’s has never given up hope for Devin, I have certainly never given up hope and at the end of the day I hope that our lawmakers won’t give up on my son.

I may hear one day “that there is nothing more we can do for Devin,” as hard as that sounds I will have to somehow accept that. However if that statement starts with “because of budget cuts there is nothing more we can do for Devin,” I will never be able to accept that.

I see things as a wall going up between my son and the care he needs at Children’s. Everytime there is a Cut to Medicare funding. Everytime a service or prescription is denied. Everytime complex regulation and policy put into place. That wall continues to rise to the point the care my son needs may no longer be available.

My son and I are caught in a never-ending circle. He gets sick, he misses days of school, I am unable to go to work. If we can access the best pediatric effective, high quality, safe care that Children’s provides, he can recover return to school and live up to his full potential and I can continue to work without being emotionally and financially ruined.

I know these are tough times and difficult decisions need to be made. But I urge you not to make decisions about health care that will effect the care my son so desperately needs and deserves.

TESTIMONY OF ALAN L. GOLDBLOOM, MD, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS AND CLINICS OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MN

I wish to thank Representative McCollum for inviting me to testify on behalf of Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. I appreciate the opportunity to give a voice to children in the health care debate.

This is an exciting time in America. We have an unprecedented opportunity to reform the health care system and expand coverage to all. We applaud Congress for working toward this goal, but also want to remind lawmakers that expanding health insurance coverage doesn’t automatically guarantee access to quality care. No matter what we do on the coverage side, if we don’t also address Medicaid reimbursement levels, many patients will still find it hard to get the care and services they need.

Thus far, much of the debate has focused on Medicare. I will focus more on Medicaid. Medicaid is the single largest insurer of children in the United States. Throughout the country, children, and the children’s hospitals that treat them, are particularly vulnerable to the impact of inadequate Medicaid reimbursement. At Children’s of Minnesota, we served more than 42 thousand children on Medicaid in 2008.

Children’s is the state’s largest provider of care to children with cancer, heart disease, severe prematurity, and complex surgical conditions. We pride ourselves on superb outcomes, and are committed to turn no child away, regardless of insurance status.

Medicaid represented 40 percent of our revenue last year. Six years ago it was 30%. For most adult hospitals that number is closer to 10 percent, and often less. Yet Medicaid pays only 80% of our cost. Moreover, while the number of children relying on Medicaid insurance seems to increase each year, we have seen the reimbursement rates erode year by year, usually because of state budget cuts. As the gap between cost and reimbursement increases, our ability to provide necessary care is increasingly threatened.

Much of the health care reform debate has focused on reimbursement rates for Medicare—coverage for our seniors. It is generally 20-30% lower than private plans. The fact is that Medicaid rates are 30% lower than Medicare! Across the country, on average, Medicaid pays about 71% of the cost of care, if you exclude disproportionate share (DSH) payments. If you include those DSH payments it gets up to 77%. If coverage is expanded, but the rates continue to reimburse below the cost of care, then it will be even harder to assure appropriate access to care.

Here in Minnesota, we have an additional problem. The hospitals in our state have justly earned a reputation for providing some of the highest quality and lowest cost care in the nation. Our reimbursement rates are among the lowest in the country. We are therefore extremely concerned about legislative proposals that would apply across-the-board cuts to existing reimbursement rates, without taking into account the value of care already being delivered. The simple message to Minnesota appears to be: “Thanks for leading the nation in keeping costs down and providing the highest quality care. As a reward for those efforts, we are going to cut your reimbursement even further!”

If health care reform is going to ensure real access to health care for children, Congress needs to address a number of issues.

First, health care reform bills must include provisions to set Medicaid reimbursements at a rate that is at least comparable to Medicare. Ideally, Medicaid should cover the true costs of care. The America’s Affordable Health Choice Act of 2009 does propose to increase primary care physician payments under Medicaid to 100% of Medicare by 2012. But that won’t be sufficient. To ensure true access to care, Medicaid must reimburse specialists and hospitals at this level as well. For the sickest children, access to specialist care in children’s hospitals is essential.

Second, we need to protect Disproportionate Share Hospital payments, which help expand access to care by closing the gap between Medicaid reimbursements and actual costs. If more people are covered, but the reimbursement rates remain significantly below cost, then the need for DSH payments will in fact be even greater.

Finally, health care reform needs to help eliminate disparities, and address the unique health and developmental needs of children including coverage for the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.

The investment in children’s health makes a difference that lasts for 70 or 80 years, not only in productive lives, but in avoidance of long term health costs. No other health care expenditure has that kind of return on investment. The needs of children must be front and center in this debate.

Again, thank you for allowing me to speak before you today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

HEARING ON "MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL: AN EXAMINATION OF USPS'S STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE AND DELIVERY ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS"

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I submit the following statement I made in the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia.

[Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, July 30, 2009]

HEARING ON "MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL: AN EXAMINATION OF USPS'S STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE AND DELIVERY ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS."

(By Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich)

As an ardent supporter of the Post Office, I am deeply concerned about USPS' financial condition and I appreciate the magnitude of the task ahead of the Postal Service to ensure its survival.

As you know, on July 16th, the Postal Service announced that 16 Post Office Branches in the Greater Cleveland Area would be reviewed for possible consolidation. After reading the testimony and the GAO report for this hearing, and after hearing from my constituents, I have several concerns. I am concerned that final decisions regarding each branch under consideration for consolidation will be made without full community participation and input. I am concerned that people in my community and communities across the country will face a significant and unnecessary reduction in access to crucial services. I have concerns about the private sector taking over the services that these facilities provide—because privatization of a public need like postal service rarely goes well. The review process must be done at the local level and must consider the unique demands on each individual facility to ensure that the concerns of the community, customer, postal workers and effects on the local economy are fully considered.

Mr. Small, can you please address those concerns? Specifically, how does the Postal Service ensure community participation in the decision making process? How does it use demographic and socio-economic data in making the recommendation to consolidate or close any postal facility? How do I know that any reduction in facilities will not allow private companies to take over the services that will be lost?

(he will give an answer that will likely not be sufficient to address the concerns)

Mr. Small, I thank you for your answer but I remain very concerned. I have here a letter addressed to you asking specific questions about the postal service's decision-making process. I would like to respectfully ask your cooperation in providing the answers. May I count on your help?

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, due to the death of a close friend, I missed a series of

votes on the FY10 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act and also two suspension bills—H. Con. Res. 127; and H. Con. Res. 131.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the following rollcall numbers: 511; 512; 513; 514; 515; 516; 519; 521; 523; 525. I would have voted "no" on rollcall numbers: 517; 518; 520; 522; 524.

CONGRATULATING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Continental Airlines on their 75th Anniversary. Continental was founded 75 years ago as a mail service by Walter T. Varney and Louis Mueller.

Continental has risen to one of the most respected commercial passenger airlines flying more than 2750 flights daily to more than 260 destinations on five continents.

They have been named for the fifth time, in as many years, as the Best Airline in North America at the OAG Airline of the Year Awards;

In addition, Continental has been rated as the top airline on Fortune magazine's annual industry list of World's Most Admired Companies for six consecutive years.

I would like to congratulate Continental and their employees on their 75th anniversary and look forward to many more years of flying to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NEW YORK STATE SENATOR OLGA A. MÉNDEZ

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to take some time out to honor an incredible community leader and important figure on the national stage, Olga A. Méndez.

Méndez, who passed away Wednesday, July 29 after a long battle with breast cancer, was the first Puerto Rican woman elected to state legislature in the mainland United States, serving in the New York State Senate from 1978 to 2004. She was a passionate leader and legislator that fought for not just the people of her beloved East Harlem, but for all people of humble backgrounds. We became good friends working for our constituents and while we may not have seen eye-to-eye on all issues over the years, there was never a doubt that she gave everything she had to public service.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico in 1925, Olga earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Puerto Rico and eventually earned her a doctorate in education from Yeshiva University after she moved to New York in the 1950s. She soon became involved in commu-

nity issues and politics, going from being a Democratic convention delegate in 1972 and a deputy commissioner of the Agency for Childhood Development in New York City to the office of the New York State Senate in 1978.

The first Puerto Rican woman elected to state legislature in the mainland United States, Olga was soon on the frontlines of numerous battles to make sure that people were given the resources and opportunities to improve the lives of their families and their communities, no matter where their country of origin or their background. At a time when so few women occupied positions of power on any level, she smashed stereotypes and opened doors so that a new generation of leaders could be more diverse and open-minded.

In her 26 years in Albany, Olga brought in thousands of dollars in state funds to her district. We became good friends, collaborating together to bring not just city and federal aid to East Harlem and the South Bronx, but also private dollars to assist residents, especially families and seniors. As she worked hard to reduce truck emissions and the alarming rates of asthma in urban neighborhoods, she also reached out to developers on initiatives that would create jobs and expand opportunities for local business. Those seeds are continuing to bear fruit, most recently in projects like the East Harlem Automall and East River Plaza, a facility along the river on E. 116 St. that will soon open with tenants Home Depot and Costco. The fact that she was willing to risk her standing late in her political career to switch parties was just another example of her willingness to do anything for her constituents.

Madam Speaker, I will be among many in New York and across the Nation that will miss Olga's passion and straight from the hip commentary. I know that she will be leading the cheers in heaven when we see our native daughter, Judge Sonia Sotomayor, finally confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice. Thankfully, Olga's legacy can be found in her numerous legislative victories, including our state minimum wage, various worker protection laws and in the dozens of education, health and affordable housing projects that she helped fund. And it will certainly be remembered as we see a new cadre of Latinas ascend into our Nation's leadership circles, their achievements built on the foundation of expectations she helped create.

I am submitting a July 30, 2009 tribute editorial from New York's premier Spanish-language newspaper, *El Diario/La Prensa* which describes Olga's career and importance to our community.

[From *www.eldiariony.com*, July 30, 2009]

A LEGENDARY PIONEER

As New York stands ready to celebrate one of its daughters joining the Supreme Court, it also mourns the loss of one of its most fearless leaders.

Yesterday, former New York State Senator Olga Méndez died at the age of 84 after a long battle with cancer. Méndez represented El Barrio and sections of the South Bronx in the Senate until 2004, after serving for 13 consecutive terms.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Méndez understood well the challenges Judge Sonia Sotomayor has faced and will continue to face as a Hispanic woman. The judge withstood grilling from white, male conservatives and she will become one of only two female justices on the Court.

In 1978, Méndez made history as the first Puerto Rican woman elected to a state legislative office in the United States. Her victory in representing Puerto Ricans and a district the state neglected should have landed the wide respect of her colleagues. Instead, Méndez, one of only a few women then in the state senate, found herself wrestling with the boys' club politics of New York.

Méndez was brash, bold and aggressive because she had to be. She cut her teeth in the Senate and became a battle-ready politician. And she balanced what few politicians were able to do well—an on-the-ground constituency services with the ability to achieve critical legislative negotiations. This, in a Senate that was controlled by Republicans during the entire 26 years she served.

Despite all of the disadvantages, Méndez successfully fought for an increase in the state's minimum wage, ushered in legislation that provided basic rights to migrant farm workers, and secured funding for senior citizen centers. She also fought for resources for early childhood development and gained bipartisan support for affordable housing and economic development initiatives in her district.

Méndez provoked many criticisms, some valid. She opposed abortion rights and was accused of making homophobic statements about a political opponent. Controversies like her party switch contributed to her eventual political demise.

In 2002, she registered as a Republican in a bid to bring resources to her district, a maneuver that today seems to be acceptable depending on who is making the move. Méndez complained that Democrats were taking Latinos for granted and saw herself as handling the business of her district.

For her faults, the legendary senator, who was widowed early and had no children, sacrificed a family life for the political commitment she made. She used her rich background in education, her political experience, and above all, her passion for her community to help many people.

Méndez never minced her words. Anyone who came into contact with her was left with a lasting impression. But it would be a mistake to remember Méndez as simply a colorful personality instead of who she truly was—a fierce politician who did not back away from a bare-knuckled fight.

HONORING THE DEATH OF MATTHEW GLOMB, A RESIDENT OF GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong commitment to public service of Matthew Glomb, a devoted father and husband, a loyal friend to his colleagues, and an admired member of greater Prince William, VA.

Mr. Glomb pursued a career in the U.S. Coast Guard's Corps of the Judge Advocate General, serving at one point as a Military Judge. Following his tenure with the Coast Guard, Mr. Glomb continued his service to our Nation in the Aviation-Admiralty Office of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he specialized in maritime law.

Tragically, Mr. Glomb was fatally struck by lightning on Monday, July 27, 2009, at the age of 49. He was jogging along the beach of Southern Shores, NC, in the Outer Banks

while vacationing with his son at their family beach house. He died instantly, leaving behind his wife and two children.

Mr. Glomb is remembered by those closest to him as a man of deep faith who immediately cared about everyone he met, and he will forever be revered as having an unparalleled sense of humor, and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this dedicated public servant and in expressing our condolences to the entire Glomb family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on July 27, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted yea on each of the following:

Roll 647, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 593, Recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State

Roll 648, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009

Roll 649, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act:

Department of Education (DOE)—Arkansas City Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for Arkansas City Public Schools, Arkansas City, KS, for technology upgrades, professional development, and development training/technical assistance in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arkansas City Schools, Unified School District 470, at 2545 Greenway, Arkansas City, KS 67005.

This funding will allow for the purchase of additional technology to be used by both students and teachers, provide for professional development and teacher training in the use of this technology, and technical assistance.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Augusta Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 402, Augusta, KS Public Schools for technology upgrades in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 402, Augusta Public Schools, 2345 Greyhound Drive, Augusta, KS 67010.

This funding will allow for the purchase of additional technology to be used in classrooms across the district.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Independence Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for Independence Public Schools, Independence, KS, for technology upgrades and teacher training in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Independence Unified School District 446, at P.O. Drawer 487, 517 N 101h, Independence, KS 67301.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in math and science curriculum across the district, and provide for teacher training in the use of the technology.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Newton Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 373, Newton, KS, Public Schools for technology upgrades in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 373, Newton, Kansas Public Schools, at 308 East 1st Street, Newton, KS 67114.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in the district's Distance Learning Lab, and high school library.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Wellington Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 353, Wellington, KS Public Schools for technology upgrades and teacher training in the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 353 Wellington, at 221 S. Washington, Wellington, KS 67152.

This funding will allow for the purchase of in-classroom technology and teacher training and technical assistance in the use of that technology.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Butler County Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 490, Butler County, KS, for technology upgrades and teacher training at the El Dorado, KS school system in the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 490, Butler County, KS, at 124 West Central, El Dorado, KS 67042.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in conjunction with the establishment of a student technology program at the district middle school, and related teacher training.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Butler Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Butler Community College, El Dorado, KS, for the purchase of equipment in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Community College, 901 South Haverhill Road, El Dorado, KS 67042.

This funding will allow for the purchase of equipment to facilitate training necessary to model, render and interact with 3-D objects in the fields of architecture, bio-medicine, engineering, manufacturing, and unmanned aircraft systems.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Coffeyville Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, KS, for their Native American Center, including the purchase of equipment, in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Coffeyville Community College, 400 West 11th, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

This funding will provide for equipment and technology, travel and operating expenses necessary to plan, establish, train educators, recruit students, and fundraise for the Native American Center and scholarship program.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—University of Kansas Medical School—Wichita

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita (KUSM—Wichita) for development of the Clinical Skills Simulation Laboratory, including curriculum development and purchase of equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is KUSM—Wichita, 1010 North Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$1,000,000 for the World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic in Wichita, KS, for facilities and equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is World Impact's Good Samaritan Clinic at 3701 E. 13th Street, Wichita, KS 67208.

The funding would be used to expand and renovate its facilities to address the dramatic growth in medical and dental needs of the impoverished.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill. This legislation provides a total of \$730.5 billion, including \$163.4 billion in discretionary funds, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. In the current economic crisis, this bill makes vital investments to improve job training, shore up our Nation's health and social safety nets, and provide the educational opportunities that are critical to the nation's longer-term prosperity.

With health care reform looming in Congress, H.R. 3293 is a step in the right direction to provide a health care safety net to nearly 50 million people with no insurance and another 16 million who are underinsured. This bill includes \$603.5 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including funding for Medicare and Medicaid. H.R. 3293 provides \$73.7 billion in discretionary funds, including \$2.2 billion for community health centers, \$2.3 billion for AIDS initiatives, \$6.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and \$31.3 billion for critical research at the National Institutes of Health.

During this economic downturn, H.R. 3293 makes important investments to help Americans get back to work. This bill provides almost \$16 billion for the Department of Labor, including \$100 million for low-income youth education and job training, \$1.4 billion for Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities, and \$265 million in veterans' job training. In addition, the bill provides \$135 million for the Career Pathways Innovation Fund to provide new competitive grants for community colleges and local adult education providers for initiatives that prepare workers for careers in high demand and emerging industries.

I am particularly pleased that this bill makes significant investments in the Department of Education. As the only former state schools chief serving in Congress, I understand the devastating impact education cuts have had on our Nation's school systems. This bill includes \$14.5 billion in Title I grants to local districts, \$1.4 billion in Innovation and Improvement, \$12.6 billion for special education, and \$19.7 billion for student financial assistance including Pell Grants.

As the representative of Fort Bragg, however, I am concerned that this bill again underfunds Federal Impact Aid, which helps support the education needs of federally-connected students. The bill provides \$1.3 billion, which is less than two-thirds of the full funding

needs for Impact Aid. As Fort Bragg expands through the BRAC process, military children represent a significant burden to communities in Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, and Sampson Counties, and current funding is insufficient. Impact Aid allows school districts to use funds for either operating expenses or capital expenditures, yet by the Department of Education's own admission these funds are barely enough to support current expenditures for educating federally connected students. I hope that this flaw in an otherwise excellent bill will be improved in conference.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 3293 is fiscally responsible and represents the priorities of the American people. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

IN APPRECIATION OF JOHN
CARVER'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, mention John Carver's name on the San Francisco Peninsula and, odds are, you will be met with a smile. The long-time resident, business executive and philanthropist has helped more people than even he is aware and has shaped his community through his generosity, his leadership and his time.

John was born in Oakland and moved to the Peninsula with his family as a boy. After graduating from Stanford University, he married the love of his life, Susan Haigh Carver. Together, they raised three children, Thomas, Amy and Jonathan and have since been blessed with seven grandchildren: Jessica, Matthew, Christian, Ian, Caleb, Danika and Liam. This year, John and Susan will celebrate fifty years of marriage.

To know John Carver is to be in awe of him. His sense of humor is legendary and, while I did not know him as a young man, seeing John at 75 makes me only wonder what energy and passion he must have exhibited in his twenties and thirties.

John worked in retail most of his professional career, serving stints at Macy's, JC Penney and Bullock's. But John's home and heart was with the Gap, helping build the locally-based retailer into the global powerhouse it is today. For more than 25 years, John served in a variety of positions and it is through his work at the Gap that so many came to know his generosity, good-nature and phenomenal leadership abilities.

Madam Speaker, I have come to know John well in recent years, being privileged to serve with him on the board of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, an organization that is responsible for pumping more than \$70 million into worthy causes and non-profits around the Bay Area. But John's community involvement hardly stops there. He has also given his time, resources and knowledge to organizations as diverse as the Thacher School, Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation, Family Service Agency of San Mateo County, Hillsborough Beautification Foundation, SF Jobs for Youth, Coyote Point Museum, American Cancer Society, and A Better Chance.

John's greatest impact, however, might very well be the thoughtful and patient mentoring

he has provided for dozens of Bay Area men and women. Whether it is career advice, help in making an important decision, or just sharing the wisdom of a man who has done it all, John is eager to help and always more than generous with his time.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to call John Carver my friend and fortunate to represent him in the United States Congress. My only wish is that our earth was blessed with more John Carvers.

HONORING MARTHA DODD
BUONANNO'S LIFE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved friend of mine and many in this body, Martha Dodd Buonanno.

Martha Buonanno would best like to be remembered as a mother, grandmother, and wife. She died after a brief illness on July 6, 2009. Her five children, Helena, Bernard, Carolyn, Jody, and Margaret, and 17 grandchildren surrounded their father Bernard Buonanno crying and laughing as they celebrated the life of this remarkable woman.

Her love of family and children led her to volunteer for many worthy organizations in Rhode Island. She was a mentor in Providence public schools with the VIPS program; she served on the boards of the Providence Preservation Society and the RI Association of the Blind. She was proud to chair the research center at the University of Connecticut that had been named in honor of her father: Thomas J. Dodd.

Martha and I became friends more than 50 years ago at Trinity College in Washington, DC. We shared in common that we both came from political families—in fact, when we first met, both of our fathers were running for Senate.

But our friendship grew over many years because we had so much more in common: Martha loved to travel, she loved to laugh, and always, Martha loved Democratic politics. In fact, Martha volunteered on every single one of her brother, Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD's, campaigns. She adored all her siblings: CHRIS, Tom, Carolyn, Jeremy, Nick.

Martha Dodd Buonanno had a strong connection to this House, where her father and her brother served. She lived and raised her family in Providence and was admired by our colleagues PATRICK KENNEDY and JIM LANGEVIN, and Senators JACK REED and SHELTON WHITEHOUSE. Her roots were in Connecticut and Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO and Congressmen JOHN LARSON, JOE COURTNEY, and CHRIS MURPHY join me in expressing condolences to the Buonanno and Dodd families.

It is a fitting tribute to Martha's life that more than 3,000 people attended her wake, lining the streets for more than seven hours. Her funeral mass was moved from her parish to another simply to be able to accommodate everyone. Those who came to pay their last respects to Martha included Vice President BIDEN, United States Senators, and a Governor; but Martha would have been equally proud to know that children that she tutored, neighbors from her block, and friends from growing up joined that day. As I know well, when Martha made a friend, she stayed friends with them forever.

Although Martha was always a sparkling personality, she became even more so when she met Bernie. Their love, and their children and grandchildren, are her lasting legacy.

I hope it is a consolation to her family that all of her classmates at Trinity College loved her for more than 50 years, and will miss her.

I am honored to place in the RECORD the extraordinary eulogy of her beloved brother, Senator CHRIS DODD, which captures her spirit and honors her life.

A TRIBUTE TO MY FABULOUS SISTER MARTHA
(By Christopher J. Dodd)

Before sharing some brief comments about my sister Martha, I want to observe that anything I say will only pale in comparison to the incredible comments of Martha and Bernie's children, and the outpouring of love and friendship that over 3,000 people shared for over 7 hours at last evening's wake.

It was obviously a great tribute to Martha—but it is also a great tribute to all who waited for hours to say good by to this bright, shining lady.

Now, let me begin with the obvious: My sister Martha is one fabulous gal!

And so we gather today to celebrate the life of a spectacular wife, a devoted mother, an over-the-top grandmother, a trusted fiend, a tireless community activist, a political confidant, an amazing spark plug of a woman, and the best sister a sibling could ever hope to have.

When most people lose loved ones, they instinctively wish they could have had just a little more time with them. The Dodds and the Buonannos were lucky enough to be with Martha constantly in the last days of her life.

And those last days were beautiful. Even as I say these words, they sound so inherently contradictory.

Yet for a little more than a week, my sister insisted on spending time alone with each of her five children and their spouses, each of her 17 grandchildren, each of her five siblings, as many of her close friends as were available, and, of course, Bernie.

How many of us have lost someone without ever having a chance to say goodbye, or the chance to tell them how much they meant to us?

Martha left us with remarkable dignity, grace, and courage. She had the incredible gift of deep, deep faith. She was truly at peace.

And even though Martha has left us, we remain brightly lit by the incandescent life she led. Frankly, as sad as we are today, it's hard not to be overwhelmed with joy and love when we think about a life filled with such vitality and vigor, curiosity and compassion.

Martha was a few years older than me. At least, that was the case until about twenty years ago. I was always the younger brother until one night at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, when she introduced me as her older, white-haired brother.

But, for most of our lives, she made for one heck of a big sister.

I learned early how special my sister Martha was.

One summer afternoon, decades ago, we were about to head off for a family vacation. Our bags were packed, the station wagon was full, and all of us were itching to get out of town—but Martha's 8th-grade championship softball game was running late. So we all waited together and watched.

In the bottom of the ninth, with the bases loaded and her team behind, my sister Martha hit a grand slam home run to win the game and the championship.

As I sat next to her on that car trip for our family vacation, I was filled with the kind of awe you only feel when you're a fourth-grader with the requisite dreams of being a sports hero and you've just watched your twelve-year-old sister win the big game.

Every time I drive by that softball field in West Hartford, Connecticut, I can't help but think back to the day I officially, and forever after was dazzled by my big sister.

Nothing Martha ever did was shy or tentative. When she was just a toddler, during World War II, she once devoured our entire family's monthly ration of butter. And when our father wrote home from Nuremberg, Germany, in 1945, he always made sure to ask how "Miss Butter" was doing.

Over the years, Martha never lost her love of a good meal, but the most important part of any meal, any occasion for that matter, was always the company with which she enjoyed it.

If Martha were your dinner partner, you never had a better or more enjoyable time in your life. She was that much fun.

Like most people with a vibrant spirit and a contagious personality, she made a lot of friends in her life.

If you asked her, she'd tell you that our sister Carolyn was her best friend in the world. Martha had a lot of great friends, because when she made friends, she kept them forever.

I want to acknowledge the presence of several of my Senate colleagues who were with us last evening and today.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi is here with us today. She and Martha became friends in college, and have been close ever since.

I have never known two people who were better friends to their friends than my sister Martha and her friend Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi.

I want to also thank my good friend, and a Martha Dodd Buonanno fan, Vice President, Joe Biden, for making the effort to be with us yesterday.

Here also with us today are friends from high school, friends from college, friends she made during her 45 years in Rhode Island, and friends she accumulated at every stop along the way.

Martha was fiercely loyal and compulsively competitive.

She was a natural politico. She was involved and present in every part of every campaign I ever ran for Congress or the United States Senate. She was my unflinching advocate, my unyielding supporter.

And when I ran for President—a very brief run, you may recall—she showed up all over South Carolina, Iowa, and New Hampshire—and anywhere else there was a debate or forum or town hall meeting.

No matter where we were, she put the hard sell on anyone she encountered.

Even as her health was failing last week, she promised me that she would tear into any opponents I might have from wherever she was.

And in light of my present political circumstances, I told her there'd be no lack of opportunity to use her talents.

However, along with Martha's loyalty came the requirement that you stay true to yourself. So, she had no problem calling me anytime to tell me in no uncertain terms when I was screwing up.

Once, she called me and practically jumped through the phone. "Why did you vote with Jesse Helms?" she asked.

I asked her, "Well, what issue are you talking about?"

"I don't care WHAT the issue is! I just can't believe you voted with Jesse Helms!"

It is important to point out that Martha could be non-partisan in her outrage. She had a similar outburst once when I voted with my friend Bella Abzug!

When she was in her last days in the hospital in Boston, I received a very kind phone call from President Barack Obama, who was concerned about her failing health and wanted me to pass along his and the First Lady's thoughts and prayers.

After the call, I walked back into Martha's hospital room, and said in the presence of her family that I had just received a very important phone call—but I didn't want to be a name-dropper.

Martha opened one of her blue eyes, and said in a voice we could all appreciate, "Oh, go right ahead and drop the name."

When I told her who had called, and what the message was, she opened the other blue eye, laughed, and said, "You know, you shoulda beaten that guy."

I told President Obama that story when he called from Italy on Tuesday to express his condolences. The President roared with laughter at Martha's reaction.

Martha and Bernie have been such a magical couple—which, of course, doesn't mean they always had the same tastes. Which may have had something to do with the magic.

Martha, as you all know, loved to travel, which you'd expect of someone with such an adventurous spirit.

Her favorite spot was the Dominican Republic, but there wasn't anywhere in the world she wouldn't explore.

For Bernie, on the other hand, as Martha loved to say, "foreign travel" meant going from Providence to Westerly. And a trip to see the Red Sox, the Celtics, or the Patriots was a voyage on par with space travel.

So, as all of you know, Martha would travel on occasion by herself—to India, to Ireland, to Mexico and Europe.

On one occasion, she became fascinated with the Lewis and Clark expedition, and decided to follow their trail west—with a group of complete strangers. Or, at least, they were complete strangers when they started out.

It didn't take long for them to become life-long friends, one of whom is here with us today.

Even with all the energy she devoted to campaigning and to the many, many efforts she made in this community, Martha would always say, "My sole ambition is my family."

In one of those wonderful, quiet moments last week, when she knew the end was near, she said to me, "My ambition has always been my family, and I have fulfilled every ambition."

Martha and Bernie have been remarkable parents, and the proof exists in their children. They are all frighteningly bright. They are all remarkably successful. They are all unbelievably well-balanced. And those were their mother's descriptions when she was being modest.

Now, children can be gifted intellectually and athletically just by winning the genetic lottery—but when children grow up with decency, kindness, and humanity, you know that's a direct result of great parenting.

These five young men and women are the mirror reflection of their parents. And nothing, absolutely nothing, gave my sister Martha greater satisfaction than their goodness.

Together, these five children are raising 17 terrific children of their own.

When our parents passed away, Martha was the magnet that kept us all in the same orbit. As we all know, once our parents have passed, it can be hard to get the family together.

That didn't happen with us, because we all knew that if there was a holiday, there was going to be a get-together at Martha's house.

There was going to be good food, and a lot of it.

And there was going to be a lot of laughter, raucous debate, conversation, and the sheer joy of each other's company.

Her favorite holidays, by far, were Christmas Eve, the Fourth of July, and Thanksgiving.

In fact, she never let anything get in the way of bringing her family, including her siblings, closer together—not even the law.

Now, what I'm about to tell you could never happen in my State of Connecticut. Martha once started building a structure on their property in Narragansett which, as far

as the local zoning commission knew, was a tool shed.

She managed to avoid suspicion, even when the tool shed started to get way too big to be plausibly intended for just tools.

Martha got even more brazen with time, as the tool shed acquired extra rooms.

And, really, the jig should have been up when she added plumbing to that tool shed.

But Martha was nothing if not bold, and she got away with building that guest house for our sister Carolyn to stay in when she'd come and visit. Once it was clear that the zoning commission was not about to mess with Martha Dodd Buonanno, she even put up a sign calling it "Aunt Kitty's Cottage."

Martha was so proud of our brother Tom's years at Georgetown, and his time as our ambassador in Costa Rica and Uruguay.

She never ceased in her amazement of her best friend, my sister Carolyn's achievements reviving American Montessori, and her forty years of teaching.

The photos chronicling the growth of her wonderful family, taken by our brother Jeremy, which hang in their home, reflect Martha's respect, admiration, and love of her brother.

And the tales, travels, and exploits of our brother Nick kept her, in Martha's words, laughing and breathless for years.

I already miss my charismatic, funny, lively, beautiful sister.

But she touched so many people so deeply that I don't think she'll ever really be gone. I'm going to see her in the faces of her children and grandchildren.

I'm going to hear her voice whenever I'm on the campaign trail or casting a vote in the Senate—particularly when she would disagree with me.

And I'm going to feel her presence every time we celebrate a holiday, every time we share a meal, every time I drive by that softball field in West Hartford and remember just how incredible it was to grow up with Martha.

Since moments like this never give you a chance to express all of your emotions, let me just say, on behalf of all of us, thank you, Martha, for everything.

All of us love you, all of us miss you, and all of us were so lucky to be touched by your generous spirit.

FISCAL SOLVENCY OF CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3357, however I do so with great hesitation.

This legislation infuses the Highway Trust Fund with \$7 billion from the Treasury in order to prevent a shortfall that will impact the fund in only a few short weeks. The Highway Trust Fund, which is financed by the gas tax, is facing insolvency, again. For months it has brought in less revenue than previously expected as families have felt the pinch at the pump and were forced to conserve more than ever before.

Important transportation projects across Minnesota would be seriously jeopardized or delayed should this fund go bankrupt. That is simply not something we can allow. And that is why I must vote for this legislation.

You will recall that we faced this very same Hobson's choice last year. Transferring funds

from general revenue to cover the HTF shortfall must not become a precedent and Congress must set itself seriously to the task of reforming the way it pays for infrastructure improvements.

Furthermore, this is a stark reminder of the dramatic ripple effect our dependence on foreign oil continues to have throughout our nation. Our failure to aggressively pursue energy independence hurts all aspects of our economy. We must implement an "all of the above" energy strategy and increase our domestic supply of energy resources now so that we do not continue to band-aid this transportation crisis time and again.

Perhaps most disappointing in this specific instance is that the majority also loaded up this legislation with a hodgepodge of entirely unrelated spending, increasing spending levels for three other government programs facing shortfalls. It increased the Federal Housing Administration's capital fund to \$400 billion, from \$315 billion, thereby increasing the fund's statutory floor. It increased Ginnie Mae's guarantee of mortgage-backed securities by \$100 billion, from \$300 billion to \$400 billion. And, finally, it authorized "such sums as necessary" to shore up the Federal Unemployment Account which may encounter a shortfall due to rising claims for unemployment benefits.

Talk about a blank check. In one fell swoop, and after only 40 minutes of debate on the House floor, this bill spends billions upon billions of dollars. Members barely had a chance to know what was being voted on as the text of the legislation was not even available until the very last minute.

We must restore the integrity of this House and stop shoving legislation through that Members have not even had a chance to read and fully digest. I hope that the Majority will work with the Minority in the future to ensure more time and transparency is allotted throughout the legislative process.

And, I hope that we will have an opportunity to address the long-term flaws in each of these programs so that taxpayers are properly protected from these emergency shortfalls.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I yield back the balance of my time.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 3183). This Appropriations Act makes important investments to move America toward a clean energy economy. I thank Chairman OBEY, the House leadership, and my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee for their hard work on this legislation.

A transition to clean, renewable sources of energy is critical for America's national security, economic prosperity, and environmental stewardship. One of the most effective strategies for reducing America's dependence on foreign oil and polluting fossil fuels is to decrease our energy consumption. This bill invests \$2.25 billion in Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy programs at the Department of Energy, a 14 percent increase over fiscal year 2009. This funding will enhance the development of next-generation vehicle technologies, support research on conservation technologies for buildings and industry, and help struggling families save money and energy through the weatherization assistance program.

Improvements in energy efficiency must be coupled with the development of new, 21st century energy technologies. This bill invests \$4.9 billion for the Office of Science—funds that will support development of new energy technologies to modernize America's economy and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. As we develop these new energy technologies, our country must have a modern energy grid equipped to transport clean energy across the country. This bill provides \$208 million—52 percent over 2009—for modernization of our energy grid. This will allow wind energy produced in my state of Minnesota to be transported to areas across the country that have high energy demand but fewer or less accessible renewable energy resources.

While this bill is very strong overall, I have concerns that it could do more to move our country toward a permanent storage solution for our accumulating nuclear waste. After spending 20 years and billions of dollars on Yucca Mountain, the federal government is about to suspend this project and start over. Finding a long-term solution to America's nuclear waste storage problem is the federal government's responsibility, and I urge this Congress and this Administration to make this issue a priority.

The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 is a significant step toward a clean, secure energy future for America. I urge my colleagues to support passage of this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Diego, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Description of Request: I secured \$1,000,000 to fund initial construction work for an interstate highway interchange improvement project of regional and national significance, which will widen I-5 and connect it with S.R. 56 in San Diego, significantly improving mobility of goods and people. The I-5 corridor is the primary north-south link between Southern California—San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County—and Mexico, and S.R. 56 is one of the few east-west freeways serving the San

Diego region. The vicinity of the interchange project experiences extensive, recurrent traffic congestion, with average daily counts of 261,000 vehicles (including 10,000 trucks), projected to reach 430,000 vehicles daily within 20 years. Environmental and design work for the project is complete, and additional construction funding is programmed in current Regional and State Transportation Improvement Plans for future federal, state, and local highway funding allocations. Local and State sources will finance at least 20 percent of the total project cost. The project addresses the authorized purposes of the Department of Transportation Interstate Maintenance account, which includes funding for the addition of new interchanges.

WASHINGTON ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the members of the Washington National Guard, including the 81st Brigade Combat Team that began returning from serving in Iraq on July 29, and thank them for their tireless and brave service in defense of our nation.

Coming from all communities, backgrounds and professions of Washington State, members of the Army and Air National Guard of Washington continuously serve this country at home and abroad. The 81st, headquartered in Seattle, mobilized on August 18, 2008 and is composed of 2,478 citizen-soldiers from Washington, helped by an additional 843 soldiers from the California Army National Guard, eighty soldiers from the Texas Army National Guard and twelve soldiers from the Montana Army National Guard. While deployed, the 81st served as convoy security, force protection, and conducted provincial reconstruction and base operations missions. Previously, the 81st served in Iraq from March, 2004 to March, 2005.

As the 81st continues its journey home over the next few weeks, I pray for their safety and their transition back to civilian life. The service all the men and women of the Washington Army and Air National Guard provide abroad and at home engenders hope, faith and security in the people of Washington. Therefore, as a representative of the 8th District of Washington and along with the rest of the Washington congressional delegation, I applaud and honor the sacrifice and service of the Washington Army and Air National Guard and wish them Godspeed on their journey back home.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congress-

sional District as a part of H.R. 3326 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY and Congresswoman CORRINE BROWN

Project Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: OM,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership located at 1180 Celebration Boulevard, Celebration, Florida 34747.

Description of Request: The funding will be used by the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership for the Defense Job Creation and Supply Chain Initiative. This project will create or retain defense manufacturing jobs in Florida while providing Department of Defense response capability to demand surges and reduced risk of supply-chain disruptions.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$935,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: OM,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology, located at 150 West University Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to provide new, upgraded training space for Army and Army National Guard Reserve Officers Training Cadet Corps.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: RDTE,DW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Soneticom, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Soneticom, Inc., located at 1045 South John Rodes Boulevard, West Melbourne, Florida 32904

Description of Request: The funding will be used to enhance currently installed systems for continued operations.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2)

is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

TEXAS S. CON. RES. 22

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering Senate Concurrent Resolution 22, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 22

Whereas, The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest decoration for valor in combat awarded to members of the United States armed forces; generally presented to recipients by the president of the United States on congress's behalf, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

Whereas, First authorized in 1861 for United States Navy and Marine Corps personnel and for United States Army soldiers the following year, Medals of Honor are awarded sparingly and bestowed only on those individuals performing documented acts of gallant heroism against an enemy force; and

Whereas, Since congress authorized the award, 70 Medals of Honor have been accredited to the State of Texas, yet other Texans have similarly distinguished themselves by acts of courageous gallantry in combat no less deserving of such recognition; one such individual is Marcelino Serna, a native of Mexico whose unflinching and selfless bravery and acts of uncommon valor on the battlefields of World War I made him one of Texas' most decorated heroes; and

Whereas, Born in the Mexican state of Chihuahua in 1896, he came to the United States as a young man in search of a better life, working various jobs in Texas, Kansas, and Colorado; and

Whereas, In 1917, Mr. Serna was working in Colorado when the United States, unable to remain neutral any longer while war raged in Europe, declared war on Germany; later that year, federal officials in Denver, Colorado, gathered a group of men and held them until their draft status could be verified; and

Whereas, Included in this group, Mr. Serna chose not to wait for such verification and instead volunteered for service in the United States Army; after only three weeks of training, 20-year-old Private Serna was shipped to England, where he was assigned to the 355th Infantry of the 89th Division, a unit that was to see action in some of the most arduous campaigns of the war; and

Whereas, By the time the unit arrived in France, Private Serna's status as a noncitizen had come to light, and he was consequently offered a discharge from the army; given the opportunity to return home, Private Serna refused the discharge, choosing to stay with his unit as it began its advance toward the Meuse River and Argonne Forest in northeastern France; and

Whereas, At Saint Mihiel, Private Serna's unit was moving through thick brush when a German machine gunner opened fire, killing 12 American soldiers; with his lieutenant's permission, Private Serna, a scout, contin-

ued forward, dodging machine-gun fire until he reached the gunner's left flank; and

Whereas, Having come through a hail of bullets unscathed, despite being hit twice in the helmet, Private Serna got close enough to lob four grenades into the machine-gun nest, killing six enemy soldiers and taking into custody the eight survivors, who quickly surrendered to the lone American soldier; and

Whereas, This encounter was followed shortly by an even more astounding feat when, during his second scouting mission in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, Private Serna captured 24 German soldiers with his Enfield rifle and grenades, an episode that began when he spied a sniper walking on a trench bank; and

Whereas, Although the sniper was about 200 yards away, Private Serna shot and wounded him, then followed the wounded German's trail into a trench, where he discovered several more enemy soldiers; opening fire, Private Serna killed three of the enemy and scattered the others in that initial burst; and

Whereas, Frequently changing positions, Private Serna fooled the enemy into thinking they were under fire from several Americans, keeping up the ruse until he was close enough to lob three grenades into the German dugout; in about 45 minutes of furious action, Private Serna managed to kill 26 German soldiers and capture another 24, whom he held captive by himself until his unit arrived; and

Whereas, Enduring several months of combat action largely unharmed, Private Serna was shot in both legs by a sniper four days before the Armistice; while he was convalescing in an army hospital in France, General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, decorated Private Serna with the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest American combat medal; and

Whereas, Private Serna also received two French Croix de Guerre with Palm medals, the French Medaille Militaire, the French Commemorative Medal, the Italian Cross of Merit, the World War I Victory Medal, the Victory Medal with three campaign bars, the Saint Mihiel Medal, the Verdun Medal, and two Purple Hearts; and

Whereas, Discharged from the army in 1919, Marcelino Serna settled in El Paso, where he became a United States citizen, entered the civil service, and lived out his retirement years until his death in 1992; although he lived the most ordinary of lives after the war, Mr. Serna was, for a brief moment in time, an extraordinary hero whose remarkable feats of bravery under fire elevated him into the pantheon of American heroes; and

Whereas, In 1993, Texas Congressman Ronald D. Coleman introduced a measure in the 103rd Congress to waive certain statutory time limits on awarding the Medal of Honor and thus bestow on Marcelino Serna the proper recognition he so richly deserves; unfortunately, the measure did not receive a proper hearing, thereby denying the legacy of Mr. Serna its proper place in history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to reopen consideration of this case to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to World War I hero Marcelino Serna; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with

the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

HONORING JACKSON POLICE CHIEF
RICK STAPLES

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Staples, a long-time public servant who will retire as Chief of the Jackson Police Department on September 18. Under Chief Staples, the Jackson Police Department has dedicatedly served our community, and his leadership has proven to be an example for both veterans and new officers alike.

Rick Staples was born and raised in Madison County, which I am honored to represent in this Chamber. After graduating from Jackson High School in 1970, he attended college at Jackson State Community College before graduating from the prestigious Northwestern University Police Administration training program.

Following his graduation from the Northwestern University Police Administration training program, he attained the rank of lieutenant and worked his way up through the ranks until, on October 12, 1989, Rick was promoted to Chief of Police, a position he has held ever since.

During his tenure serving West Tennessee, our law enforcement professionals have seen sweeping changes, from the computerization of records to the complete restructuring of the department. Chief Staples has managed a staff of 253 employees, an annual budget of more than \$15 million and been responsible for providing police services to a population of more than 62,000 residents. He helped create the Gang Task Force and Violent Crimes Task Force as well as start the first Citizen's Police Academy in Tennessee.

Among Chief Staples' proudest accomplishments is the partnership developed between the police department and our community. In 1994, the city council called for a crime summit between the officers and the residents of Jackson. The result was the establishment of the Community Policing Program, which has allowed for the relationship between the officers and the community to continue to grow, something in which Chief Staples takes tremendous pride.

In addition to his service to the Jackson Police Department, Chief Staples has volunteered as a Critical Incident Debriefing for the Tennessee Public Safety Network as well as a personal security guard for celebrities at high-profile, local events such as the Cerebral Palsy Telethon and the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

Chief Staples' retirement is not an end to his service to the public. He has found a new challenge, accepting a position with a security firm located in Baghdad, Iraq. I trust that he will perform his new job with the same dedication, professionalism and perseverance as he has in his current position.

Madam Speaker, I have long been proud to call Ricky Staples my friend. I thank you and our colleagues for joining me in expressing

gratitude for his service protecting West Tennessee families, congratulating him on his retirement, and wishing him the best as he begins an exciting and important opportunity.

IN MEMORY OF JAY CRISCIONE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on July 29th, South Carolina and Lexington County lost a long time friend and leader with the passing of Jay Criscione. Our community has been enhanced as world-class due to his vision on behalf of young people and our senior citizens.

Joey Holleman of The State newspaper in South Carolina has thoughtfully penned the following tribute to Mr. Criscione.

[From the State]

LEXINGTON RECREATION LEADER DIES

(By Joey Holleman)

Jay Criscione, who directed the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission through more than two decades of rapid growth, died Wednesday after a battle with cancer. He was 61.

Criscione started with the recreation agency in 1973, soon after he graduated from Clemson. He took over as executive director in 1986.

Criscione steered the agency toward projects that drew from large geographic areas—the four leisure centers, the Oak Grove and Pine Grove softball complexes, and a national-caliber tennis center. He reasoned that the softball and tennis projects would give the county double benefits. Local players could use the facilities, and local businesses would benefit from regional and national tournaments held at the venues.

“He was a pioneer in the softball craze of bringing in national tournaments,” said Jim Headley, director of the S.C. Recreation and Parks Association. “What he did with Oak Grove and then Pine Grove inspired Rock Hill, Florence and Aiken to enter the softball market. He saw sports tourism as an economic engine.”

Adept at working every financing angle, Criscione landed state grants that paid most of the construction cost for a horse arena in South Congaree and multiple senior centers. He also helped convince County Council to approve multimillion-dollar construction bonds.

“He had a vision for the county,” said Larry Mack, longtime chairman of the recreation commission. “He worked real hard to supply the needs of the people for recreation.”

In recent years, Criscione had been slowed by multiple bouts with various cancers. He is survived by his mother, Juanita R. Criscione of Chester, a daughter and son-in-law, Ramsey and Trent Goodman of Lexington, a sister, Paulette Criscione of Lexington, and two grandchildren.

UNITED STATES NUMBERED
HIGHWAY SYSTEM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the United States Numbered Highway System—

from US 1 to US 830—was the first set of nationally recognized highways in the country. During the Great Depression, federal and state governments put people to work improving and extending the nation's roads and highways. The U.S. numbered highways carried the bulk of intercity vehicular traffic and people migrating west. These highways helped our country win the Second World War, allowing great flexibility in ferrying soldiers and materials across the nation, supplementing the nation's fixed rail system.

Communities all across America sprung up around these numbered highways, which came to serve as Main Streets in many of these towns. The system reached its apex in 1956, but with the creation of the Interstate System and subsequent growth of suburban communities, many of these once great highways have decayed. As a result, many of the U.S. numbered highways can be characterized as “orphan highways,” receiving little or no federal investment. These highways, however, continue to serve local areas with critical connectivity and economic links, and are often the heart of Main Street America.

To create an assistance program that is tailored to the redevelopment of community Main Streets which are or were part of the United States Numbered Highway System, I have introduced the Orphan Highway Restoration Act. This legislation creates a new program to provide Federal funds to assist states and local governments in their efforts to rehabilitate or repair the Main Street sections of the orphan highways running through their towns. The bill provides a needed boost to state and local transportation departments by committing important new resources to revitalize local economies and communities. It creates redevelopment opportunities that benefit local businesses and labor, improve safety on our roads, and creates jobs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation and to reinvest in the communities that make America great.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 3288, the FY 2010 THUD Appropriations bill:

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$1,000,000 for Bus Facility Renovation and Parking Authority located at 300 SW 7th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109. This funding will be used for to repair and replace water cooling tower and correct drainage problems at historic Union Station. Improve the lighting and exhaust systems at the maintenance garage and upgrade the oil and lube room facilities.

CONGRATULATING MR. FRANK
GOLDER ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Frank Golder, of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on the joyous occasion of his 100th birthday celebration that will occur on August 8.

Long a legendary figure in the fields of education and athletic development in northeastern and central Pennsylvania, Mr. Golder has distinguished himself as a mentor and a role model to generations of young Pennsylvanians who looked to him with respect and admiration.

After graduating from Bloomsburg High School in the 1920s where he developed his love for basketball and baseball, Mr. Golder went on to star in those sports from 1927 to 1931 during his years at then Bloomsburg Normal School, later Bloomsburg University.

He went on to become a teacher and an athletic coach at Hughesville High School during which he earned his master's degree from Columbia University.

His teams won two West Branch League titles at Hughesville.

Mr. Golder moved to Bloomsburg High School in 1937 where he was named head basketball coach. In 19 seasons in charge of the basketball program, his squads won 10 Susquehanna Valley League crowns and, during one three-year stretch, he won 40 consecutive league games. His team, The Panthers, also captured four District Four championships.

Mr. Golder was also responsible for establishing Little League Baseball in Bloomsburg in the late 1940s. He also started baseball at Bloomsburg High School where he coached that sport for seven years.

For 13 years, Mr. Golder was a member of the PIAA District Four Board of Directors and was chairman of that organization for three years.

After serving as principal of Bloomsburg High School for 14 years, he retired in 1975.

During his remarkable basketball coaching career, Mr. Golder endeared himself to hundreds of aspiring young athletes with his disciplined approach to the importance of learning the fundamentals of the sport and his reputation as a coach who inspired excellence through a calm, reasoned, approach.

The Bloomsburg Press Enterprise described him as an extraordinary gentleman and a fine coach when including him as one of the top local sports figures of the 20th century in 1999. He was inducted into the Bloomsburg University's Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

Mr. Golder continues to reside in Bloomsburg with his wife, Myra. The couple has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Golder on this wonderful occasion. For his entire life, Frank Golder has demonstrated the highest ideals for a role model and he encouraged his students to rise to excellence both on and off the field of competition. His contributions to generations of our

citizens have greatly improved the quality of life and his legacy lives on with those he has inspired.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MARGUERITE JOHNSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Marguerite Johnson of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Johnson has touched many lives through teaching, volunteering, and as a leader in her church. As a former teacher and principal of more than twenty-six years, Mrs. Johnson understands that a strong education is the key to success and instilled this in her students. She also demonstrated the importance of community service and citizenship, encouraging her students to volunteer and help those in need in the community. After retiring in 1984, Mrs. Johnson continued her commitment to education by volunteering as a teacher's assistant for special needs students at Tree of Life Christian Preparatory School in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Johnson was a 4-H Club and Girl Scout leader devoted to promoting the importance of citizenship, leadership and strong values. She was also a Pathfinder leader in her church. As a Master Guide, the highest ranking position in Pathfinders, Mrs. Johnson promoted youth leadership, encouraged community involvement, planned outreach activities and taught camping, survival training skills, nature and conservation classes.

Mrs. Johnson enjoys the outdoors and being surrounded by nature. She has traveled extensively throughout the country camping and hiking in many of our national parks including Pike National Forest, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Redwood National Park, and the Grand Canyon National Park. Mrs. Johnson also enjoys the Shenandoah National Park where she recently celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Johnson has touched many lives in her lifetime. She truly loves her family and has an unwavering faith in God. Her generosity has encouraged and strengthened the faith and lives of family, friends and members of her church and local community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Mrs. Johnson in celebration of her 90th birthday. I hope the years to come will bring her health, happiness and special times with family and friends.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Power Paragon

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 E. Ball Road, Anaheim, California 92805

Funding Secured: \$2,000,000

Description of Request: This project is a design build prototype for a hybrid electric drive (HED) for the CG 47 Class Cruisers for the U.S. Navy. This project contributes to the future of environmentally sound, fuel-efficient propulsion. The Navy believes that this improvement would realize a significant savings per year per ship. This HED for surface combatants such as the CG 47 would significantly reduce fuel costs, increase ship endurance and range, produce less environmental emissions, increase ship survivability through reduce signatures, and provide increased overall ship electric power generation capacity. This installation would leverage advances in lighter weight and more efficient electric propulsion technologies that have resulted from the Office of Naval Research investments over the last several years.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Athena GTX

Address of Requesting Entity: 10291 Trade-mark Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Funding Secured: \$3,000,000

Description of Request: This project will complete the development of a Wireless Medical Monitor (WiMed) allowing a combat medic to monitor vital signs and triage wounded soldiers in real time. Current medical triage monitors and vital signs data tracking tools are complex, heavy, and have bulky connections. They are also large, costly, and difficult to use. Using proven technology, the WiMed provides increased capability at a much lower cost. By streamlining casualty care and providing patient trend data, life saving decisions lead to earlier interventions and improved outcomes. Prototypes have demonstrated WiMed's ability to improve critical care by linking all patient care within the same wireless systems and platforms already in service. Once placed on a patient at the point of wounding, WiMed stays with that patient throughout triage and care. WiMed works with standard blood pressure cuffs or a simple highly mobile forehead stick-on sensor and integrates many inputs, including: pulse oximetry, blood pressure, temperature, skin humidity, and electrocardiogram. The patient's state is broadcast via Wi-Fi technology to any number of users with linked platforms anywhere in the world at any time and they can receive vital signs information on any number of casualties that have the WiMed monitoring equipment placed on them. Continued funding for this project will greatly improve combat casualty care outcomes.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sabtech

Address of Requesting Entity: 17320 Dahlgren Road, Dahlgren, Virginia 22448

Secondary Address: 23231 La Palma Avenue, Yorba Linda, California 92887

Funding Secured: \$5,000,000

Description of Request: The United States Navy's Aegis ship modernization plan includes modernization of the ships' basic hull, mechanical, and electrical equipment, and modernization of their combat systems. In both areas, the Navy plans to install new systems or components that are more capable than the ones they are to replace. Some of the planned changes are intended to permit naval ships to be operated with a smaller crew, thereby reducing their annual operation and support costs. Planned changes to the ships' combat systems are intended to, among other things, begin shifting their Aegis computers and software to a more open architecture meaning, in general terms, an arrangement that uses non-proprietary computers and software. The Navy believes that moving to an Aegis open architecture will permit the Aegis system to be updated over the remainder of the ships' lives more easily and less expensively, using contributions from a variety of firms. This funding will be used to conduct a demonstration to remove existing Legacy NTDS computer interfaces found in Baseline 7, Cruiser Modernization, and Aegis Modernization. This request was also submitted to the House Armed Services Committee in order to secure authorization statutes in the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Authorization Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Naval Health Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 140 Sylvester Road, San Diego, California 92106

Funding Secured: \$3,000,000

Description of Request: In the United States, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, with an incidence rate of 16 percent of the general population. The primary treatment of prostate cancer usually includes radical prostatectomy surgery, which provides a good management of the local tumor in most of the patients. Unfortunately, in 15 to 40 percent of patients, recurrent prostate cancer is possible within five years of surgery. Though recurrent prostate cancer following failure of local control is not curable, patients with recurrent cancer are perfect candidates for immunotherapy, a new approach that is still under clinical investigation for oncology applications. The U.S. Navy, through its Naval Health Research Center in San Diego, California, is in a unique position to advance immunotherapeutic approaches for prostate cancer that have so far shown efficacy in animal models. With Fiscal Year 2009 funding, the U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program implemented a Phase 1A/1B clinical trial of its developed vaccine for prostate cancer patients at the Veterans Medical Center. Forty-eight U.S. military veterans who have received previous treatment (surgery, radiation or radioactive seed implants) and now have a rising PSA participated in the study. With proof of minimal toxicity of the PSA vaccine in the Phase 1A clinical trial, a second clinical trial of patients with rising PSAs and nonpalpable biopsy confirmed prostate cancer would be initiated with Fiscal Year 2010 funding. This program will have direct benefits for the health care options

of our nation's active Armed Forces, retired veterans, and the general American population.

INCLUSION OF THE HARVARD KENNEDY GRADUATE SCHOOL BULLETIN, WINTER 2009, HONORING WARREN I. CIKINS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include into the RECORD the Harvard Kennedy Graduate School Bulletin for Winter 2009, honoring the public service of Warren I. Cikins. Warren has spent 50 years as a dedicated public servant. He started out in this body, as a legislative assistant to former Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas. His public service spanned stints in the Kennedy White House, with the Commission on Civil Rights, with the U.S. Agency on International Development, with the Equal Opportunity Commission, and with Chief Justice Warren Burger. Warren also was one of my predecessors on the Fairfax County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors, ably serving his constituents.

The article I am including in the record provides an example of a truly exemplary public servant, and the value of one person's dedication. In it, Warren is quoted as saying, "I was committed to making a difference." Madam Speaker, I have known him for many years and I can proudly attest that Warren Cikins has indeed made a positive difference in his community and in our nation.

HARVARD KENNEDY GRADUATE SCHOOL BULLETIN
WINTER 2009

Warren Cikins MPA 1954 remembers how his decision to attend the Kennedy School—then the Littauer School—was met with skepticism by peers and mentors alike. His closest friends from his undergraduate days at Harvard were going into medicine, business, and law. His father had dreamed of his becoming an engineer, and one of his government professors wondered aloud; "Why go here? Make a lot of money, then go into public service."

But he never doubted his career choice. His ambition, he says, began as a boy, living in Dorchester, Massachusetts, listening to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the radio talk to the American people.

"It was always my intent to serve the public; I was committed to making a difference," says Cikins, 78, who grew up in a devout Orthodox Jewish household. Nothing, it seemed to him, could be more important than the work of the public servant.

Looking back, Cikins says he has no regrets. His career, spanning more than 50 years and including work with all three branches of government, overlapped with many of the country's pivotal events. In his first full-time job after the Kennedy School, he served as legislative assistant to Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays when Hays intervened in Governor Orval Faubus's attempt to block the integration of Little Rock's Central High School—an effort that would later cost Hays his seat.

Cikins served with Hays in the Kennedy White House after first serving as Hays' assistant when he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. At the Commission on Civil Rights in

1964 Cikins helped bring about the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He followed with stints at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), where he sought to attract highly qualified minorities, and at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

A self-described moderate liberal, Cikins fought throughout his career for those who had no voice. And he did it, he says, by looking for the similarities he shared with his colleagues rather than the differences. In his 2005 memoir, *In Search of Middle Ground*, Cikins writes, "My style was always one of outreach. I believed in bipartisanship, bridge-building, compromise, and civility. Confrontational approaches were an anathema to me."

He put this advice to great use and success as a two-term elected member of the Fairfax County (VA) Board of Supervisors, on which he served from 1975 to 1980. Local politician Gerry Hyland, who worked with Cikins, noted in a profile in the local newspaper: "Warren is viewed as a person who cares and who works toward consensus. The will of the group is going to prevail above his own point of view."

It is in the compromises, he says, that the work gets done, repeating often a truism he attributes to Hays, his former boss and mentor: "Half of something is better than all of nothing."

As a senior administrator at the Brookings Institution, where he spent more than 15 years, Cikins continued to promote outreach and conciliation by establishing, among many programs he created there, a highly successful annual seminar on the administration of justice, which sought to resolve differences between the three branches of government, and the Newly Elected Members of Congress seminar, an effort that helped bring new members of Congress up to speed. Towards the end of his career at Brookings, he devoted much of his energy to bringing greater attention to improving criminal rehabilitation.

In his 2001 class report marking the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Harvard, Cikins wrote that he considered his work in improving the criminal justice system, in cooperation with Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, one of his greatest accomplishments. Quoting Dostoyevsky, Cikins noted in his memoir, "Civilization will be judged by how it treats its wrongdoers."

Cikins's personal life reflects these same values. He remains close to his friends from high school at Boston Latin, many of whom went on with him to Harvard. Recently with his wife of 44 years, Sylvia, Cikins celebrated the 80th birthday of his longtime Kennedy School friend, Mark Cannon MPP 1953, a Mormon and political conservative. And Cikins regarded Hays, whose Baptist faith ran as deep as Cikins's did in Judaism, as one of the most influential and inspirational people in his life. They remained close until Hays's death in 1981.

Of the many accolades recognizing his contributions to public service that he's received over the years, from prominent figures that include Supreme Court Justices Burger and William Rehnquist, a letter he recently received from former New York Congressman and Harvard alumnus Amo Houghton, a Republican, says it most succinctly:

"You were the role model; you're the person who constantly tried to bring us back toward the center, and I thank you for it . . . you're a great example."

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 73

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering Senate Concurrent Resolution 73, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Higher Education Act establishing the Guaranteed Student Loan Program; although this program has undergone many changes through the years, including the adoption of a new name, the Federal Family Education Loan Program, it has consistently served the State of Texas as the most important method of delivering financial aid to students and families; and

Whereas, The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, established as the state's guarantor in 1979, has delivered nearly 14 million loans to students and families at no cost to the state; these loans, exceeding \$63 billion, represent approximately two-thirds of the direct financial aid awarded to Texas students pursuing their educational goals; the Federal Family Education Loan Program has not only provided loans but also created many jobs in the state, and it has become a significant economic engine through its focus on education completion and job creation; as the need for an educated workforce has increased in Texas, this public-private partnership has been at the forefront of education financing; and

Whereas, The not-for-profit and for-profit lenders in the Federal Family Education Loan Program have led in educational outreach efforts to the state's most disadvantaged populations through programs that seek to encourage academic achievement, promote financial literacy, and provide information on making college affordable; such assistance has enabled more Texans to fulfill their goals of achieving a better life, while enriching the state in the process; and

Whereas, The Federal Family Education Loan Program ranks as the most successful and popular education loan program in the state and nation; in Texas, more than 94 percent of student loan dollars are delivered through the program and over 85 percent of secondary education institutions have chosen to participate in the program; nationally, more than 81 percent of student loan dollars are delivered through the program; and

Whereas, For over four decades, the Federal Family Education Loan Program has promoted local participation in the education of our citizens, and this successful partnership between government and the private sector serves a vital function in delivering financial aid to Texas citizens and making significant contributions to our economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to maintain the Federal Family Education Loan Program and continue to refine and improve this crucial public-private partnership; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United

States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved: Rick Perry, *Governor.*

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: USAF, Research and Development
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Atomics Aeronautical Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 14200 Kirkham Way, Poway CA 92064

Description of Request: I was able to secure \$1,500,000 million for the Predator C. In July 2008, I took a trip to Iraq and Afghanistan to assess the current conditions on the ground. In a meeting with General David D. McKiernan, former Commander of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and former Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A), he emphasized that the most important tools needed to successfully conduct operations are more "eyes in the sky," also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV). Most importantly, this request will help save lives through better intelligence gathering and greater strike capabilities. Furthermore, Predator C means more jobs contributing to San Diego's local economy. Predator C will provide the USAF and other customers with an additional covert capability, enhanced by much higher operational and transit speeds for quick response and quick repositioning for improved mission flexibility and survivability.

THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, as the Representative of the Eighth Congressional District of Washington, it is my privilege to serve a vibrant cross-section of citizens in both rural and urban settings. And in some cases, I represent residents who are making a swift transition between the two. This is especially true of Sammamish, a city of 40,000 that was recently named by Money magazine as the 12th "best place to live" in the entire country.

I rise today to congratulate Sammamish on this great and well-deserved achievement. Nestled neatly on the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish and surrounded by a mix of urban, rural and beautiful open spaces, Sammamish is as beautiful as it sounds.

Some of the qualities noted for their newly-awarded distinction include the excellent schools, safe neighborhoods and beautiful natural setting of the city. Of course, since I often have the opportunity to visit Sammamish, I can definitely attest to that truth. Historically a place of timber and agriculture, Sammamish, barely ten years old, has impressed the entire Pacific Northwest region with its rapid, elegant and responsible development. The quality of life, the political leadership and the energy of its residents make Sammamish a very special place.

Perhaps most impressively, Sammamish has invested heavily in infrastructure and an expanding menu of city services without undermining its financial footing. Through careful budgeting and long-term planning, Sammamish is moving ahead without leaving responsible habits behind. As evidence, Sammamish recently received Standard and Poor's highest bond rating—AAA.

I am proud to represent such a city in Congress and look forward to continue working with Sammamish residents and elected leaders to continue to make it one of the best places to live long into the future. Working cooperatively, the residents and leaders of Sammamish have created an exceptional place to live and visit in a short period of time. I congratulate Mayor Don Gerend, the city council and staff and residents of Sammamish for creating such a wonderful place to live for long-time residents and newcomers, alike.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF JIM MCCANN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure I rise to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Jim McCann.

For several decades, Jim served the Central Ohio community as the principal of Westerville North High School, passionately dedicating himself to the education of thousands. We all should strive to make a difference in this world, and Jim brought a remarkable level of energy and decency to his job, winning admiration from the community for his commitment to "The Warrior Way."

After retiring, Jim continued to give back to the youth of Central Ohio by serving as a chairman of my academy selection board. From that position, Jim took an active role in mentoring applicants, often staying in touch with them years after their first interview. To this day, Jim continues to serve his community in a number of civic committees, while also still educating and guiding many youths in the Westerville and Central Ohio area through his home school program.

Through commendable volunteer work and civic leadership, Jim stands as a pillar of the Westerville, Ohio community. Therefore, I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for our area.

I offer my congratulations to Jim McCann for a career spent in service to others. I hope the spirit he daily brings forth in his life and work continues to inspire us to action and a renewed commitment to our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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, 2010.

West Chester University's Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, West Chester, PA—\$150,000 to create the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, which will sponsor faculty-led teams of students to provide the expertise start-up small businesses need to succeed; at the same time, students will learn the skills they need to become entrepreneurs. The project will encourage the development of emerging small businesses.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH L. TUCKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ruth L. Tucker on the celebration of her 100th birthday on July 22, 2009.

Ruth was an aspiring writer and a teacher at Pisgah country school. Her reputation as a quality teacher and writer has been recognized at Winterset High School where the Ruth L. Tucker Writing Award scholarship has been established in her honor. Ruth is known for her hospitality and being an excellent cook. She is also a member of the United Methodist Church in Winterset, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Ruth's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Ruth has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Ruth Tucker for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Ruth in the United States Congress and I wish her happiness and health in her future years.

RECOGNIZING MS. ABIGAIL ALLEN, MY FIRST NOMINEE TO THE HOUSE PAGE PROGRAM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of Ms. Abigail Allen,

a young woman who has served as my first nominee to the House Page program. She is a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent.

On July 5, 2009, Ms. Allen began her Page duties. This Saturday, August 1, 2009, Ms. Allen will return to her home town of Lee's Summit, Missouri with a wealth of knowledge that she learned as a participant in the House Page Program which I hope she will share with her family and friends.

Ms. Allen is a student at Blue Springs South High School in Blue Springs, Missouri. She is a member of the cross country team, track and field team, Young Democrats and most importantly a member of the National Honor Society. Ms. Allen is also a member of the St. James United Methodist Church Youth Group in Kansas City, Missouri.

It has been my pleasure to have Ms. Allen as a House Page. She has represented the Fifth District of Missouri well.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Abigail, as well as all the other Pages that have served in this chamber, for they are truly the future leaders of our country.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT
OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2749, the Food Safety Enhancement Act. This bill makes drastic changes to our nation's food safety laws that will affect every farmer and rancher in the United States. However, Mr. Speaker, the extent of these changes is unknown, because the full text of this bill was not yet available to Members until the day before the vote.

Our Nation has the safest food supply in the world, Mr. Speaker, and that is because our growers and processors work hard to provide quality products to consumers. While the circumstances surrounding recent food safety violations must be addressed, in nearly every case, these were violations of existing laws and standards. It is imperative that Congress does not rush to use these incidents as an excuse to unnecessarily and dramatically expand federal regulation of our producers and processors.

This is a better bill than the one that came out of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Yet, I am still concerned about the broad authority this legislation gives to the Food and Drug Administration to regulate on-farm practices for our fruit and vegetable growers. If this bill is signed into law, the FDA will for the first time have the explicit authority to regulate the way produce is grown and harvested.

I am also concerned, Mr. Speaker, with the significant financial burden that the new traceability and record-keeping requirement will have on America's small farmers and agriculture processors. This bill would allow FDA to charge huge fines for even minor paperwork violations that could put smaller operations out of business.

Also of note, is the broad quarantine authority that this bill gives to FDA. While I recognize

the need to quarantine the source of food-borne illnesses, this bill would allow the FDA to quarantine wide geographic areas where the source may exist. We know that the FDA can make mistakes over the origin of an outbreak, and this provision could cause devastating economic impacts to growers and processors who have done absolutely nothing wrong.

Agriculture is the number one industry in Washington State. Creating jobs and growing our economy is dependent upon supporting our farmers and ranchers—not passing legislation that could put them out of business.

I have heard some of my colleagues say that we can rely on the Senate to address the flaws in this bill. I believe that the House of Representatives owes it to our growers and processors to take the time to do this right, and not rely on the Senate to fix our mistakes.

IN HONOR OF BILLY POST

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Billy Post, a remarkable American who died last Sunday after nearly 89 years in Big Sur. He was a renaissance man, who both helped build Big Sur into one of the planet's premier visitor destinations, and preserve its wild landscapes, vibrant community, and unique history. But over and above all of his life's accomplishments, he stood out as a profoundly humble and gentle man with a keen sense of old fashioned sense of courtesy and manners. All of us who had the pleasure of meeting Billy came away awed by this man of history.

Billy Post was born in Big Sur before the highway was built that connected Big Sur to Carmel. His great-grandfather, William Brainard Post, came from Connecticut as one of the first American settlers of Big Sur in the 1860s. His great-grandmother, Anselma Onesimo, was a native Costanoan from Carmel Valley. I once heard Billy tell the story that his great grandmother's great grandmother had seen the first Spanish ships to approach the Monterey Bay and thought they were giant white birds. Billy Post grew up on his family's original homestead ranch, rising every morning at 4:00 to tend livestock and milk cows before heading to school. He attended UC Davis for a time but WWII cut short his dreams of becoming a veterinarian. Billy joined the Marine Corps and spent time in the Pacific at Okinawa, Saipan, Tinian, and was one of the first Americans to see Nagasaki following the atomic bomb attack.

Once Billy Post returned home he helped build the Rancho Sierra Mar cafe and campground that his family ran on the ranch. He also worked many years for Caltrans as a highway electrician, paying close attention to the natural world around him, the wild creatures and plants and especially horses. He combined these passions by offering pack trips on horseback into Big Sur's wilderness backcountry. He married in his mid thirties and had two daughters named Gayle and Rebecca. His marriage later ended and he raised his two daughters as a single father. In 1969, Billy married Luci Lee, the love of his life and

mother of two daughters from a previous relationship. Together, they built a life with their four girls, and eventually moved into a new house on the Ranch nearby.

Over the years, it grew difficult to hold onto the old style of ranching. In the early 1980s, Billy and Luci entertained the idea of converting the ranch into a full service inn that would preserve the integrity of his family's ranch and the region's history. A handshake and a glass of Jack Daniels sealed the deal. Since Billy Post had operated heavy machinery almost all his life and could fix just about anything, he did much of the initial grading work for the new Inn. Opened in 1992, the Post Ranch Inn has developed into one of the top spa resorts in the world known particularly for its innovative architecture that embraces the dramatic beauty of its coastal Big Sur setting. Much of this grew from Billy Post's own personal vision. To the end of his life, he remained a regular fixture around the Ranch grounds, making it a point to join guests at breakfast at the Inn's Sierra Mar restaurant several times a week to share lore about Big Sur's land and people.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Nancy Downing. He is survived by his beloved wife Luci, three daughters, Linda J. Lee, Gayle Forster, and Rebecca Post; seven grandchildren, Pamela Patterson, Gregory Paley, Anna Vargas, Gabriel Forster, and Richard, Shane and Daniel Forster; and seven great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend our nation's deep gratitude for Billy Post's brave service to the United States Marine Corps, and to his own community. I know I speak for every Member of Congress in offering our condolences to Luci, his three surviving daughters, his seven grandchildren, and all Post family members and friends upon this great loss.

“WHAT HAPPENED TO MEDICAL
CHARITY OF YEARS PAST?”

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

[From the Marietta Daily Journal, July 28, 2009]

WHAT HAPPENED TO MEDICAL CHARITY OF
YEARS PAST?

(By Cecil Toole, MD (Ret.))

Re Bill Kinney column, “Cobb's sick getting well, thanks to Good Samaritan,” July 19 MDJ

In 1961 or 1962, I met the original “Good Samaritans” of Marietta and Cobb County, when I joined their group as a visiting resident in obstetrics from Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. All of them were on the staff of a forgotten Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, where they conducted many free pre-natal clinics, free medicines for eligible patients, and free deliveries for those same patients in a hospital that agreed to not charge “clinic patients” for hospital service.

Those mysterious and economically foolish services were done by charitable doctors such as Dr. Meaders, Dr. Reilly, Drs. George and Murl Hagood, Dr. Remer Clark, Dr. Colquitt, Dr. Mussara, Dr. Pete Inglis, Dr. Mainor, Dr. Parker, Dr. W.H. Perkinson, Dr. Looper, Dr. Clingbell, Dr. Stafford, Dr.

Mitchell, Dr. McClure and Dr. Clonts, to name a few, without ever sending a bill to their "clinic patient." Ineligible patients might be sent a bill through a collection agency. (And by the way: the IRS never-ever allowed such "charity" done by those same doctors, to be deducted.) I was fascinated to learn how those doctors survived Economics 101 when none of their clinic patients needed, or carried, "affordable health insurance."

At Piedmont Hospital where I was a resident, the hospital took care of all of the hospital expenses of the unwed mothers from the Florence Crittenden Home. I was also told that none of them had "health-insurance." I can tell you this. As far as the TLC (Tender Loving Care) given to the "clinic-patients" and the "private patients," the treatment from the staff and the nurses was identical. The care was always excellent.

I hope if you ever get to meet the genius who invented "affordable health care," that you will remember to ask this question, "Does charity have a place in today's health-care?" The "Obama Bidens" don't want, or need, your charity. They insist on asking everybody, including the jobless, the helpless and the hopeless, to pay cash for their own "health-care" even if the cash has to be a personal loan from the government.

Just to show their good intentions, if those indigent groups can't repay their "medical care" loans, the great socialist government will identify and prosecute them, for the crime of "unpaid debts." Aren't medical science and "health-care," when mixed with Socialism, wonderful?

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entities: City of Escondido, California/City of San Marcos, California

Address of Requesting Entities: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025/1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

Description of Request: I received \$500,000 to widen the Nordahl Bridge where it intersects SR-78. This widening project is a key to the greater SR-78 infrastructure/capacity improvement project that is decreasing congestion in both San Marcos and Escondido in preparation for the new public Palomar Pomerado Hospital.

The Cities of San Marcos and Escondido have requested funding for the project, and the project is supported by the San Diego Association of Governments and CALTRANS. Funding assistance will provide a sensible, long-term solution to the interchange by widening and lengthening the existing overpass bridge structure at Nordahl Road and SR-78 to accommodate capacity improvements planned for SR-78 while also addressing congestion on local streets.

\$5,000,000 will be obligated in FY 2010, and will fund preliminary engineering, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition and construction costs for the project. The regional project is the #1 priority for both the City of Escondido and the City of San Marcos and is not only the subject of a MOU between the cities, but also a draft cooperative agreement with Caltrans District 11. It is supported by the region's metropolitan planning organization, the San Diego Association of Governments and is included in the San Diego Regional Transportation Plan.

HONORING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE NETWORK OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Children of the Village Network, a non-profit organization based in my District, in Sumter County, Alabama. I commend the Children of the Village Network on their 10th Anniversary and would like to underscore the positive impact that this organization has had on my District.

The Children of the Village Network was established by District Judge Tammy Montgomery based on the time honored premise that "it takes a whole village to raise one child." This network has created a family resource center for residents of Sumter County that provides life skills training, parenting classes, job readiness training, a food bank and educational scholarships. The organization drives home the importance of academic excellence for the youth of Sumter County, awarding 13 scholarships since 2000 and providing for additional enrichment activities to promote independence and incentivize academic achievement.

After ten years of commitment to the residents of Sumter County, the success of the Children of the Village Network has been widely recognized for its success in contributing significantly to improving the quality of life in Sumter County. Thank you, Madam Speaker and may God bless the Children of the Village Network and Judge Montgomery with continued success.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT A POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE THE WAR OF 1812 AND THAT THE CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THAT SUCH A STAMP BE ISSUED

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, the War of 1812, also referred to as "America's Second War of Independence," was a defining conflict

in our Nation's history that today is often overlooked.

Today, I am introducing the War of 1812 Commemorative Stamp Act, a resolution which urges the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue a postage stamp commemorating the War of 1812. With the bicentennial of the War of 1812 just three years away, issuing such a stamp is a fitting tribute to those who heroically defended our Nation's borders and secured a lasting independence from Great Britain.

Much of our popular American culture is a product of the War of 1812. It inspired the Star Spangled Banner, the first appearance of Uncle Sam, and the phrases "Don't Give up the Ship," "Remember the Raisin," and "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The War of 1812 also has a great significance to the 15th Congressional District of Michigan and the citizens of Monroe, Michigan. Located in Monroe is the River Raisin Battlefield, the site of a major engagement that occurred during the American campaign in the winter of 1813 to retake Fort Detroit from the British. The Battle took the lives of nearly a thousand American Regulars and Militia in what was then known as Frenchtown.

This bloody event, arguably the largest land engagement of the War of 1812, gave birth to the emotional rallying cry "Remember the Raisin," which prompted thousands to volunteer for General William Henry Harrison's spring 1813 campaign.

The people of Monroe dedicated themselves for years to restore the integrity of the battlefield in hopes of turning it into a national park and a place where history-lovers across the country could come to commemorate this landmark battle. In a show of its commitment, Monroe turned over the land to the federal government for free. Finally, after years of work, we were able to pass legislation to turn this important site into the River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

Madam Speaker, I'm certain there are similar sites throughout the country that represent part of our American history. I urge my colleagues to join me in my efforts to give the War of 1812 the recognition it deserves.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Fire Suppression System

Project Amount: \$1,425,000

Account: RDT&E Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Global Safety Labs

Address of Requesting Entity: 4129 South 72nd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74146

Description of Request: This initiative will provide financial resources for testing and evaluating military applications of Arctic Fire Freeze. Arctic Fire Freeze is a fire suppressant product that has been used by the steel

industry for approximately 10 years. Funding provided by this request will be used to conduct rigorous military testing and evaluation. The use of Arctic Fire Freeze in military vehicles and equipment and by ground troops could significantly reduce burn-related injuries and fatalities.

Project: High Density Power Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Project Amount: \$1,500,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Westwood Corporation, L-3 Communications

Address of Requesting Entity: 12402 East 60th Street, Tulsa, OK 74146

Description of Request: Navy power switchboard technology has remained essentially the same for nearly 50 years. This technology is passed largely on past Navy applications (with lower power needs) and commercial practices (which are less volume and weight sensitive). The Navy's power needs (e.g., sensors, weapons, house loads) have escalated and the newest power architecture designs have added additional concerns (e.g., higher frequencies), but the size and weight of the power distribution equipment are still limited. The inline switchboard technology simplifies the switchboard arrangement to greatly decrease size, weight, and lifecycle cost. In summary, this will provide the Navy with technology that will result in \$0.25 M/per year per destroyer/cruiser in maintenance savings plus an additional \$1 million per ship in overhaul savings. Additional savings are estimated in size and weight at 50 tons per ship and a space savings of 1000 sq.ft. Fuel savings due to the decreased weight are anticipated to be significant given the cost of fuel.

Project: Lightweight Composite Structure Development for Aerospace Vehicles

Project Amount: \$3,000,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Composites Group

Address of Requesting Entity: 5350 South 129th Street, Tulsa, OK 74134.

Description of Request: Funding would improve, qualify, and test advanced composite materials. The military has a demonstrated need for a domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Second-source qualification of composite materials only currently available from foreign suppliers will allow military suppliers to have access to lower cost domestic sources of composite materials.

IN HONOR OF MR. GENE COX

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the youth of our Nation and whose contributions as a highly successful high school football coach in Florida meant so much to generations of young men. He prepared hundreds of young men to face the world and taught them discipline, excellence, and the desire to strive to be the best they could be in life. We have been very fortunate to have Gene Cox as a strong, dedicated, persevering, and committed leader.

Coach Cox passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009, in Tallahassee, and he is being honored by the establishment of the Gene Cox Memorial Football Scholarship at Leon High School, which will provide continued support of deserving youth.

Gene Cox grew up in Lake City, Florida, moved to Leon County in 1963, and became one of the nation's most successful football coaches. He even served as my football coach briefly in my younger days. Not only was he a great coach, he was a veteran of the Army National Guard and an active member of East Hill Baptist Church. His long term leadership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes showed many the true foundations of living and serving. He was also the loving husband to Patsy, father to three sons and a daughter, and grandfather to five.

Gene Cox had a tireless passion and intensity to his role as coach and mentor to our youth. I am proud to commend this man who meant so much to north Florida and to the many young men throughout this country who he coached and led.

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HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 86, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 86

Whereas, The men and women who have served in this nation's armed forces are entitled to ready access to the best possible medical care; and

Whereas, For the more than 100,000 veterans living in the Rio Grande Valley, the nearest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital is in San Antonio, as much as 300 miles and a five-hour trip away, and the lack of a VA hospital in the Valley has long imposed great hardships on veterans in that region and on their families; and

Whereas, Veterans requesting appointments at the facility in San Antonio typically wait months to be seen, even for serious conditions; for those who cannot drive themselves, or who cannot afford to drive, van transportation is provided by veterans service groups; the lengthy trip, however, adds to the patients' physical distress; no ambulances are available to convey veterans to San Antonio, which makes the journey especially difficult for those who are bed-ridden; and

Whereas, Once veterans arrive in San Antonio, they often wait hours for an appointment that may take only 15 minutes, or they may find that their appointment has been canceled; they may also discover that they need to stay overnight, which adds to the time-consuming nature of their trip and to its expense; and

Whereas, For veterans who must go to San Antonio several times a month, the time lost to travel can make it difficult to hold a job; the demands of such a trip also place a great burden on family members who have to take time off from work, and possibly arrange for child care, to drive a veteran to San Antonio, and who may need to make such trips

for many years; the cost of gas and meals, in addition to the expense of lodging, if that is required, substantially exceeds the prescribed travel allowance; and

Whereas, The current facilities for veterans health care in the Valley are manifestly inadequate; the VA presently operates several outpatient clinics in the region, but these do not offer the full range of services, including testing and therapy, available in San Antonio; moreover, the VA has failed to pay the bills of many veterans who have had to seek emergency care at a local hospital; in addition, although there are plans to contract with area hospitals to provide some inpatient veterans care, the medical personnel in those facilities are unlikely to have the necessary expertise in treating the injuries and psychological trauma sustained by combat veterans; and

Whereas, In recent years, local veterans organizations have formed the Veterans Alliance of the Rio Grande Valley to help raise awareness of this issue; and

Whereas, Veterans who live in the Valley, veterans from out of state who make their home in the Valley during the winter months, and U.S. veterans who reside in Mexico all sorely need and clearly deserve a fully staffed, full-service veterans hospital in far South Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby affirm its support for the establishment of a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BY EZEKIEL LOL GATKUOTH REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE ACCORD (CPA) IN SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues testimony that Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, head of the Government of Southern Sudan Mission to the United States, gave yesterday before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission regarding the importance of full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) in Sudan.

His perspective is invaluable as a diplomat and Southern Sudanese leader who experienced firsthand the horrors of the twenty-plus year civil war between the North and the South which left more than 2 million dead in Southern Sudan.

TESTIMONY OF EZEKIEL LOL GATKUOTH HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (TLHRC)

Honorable Co-Chairman Frank R. Wolf, Honorable Co-Chairman James P. McGovern, and Members of Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, thank you for organizing this Hearing at this important juncture in Sudan's history and in the quest for peace and

stability through the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), and thank you for inviting my testimony.

Since its inception in 1983, the SPLM Vision was and continues to be that of a new Sudan built on a new basis. A Sudan unlike the old Sudan, that is based on equal citizenship regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender, where all citizens share rights to equitable political, social, economic and cultural development. A Sudan built on the historical diversity of its peoples and experiences, and one that accords its citizens the right to self-determination.

This vision was and is still a vision of transformation, for after 42 years of war in a span of 54 years, the fact remains that the only way for Sudan to be at peace with itself, the region and the world, is by the democratic transformation of its systems of governance, and the steering of its political and cultural dispensation towards acceptance of its realities and the diversity of its people.

This vision of transformation is in large part embodied in the 2005 accord, the CPA. The gap that exists between what was envisaged by the SPLM and what was ultimately agreed upon is mainly because of concessions made in the spirit of compromise that governs mediated negotiations of peace settlements. However, the main drive towards the democratic transformation of Sudan remains intact. Its elements are enshrined in the conditions of the implementation of the CPA and consequently in the Interim National Constitution of the Sudan and the provisions of the CPA implemented thus far.

The National Congress Party/National Islamic Front (NCP/NIF) by signing the CPA, had committed itself to: the principle of peace through the democratic transformation of the Sudanese Government and State apparatus at all levels, even through a general elections; the right of self-determination for the people of Southern Sudan and Abyei; and the right to popular consultation for the people of Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile.

However, four years into the interim period, the deliberate non-compliant and obstructionist posture of the NCP with regards to some of the CPA's most transformative and significant provisions represent a great obstacle to the achievement of peace, and is a dangerous abandonment of the partnership with the SPLM that requires a shared commitment to the spirit and letter of the CPA. This is a perilous trend that makes the threat of war—an all encompassing war is likely to ignite throughout the marginalized areas of Sudan, a much more realistic possibility than that of the promise of peace through transformation.

I will not attempt to list out all the unimplemented provisions of the CPA, but rather refer you to the Mid-Term Evaluation Report of the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC) which chronicles about 35 recommendations for the parties (the NCP and the SPLM) to be in compliance with the CPA. It is worthy to mention here, however, the AEC highlighted the following as “critical for the sustainability of the CPA and unity arrangements”—the resolution of Abyei; the North-South Border demarcation; preparations for the 2010 elections and democratic transition; preparation for the 2011 Referendum, and Post Referendum; and Security Sector Reform, mainly Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR).

Human rights abuses during the Sudanese Civil war are documented and can be summed up in mentioning the 2.5 million dead and 5 million displaced through direct bombardment and military action, and mainly through the proxy militias used by

the government to kill, rape and displace civilians, and who also employed tactics such as the deliberate poisoning of water sources and burning of crops. In addition to that, there were the countless inhumane methods used by the State and its proxies to discriminate against and exploit those who are forced into displacement residing in other parts of the country, and strip them from the citizenship rights, basic human rights and dignity.

It was the belief of the SPLM that human rights abuses would subside after the signing of the CPA, because of the countless measures it provides for the safeguarding of the rights of all the citizens of Sudan. However, because of the control the NCP continues to refuse to relinquish over the state apparatus, especially the national security organs, and its refusal to allow the liberalization of the National Security Act and the removal of Media Censorship, many citizens have been subjected to unlawful harassment, arrest, and/or detention for long periods of time without due process and for reasons of political suppression and disregard to freedoms of speech and assembly. Moreover, the rights of Non-Muslims in the capital city, especially Non-Muslim women who don't comply with the Muslim dress code, is continuously curtailed and abused with impunity.

In Southern Sudan, there have been three incidents (of many others) I will mention here, that were in stark violation of the CPA that led to massive loss of life and countless human rights abuses; these are mainly the Malakal Incidents of 2007 and 2009 and the Abyei Incident of May 2008. Firstly, these were a result of the failure of the DDR, although completed in the South, to hold, mainly because of the continuous rearming of civilians and proxy militias by the NCP, to be deployed within the borders of Southern Sudan to create instability and conflict. Secondly, it is a result of the lack of the integration and joint training of the JIU components of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the (Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), to become the nucleus of the future Army of a united Sudan, as envisaged by the CPA.

The JIUs were to be funded by the Government of National Unity (GONU), but to date, no funding has been disbursed for that purpose. Furthermore, the SAF component of the JIUs is problematic because it is mainly made up of militias used by the NCP during the civil war, now usurped into SAF.

In keeping with the dangerous trend of the destabilization of the South, and in an attempt to rally support against the conduct of the referendum, the NCP has intensified its arming of civilians and groups hostile to the Government of Southern Sudan, and especially those hostile to the SPLM to instigate conflict and create instability. There have been prevalent incidents in Southern Sudan, the Nuba Mountains, Blue Nile, and surprisingly in even in Southern Kordofan, leading to confrontation with local law and order agencies, and/or armed civilians, and that leads to loss of life.

In regards to Darfur, it is essential that we acknowledge the fact that since peace is indivisible, the conflict in Darfur is in contradiction to the principles of the CPA which is embedded in the Interim National Constitution of Sudan.

There have been considerable human rights abuses, human loss and displacement since the recent Darfur conflict begun in 2003. The people of the United States have to be commended for raising their voices in solidarity with the people of Sudan in Darfur. However, there is a need for all to realize that the conflict in Darfur is a political problem that could only be solved with a political resolution, and the CPA provides the model that

would address the root causes of the conflict in Darfur. Additionally, the CPA also provides the instruments of democratic transformation that if there is a cessation of hostilities in Darfur could begin to address the base of the problems of marginalization, i.e., the upcoming elections of 2010.

There is an important link between the CPA and Darfur, the developments in and around the issues of Darfur have political implications for the CPA and the obstruction of the implementation of the CPA leaves no hope for a peaceful resolution to Darfur.

The SPLM and the people of Southern Sudan are in solidarity with the cause and suffering of the Darfuri people. That is why the SPLM is committed to playing the role afforded to it by history and experience to unite the movements of Darfur to a small number that would have a consolidated position for peace in Darfur. We have made considerable progress in this endeavor and are seeking the support of the international community members who are committed to peace in Darfur.

The United States of America, the Trokia (United States, United Kingdom and Norway), the Inter-governmental Agency for Development (IGAD) and other Countries witnessed, engaged in the process of negotiations of, and signed as guarantors, the CPA. The United States played a pivotal role especially in the deadlocked issue of Abyei, making it possible for the CPA to be signed. It is important that the international community and the US especially understand that peace in Sudan is of strategic interest to them, because of its regional, continental, and global importance, and because of the implications that resumed conflict would bring to the fore. Peace is indivisible, and war knows no boundaries, and so, the only way for peace to be achieved in Sudan is through the democratic transformation of the country's system of governance, which is possible only through the full implementation of the CPA.

There is a need for the recommitment of the parties to the spirit and letter of the CPA, first by restoring some confidence and trust between themselves as partners by taking good faith measures to address some issue of great concern to the other party; and second by working towards fulfilling the 'making unity attractive' objective of the CPA through fostering North-South links and projects of development along the North-South Border. As it stands today, unity has not been made 'attractive' for the people of Southern Sudan, and the people of Abyei. According to the National Democratic Institute's (NDI) reports on its focus group research in Southern Sudan and the three areas, it is forecasted that 90% of Southern Sudan would opt for secession, and the people of Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile in overwhelming numbers confuse the right to popular consultation with the right to self-determination.

The upcoming 2010 elections will be a major indicator of the future of Sudan. It is also an opportunity for 'making unity attractive'. Therefore, it is crucial that the two parties commit themselves to the conduct of a free and fair general election on the dates set by the National Elections Commission; and for the National Elections Commission and all of its instruments to be supported and funded to conduct all necessary preparations on a timely fashion, the GONU should fulfill its Elections financial responsibilities per the CPA, and the international community should avail the resources it had pledged for elections support. The resolution of the census dispute is of paramount importance to the conduct of elections, for which the parties with the help of the international community must work earnestly and expeditiously to reach.

In conclusion, the malady of Sudan since independence is not only that it is a nation state because of a border imposed on its peoples and nations, but also because of an installed government that doesn't reflect its peoples' diversity, represent their aspirations, or serve their interests, nor did it ever attempt to do so. Alternatively, the state discriminated against its newly found citizens in policy and action and chose to suppress their valid claims to equity of political and cultural representation, and socio-economic development, by extreme force and genocidal tactics and wars. Therefore, the process of 'making unity attractive' is important to the spirit of the right to Self-determination reflected in the CPA, because only then will the people of Southern Sudan have two viable choices one of a united Sudan under new basis, and the other of a separate nation-state. It is imperative that the unity that has not been made attractive in the last 4 years of the interim period of the CPA, be made attractive, otherwise, the people of Southern Sudan will have only one option, to opt for secession, choosing to build a new state that would fulfill their quest for a transformed governance system; equity of citizenship, political representation, and socio-economic development; and respect for their basic human rights.

It is imperative that while a serious attempt to 'make unity attractive' is undertaken, the parties to the CPA and the international community led by the United States, IGAD and the Trokia commit themselves the timely conduct of the referendum and to respecting its outcome, whatever it is. It is also important that the parties and the international community envisage the post-referendum challenges and opportunities—especially across the oil and security sectors; political issues like border access right for nomads and seasonal migrants; economic issues like national assets and debts; and international issues like treaties around the Nile water—and begin to set plans to address them.

Sudan is at cross-roads; one road would lead to either a united New Sudan on a new basis, or two democratic nation-states, and another would lead to war and devastation with major regional and international implications. It is up to the two parties and the Sudanese people to decide what is to become of Sudan and the help and engagement of the international community is crucial during the next few months to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 30, 2009, I recorded an incorrect vote on the Tierney amendment to the FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill. I intended to vote "aye" on rollcall vote No. 663.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN RICHARD AND MABEL WARREN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an

honor for me to rise today in recognition of Dr. John Richard and Mrs. Mabel Warren on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick and Mabel Warren first met in 1948 as students at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. Dick Warren served his country faithfully in World War II as an Army Signal Corpsman during the France and German invasions. After returning home, he began his studies at Stetson, where he was the founding President of the school's Lambda Chi Fraternity chapter. He graduated in 1949 with a bachelor of arts in French. Mabel first attended Mount Berry College in Georgia, and then moved to Stetson after two years, where she met her future husband. She graduated from Stetson with a bachelor of arts in Elementary Education.

Teaching has always been a part of the Warrens' lives, and both Dick and Mabel went on to earn master's degrees in the field of education. In 1973, Dr. and Mrs. Warren settled in Niceville, Florida where they have remained ever since. Dr. Warren became part of the faculty of Okaloosa Walton Community College, now known as Northwest Florida State College, where he retired as Dean of Humanities in 1997. Mrs. Warren taught elementary education for 34 years and spent the last 21 years of her teaching career at Longwood Elementary School in Shalimar, Florida. Both Dick and Mabel continue to be an active part of the Northwest Florida community, giving their time and service to others.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Warren on their 60th wedding anniversary. My wife Vicki and I would like to wish all the best to Dick and Mabel, as well as their children, Barbara, Richard, and Mary Jane, and their nine grandchildren. They are truly an outstanding family from the First District of Florida.

HONORING THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary.

Founded in 1919, the Chester County Council began with 15 Troops and approximately 300 scouts. During the last 90 years, the Council has helped enrich the lives of boys and young men through activities geared toward building character, developing leadership skills and instilling a commitment to serving others.

The Council has a stellar history with long-standing traditions, including camping at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation and the Sunday chapel service "overlooking the valley of the Octoraro."

The Council has thrived for nine decades due to dedicated volunteers, leaders and alumni who graciously commit countless hours mentoring and leading the youth of Chester County. And the exceptional support from community and business leaders combined

with tremendous programs and facilities make the Council one of the premiere scouting organizations in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America on reaching a very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and nation.

HONORING THE LIVES OF SPEC. DANIEL P. DREVNICK, SPEC. JAMES D. WERTISH, AND SPEC. CARLOS E. WILCOX IV

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember three servicemen from the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Red Bull Infantry Division and to pay tribute to their lives. The deaths of Spec. Daniel P. Drevnick of Woodbury, Spec. James D. Wertish of Olivia, and Spec. Carlos E. Wilcox IV of Cottage Grove are a tragedy for our entire country. They lost their lives in a missile attack near Basra, Iraq on July 16, 2009.

Specialists Drevnick, Wertish, and Wilcox served this nation with honor and courage. They departed from Minnesota in February with more than 1,000 Minnesota National Guard soldiers. In Iraq, their duties included providing logistics and communications for more than 16,000 U.S. and multi-national coalition forces.

Daniel, James, and Carlos are Minnesotan and American heroes. We will be forever grateful for their military service. They made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and a more peaceful world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying the highest respect to Spec. Daniel P. Drevnick, Spec. James D. Wertish, and Spec. Carlos E. Wilcox IV. Their families, friends, and comrades in Iraq have my deepest sympathies for their profound loss.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SALLY CROWE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sally Crowe, the longtime House of Representatives Members Dining Room hostess. Sally passed away this July 12th at the age of 92. She began working as a cashier in the Longworth cafeteria in 1951, moving to the Members' Dining Room in the 1960s, where she remained ever since. In 2003, Sally received the John W. McCormack Annual Award of Excellence in recognition of her outstanding service to the House.

Sally was extraordinarily devoted to her job and to the institution of the House of Representatives. I first met Sally thirty years ago. She was a warm, engaging individual who infused this House with Irish wit and wisdom.

She was a wonderful example of the talented, professional and dedicated federal employees who serve their country with distinction and honor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Sally Crowe, as well as my greatest appreciation for her many years of service.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO
JAMES PAUL LATTURE III

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Paul Latture III, who has served as the President and CEO of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce since May 2002. Paul is leaving the position next week for a new opportunity in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Paul has helped expand West Tennessee's industrial base, including the recruitment of companies such as Bodine Aluminum/Toyota, and by working with existing industries to encourage expansion.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. Before joining the Jackson Area Chamber, he served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Executive Vice President for Economic Development for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development Board, and Director of Membership Development and Governmental Affairs for the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and is an active member of CoreNet Global, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Tennessee Economic Partnership (TEP). Paul is a 2005 graduate of WestStar. He is past president of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), past president of West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and serves as vice president for the Tennessee Industrial Development Council (TIDC).

Paul and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Abby and Claudia.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in thanking Paul Latture III for his service and wishing him and his family all the best.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS
OF WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the volunteers of Woodstock, New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. Once a year, the Woodstock community joins to honor those members who have given their time and energy to help others. This year, I am proud to commemorate the Fifth Annual Woodstock

Volunteers' Day. In the American tradition of "lending a hand," I am delighted to recognize this community's activist history and continued commitment to altruism.

Although people began settling in its mountainous land long before the American Revolution, Woodstock was officially named a township in 1787. At the turn of the twentieth century, Woodstock was a quaint, farming town and an upstate escape for artists and craftspeople. Since those early days, Woodstock has maintained a notable relationship between artists and non-artists, enabling people of all generations to work hand-in-hand for the sake of the community. A Woodstock historian writes, "More recently, the artists and local people have worked together to better the town, joining in efforts to support the library, local planning, local schools, and governments. Woodstock has become truly a melting pot of a tremendously diverse group of people working together for a better way of life."

The Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day will pay homage to a number of volunteers and volunteer organizations, including the Woodstock Rescue Squad, Meals on Wheels, Family of Woodstock, Woodstock Fire Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as their Auxiliaries, the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the Woodstock Food Pantry, all volunteers for the Town of Woodstock, Friends of the Library, the Woodstock Historical Society and the Boards of the various arts organizations with the Woodstock Arts Consortium.

There is an unparalleled value in the act of giving oneself voluntarily. Volunteerism provides an appreciation for community, instills a respect for life and humanity, and creates a bond that transcends generations. The Woodstock community has demonstrated a strong history and distinguished appreciation for this value, thus I extol their achievements. As thankful members of the Woodstock community gather to recognize the selfless acts of neighbors and friends, let us recognize the voluntary daily acts of kindness here in Woodstock and throughout America that strengthen our foundation. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the volunteers of Woodstock, New York as they celebrate the Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: OPAF, Line 12

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 9800 Goethe Road, Box 42, Sacramento, CA 95826

Description of Request: I received \$6,000,000 to upgrade the Eagle Vision III system which is operated by the 147th Combat Communications Squadron, in San Diego, California. Eagle Vision is a mobile commercial satellite imagery collection and processing

system which has proven itself as a resource in the war on terror and a homeland defense asset. The Eagle Vision III system has supported missions with AFNORTH, NORTHCOM, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Geological Survey Agency (USGS) during natural disasters, CALFIRE/CalEMA, and the Army Strategic Command (ARSTRAT). In fact, it directly and indirectly supported 2009 Midwest flooding, and Hurricanes Fay, Gustav, and Ike and has participated in numerous military exercises. By providing the One-meter Electro-optical CARTOSAT 2 and the 2.5 meter CARTOSAT 1 and One-meter SAR system (RADARSAT II) upgrades, Eagle Vision III will have the same capabilities as newer versions of the system. The upgrades will provide the direct downlink of two separate imaging satellites allowing operators access to satellites with different orbitologies, and more frequent access to imagery during each day. Also, with a one-meter capability, imagery analysts will be able to identify specific information regarding roads, bridges, dams and other critical infrastructure which is very important to "first responders" during disaster situations.

HONORING MARISSA KAHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Marissa Kahn. On July 16, 2009, Marissa received a Gold Medal while competing at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. This is the highest award in the nation for her FCCLA event.

She has been very active with her local chapter and has contributed greatly to her area through her service. Not only has she distinguished herself through her involvement, she has earned the respect of her family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Marissa Kahn for her accomplishments with the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in the National Leadership Conference competition.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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 Appropriations Act and Amendments I submitted and received the following funding.

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$1,000,000 for The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation located at 620 N. Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. This is the installment of a congressional authorization of which \$3 million was

appropriated in Pub. L. 108–447 enacted 12/8/04 (H.R. 4818) for FY 2005. The authorization for the present request was passed by Congress in H.R. 2673 and signed into law January 23, 2004, which amended Pub. L. 105–58 to match non-federal funds raised/received by the Foundation for a permanent endowment. The purpose of the endowment is to ensure the financial stability of the Foundation for future operation and maintenance of the Memorial and Museum and to execute outreach and educational programs.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CAROL BROOKS CASEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mexia and indeed all of Monroe County recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory. Carol Brooks Casey was a beloved citizen with a long and distinguished record of community service.

Carol, a renowned radio announcer, began her 32-year broadcasting career in 1977 at WMFC station in Monroeville. Although she initially professed a disinterest in radio, Carol possessed self-confidence, determination, and graciousness that earned her the affectionate title “The Voice of Monroe County.” Her radiant presence brought joy to those with whom she worked and earned her “star status” among her frequent listeners.

A leader for a host of philanthropic causes, Carol was honored by the local Kiwanis Club as its “2008 Citizen of the Year.” She served as chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, was one of the organizers of Excel’s Pioneer Days, established a Christmas toy drive for children, and helped promote the national Angel Tree organization. She was also an active member in a number of civic organizations, including: the American Cancer Society, Peddlin’ for a Cure, the American Red Cross, Kiwanis Club of Monroeville, and the Monroeville/Monroe Chamber of Commerce, among others. She also organized the first Veteran’s Day Parade in Monroe County in 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a generous friend, and an inspirational voice for Monroe County and Southwest Alabama. Carol will be dearly missed by her family—her husband, Mike Casey; her son, Calvin Casey; her daughter, Adrienne Casey; her three sisters, Helen Tucker, Land Watford, and Wanda Brooks; and her brothers, Mike Brooks and Cliff Brooks—as well as the countless friends and devoted listeners she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the following poem—written by Reverend Wayne McMillian, pastor of the Mexia Baptist Church, as a tribute to Carol—be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

A VOICE IN THE WIND

The Morning Dove arose with the dew
Her voice on the wind like pigeon flew
Bringing music, joy, and laughter she knew

Would brighten a dull and somber world.
She knew us well, that voice on the wind
The hand she held of many a friend
Through concerts, charities and raffles send
Help to the needy in this crippled world.
Now the Morning Dove from here has flown
Her voice on the wind, in a celestial dome
Yet the Waves she rode right here at home
Will be her legacy in that perfect world.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE
ETHRIDGE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of, Mary Alice Ethridge, 61, the executive director of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, who passed away recently after a two year battle with colon cancer. I extend to all of her friends and family my deepest sympathy for their loss.

According to the Rowlett Lakeshore Times, “She took a medical leave of absence from the chamber earlier this year but did not speak publicly about her condition. Ethridge’s daughter, Laura Morris, said her mother was a constant source of encouragement.

“My mother was my best friend and my inspiration in life and spirituality,” Morris said. “There was no challenge too big. If someone told me no, my mother taught me to find a way to make it yes, but always with grace and dignity. She taught me that friendships are one of the greatest gifts a person can give another person, and that one can never have too many friends.”

“Ethridge served as the executive director of the Rowlett chamber for more than 20 years, and she helped the chamber grow from a one-room office to its current building along Main Street. She helped develop the Leadership Rowlett program and the annual casino night fund-raiser.

“Chamber board member Staci Mauldin said she will never forget Ethridge’s unwavering commitment to the community. ‘I’ll most remember her for her dedication to the chamber and the business community here,’ Mauldin said. ‘It was something that was very near and dear to her heart.’

“Besides working at the chamber, Ethridge also enjoyed gardening and enjoying her home. She and her husband, Robert, were married about 40 years. Ethridge was also involved with the Alpha-Nu Sorority, Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Crimestoppers, and the Rowlett Arts and History Foundation.

“Above all, Ethridge enjoyed a good laugh.

“The one thing that will always be with me will be her contagious laugh and beautiful smile,” Morris said. “We loved to make each other roll with laughter. I miss her deeply already.”

While representing the wonderful community of Rowlett, I had the honor of getting to know Mary Alice. She touched many of us in such a positive way that her life will never be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege to know her. Mary Alice was an outstanding individual and she will be dearly missed. I ask all Members, please join me in honoring the distinguished memory of Mary Alice Ethridge.

HONORING EDWIN AND JEAN
KRUPA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin and Jean Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jean worked in my Congressional District Office for years, and her dedicated service and hard work made her both a valuable asset and someone who is a pleasure to know.

The love and dedication required through 50 years of marriage are truly worth celebrating. I am pleased to recognize them on this milestone, and wish them a continued life of adventures and fond memories.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jean Krupa and her husband Edwin Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE:
ROBBINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
ROBBINSDALE MN

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary services provided by the Robbinsdale Fire Department throughout the past 100 years. Established in 1909; the Robbinsdale Fire Department has dutifully responded to fire calls, assisted neighboring communities, extinguished structure fires, grass fires, vehicle fires, responded to gas leaks, hazardous material spills, and advocated fire prevention through inspections and community education. The members of the fire department are residents of Robbinsdale who serve and protect their families, friends, and neighbors 365 days a year, regardless of the perilous nature of their work.

I applaud their dedication and service to their community. The professionalism of the Robbinsdale Fire Department is an inspiration to those they serve. Their commitment to public service is honorable and I encourage all who encounter past, present or future members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department to thank them for their selfless service to their city. On behalf of the residents of Minnesota’s Fifth Congressional District, I commend the members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department for their hard work and sacrifice and wish them well in their next century of service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E.
KELEHER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Dr. Robert Keleher of the Joint Economic Committee, who is retiring this week from government

service. Bob has been a valued member of the committee staff since 1996, when he joined our staff as Chief Macroeconomist. Bob's keen mind, deep knowledge of economics, and high research standards have made him a tremendous asset to the committee for many years.

After receiving his Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University and a position as a bank economist, Bob joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, rising as a research officer and senior economist to become Head of Macro and International Economics. In addition to his research in monetary economics, Bob also conducted research applying classical principles of economics to taxation, emphasizing the importance of reducing marginal personal tax rates to create incentives for healthy economic growth.

Bob also served as the senior Macroeconomist of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers in 1985 and 1986. He then moved on to become a special monetary and economic advisor to Vice Chairman Manuel Johnson, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. Leaving the Federal Reserve in 1991, he became Chief Economist of Johnson Smick International.

Bob joined the committee in 1996 under Chairman Jim Saxton and continued his research in many areas including international and domestic monetary policy. Bob's early and prolific work on inflation targeting composes the body of almost all Congressional analysis of this policy in the 1997–2006 time period. The significance of Bob's research was enhanced even more as the Federal Reserve moved toward a policy of more explicit inflation targeting over the last five years. Bob's work on international monetary policy contributed to important reforms of the International Monetary Fund.

In addition to his expertise in the field of economics, Bob also distinguished himself as a fine person of great integrity and judgment. I know I can speak for all of my colleagues on the Joint Economic Committee in congratulating Bob upon his retirement and thanking him for his service to the United States Congress.

STOPPING IDENTITY THEFT

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, as a longtime member of the House Judiciary Committee, I am deeply concerned about the urgent need to protect Americans from rampant identity theft. During my six years as Chairman of the subcommittee that dealt with intellectual property matters, we often addressed issues affecting this criminal activity.

Identity theft occurs when someone is able to use another person's identifying information, including their name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without that person's permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. It is even a threat to our national security.

The Federal Trade Commission announced on February 26 that identity theft was the most reported complaint in 2008. The FTC estimates that as many as nine million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

Our government has begun a review that puts the focus on protecting the nation's digital infrastructure against cyber-attacks. I commend the Obama Administration for recognizing this major problem and for beginning to take constructive steps to deal with it.

If you are interested in learning more about this important matter, I urge you to read a column that was written by Michael J. Schultz for the Washington Times on February 20.

"President Barack Obama named Melissa Hathaway to lead a major review of this nation's cybersecurity. Her selection reflects the administration's desire to protect the government's information technology systems from security threats.

"The General Accounting Office characterized the government's computer system as a "high risk" area. This was underscored when the Federal Aviation Administration recently admitted its computer system was "hacked" and that the 48 files breached contained the names and Social Security numbers of more than 45,000 employees.

"While it is critical that the government's information networks be protected from terrorists and hackers alike, it is equally important that the administration's review also focus on ways to better protect every American's digital identities, especially when they use credit cards or the Internet.

"Digital identity misuse or theft leaves victims exposed to fraud that could lead to physical, emotional and financial harm. People from all walks of life have been victimized with those least able to absorb the punishment among the hardest hit.

"A recent survey by Jupiter Research concluded a total of 10 million Americans were victims of identity fraud in 2008, at an average cost of \$496. Of these, 19 percent were defrauded while conducting online transactions.

"Millions of other Americans have suffered financial losses when their credit cards have been compromised. In addition, thousands of merchants have lost merchandise or funds when credit cards have been misused or stolen cards presented to make a purchase. Online merchants lost more than \$10 billion in 2007 due to identity fraud.

"The misuse of prepaid cards presents yet another massive problem. Millions of stored value cards (gift cards, payroll cards, prepaid cards) have no Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. protection when they are stolen and thus thieves can spend them as easily as cash, depleting the true owner of their hard-earned savings.

"Most Americans do not realize that debit cards, which often carry the insignia of a credit card, do not offer the same protection as regular credit cards, and may only learn this when the cards are stolen.

"Unfortunately, the dangers go far beyond potential financial losses. A recently well-publicized case involved a 14-year-old girl who committed suicide when an adult pretended to be a boy on MySpace and then dumped her in a degrading way.

"Another example of the misuse of digital identities occurs when already overworked 911 call centers get "swatted" by prank callers able to imitate another number. These types of "pranks" severely limit first responders' ability to act in times of crisis, which places the entire community at risk when real emergencies require responses by fire or police departments.

"The upcoming review by the Obama administration should also address the sad truth that many of the so-called protections are inadequate to the dangers. For example, PINs or passwords often offer relatively little identity validation or protection. And most people have so many different pass-

words they frequently write them down and keep them with their cards, so when one is stolen the protection is often gone with it.

"Professional hackers can easily steal credit card information from individuals as well as from larger systems. More than 100 million credit card accounts were exposed when Heartland Payment Systems had its data centers breached in December 2008, enabling the thieves to subvert any current anti-fraud technology present. TJX Corp. had millions of credit card accounts exposed when they had their data centers breached.

"RBS WorldPay, one of the largest payment processors in the world, also had millions of accounts stolen when their data centers were breached.

"Clearly the old methods of automated protection are no longer adequate. Thus, we must implement systems that better validate digital identities to protect us as individuals and companies.

"Just as the government was wrong in allowing loose self-regulation of the financial, automotive and mortgage industries, it also has been far too lax in ensuring protection for consumers and companies that use payments cards of any type on the Internet.

"As a direct result of these conditions, we have seen a precipitous increase in reported credit card and Internet fraud. All users are at risk, but it is our children who are most vulnerable.

"The upcoming review of cybersecurity has the immediate responsibility to provide broadly defined protection. In addition to improving how to better protect our infrastructure from potential homeland security breaches from those with ill intent toward the United States, the administration should address how to use validated digital identities to prevent the abuses that have caused significant harm to individuals and businesses."

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 183

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 183, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, The oil and natural gas exploration industry has been a significant part of the state's economy since the early 20th century; today, Texas is the leading producing state for oil and natural gas in the country, accounting for 21.3 percent and 27.8 percent of total U.S. production, respectively; and

Whereas, Texas producers provide more than 200,000 jobs for Texas citizens, with an average pay that is almost three times higher than the average paid by all other industries; during fiscal year 2008, Texas producers paid over \$5 billion in taxes and fees to the state's general revenue fund; and

Whereas, Natural gas is a highly valued, clean fuel that has become a mainstay of electricity production and other industrial operations in Texas, while oil continues to constitute the backbone of the state's industrial sector and fuels virtually all of the state's transportation system; and

Whereas, Renewable energy sources offer great promise for Texas' long-term energy needs, but the technology that would make

these sources abundant is in its infancy, and until that technology is adequately developed, renewable energy sources will remain dispersed and unable to deliver base load capacity; and

Whereas, Conservation can help satisfy the state's energy needs, and action to reduce customer demand is the quickest way to meet energy needs in the short term, but a growing economy and population will require more energy than can be saved through more efficient energy use; and

Whereas, To keep pace with increased demand, independent producers completed more than 11,000 wells in Texas in 2008, and in the two-year period 2007–2008, they increased the production of natural gas in Texas by more than 12 percent; and

Whereas, In addition to generating high-quality jobs, independent producers help to reduce America's dependence on Middle East oil by exploring for domestic resources and providing stable supplies of cost-effective energy to consumers; and

Whereas, Independent producers rely on longstanding tax provisions to plan their activities and to explore for new wells to offset declining production from older ones; without the development of new wells, energy supplies would decline and the costs to consumers would rise; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama's initial budget includes provisions deleting the intangible drilling costs deduction, percentage depletion allowance, geologic and geophysical costs deduction, and domestic production activities deduction, and the elimination of these provisions would cripple this state's energy jobs, reduce small businesses' access to capital, and harm royalty owners; and

Whereas, Intangible drilling costs (IDCs) typically include expenditures for physical items with no salvage value, as well as other costs associated with preparing and completing a well for the production of oil, gas, or geothermal steam or water; producers have long been able to deduct IDCs as current business expenses, rather than depreciate or amortize them over the life of the well; IDCs are actually similar to research and development costs, for which most manufacturing businesses are able to take a tax credit, rather than a deduction; and

Whereas, The percentage depletion allowance, also known as the small producers exemption, was created in the 1920s to encourage oil and natural gas exploration, which is an inherently high-risk venture; the exemption is available only to the smallest producers and allows them to deduct 15 percent of their gross income from oil and gas properties; and

Whereas, Geologic and geophysical (G&G) costs relate to the surveys that producers conduct or commission in order to locate and develop oil and natural gas reserves and to minimize unnecessary drilling; G&G costs may be amortized over the first 24 months of the life of a well; and

Whereas, The domestic production activities provision allows businesses a tax deduction for qualified production activities that are based in the United States; the deduction helps to preserve American jobs and American small businesses; and

Whereas, Major integrated companies are not eligible for the IDC deduction, percentage depletion allowance, or domestic production activities deduction, and they are subject to a seven-year amortization schedule for G&G work; consequently, "big oil" is not impacted by the proposed budget changes; and

Whereas, President Obama has stated his intention to support the development of jobs, promote the use of clean-burning energy, and reduce America's dependence on foreign oil,

yet his budget proposals would lessen the ability of independent producers to help meet those three goals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to reject the provisions of President Barack Obama's budget that would eliminate the intangible drilling costs deduction, percentage depletion allowance, geologic and geophysical costs deduction, and domestic production activities deduction and to encourage instead the development of Texas oil and natural gas; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

PATSY SPAN,
Secretary of the Senate.

Approved: RICK PERRY, *Governor.*

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss one aspect of health care reform that, unfortunately, has not received a lot of attention by the Democrat majority. That is the issue of medical liability reform.

Recently, I spent a couple of days in my district in New Jersey touring hospitals, physician group practices, and long-term care facilities. When talking to the physicians at these facilities, I asked them, "What issue would you most like to see addressed in health care reform legislation?" In every single facility I visited, medical liability reform was either at or near the top of the list.

We know that the surge in malpractice lawsuits over the past 30 years has had a profoundly negative impact on the practice of medicine. And while, obviously, I feel that patients should be compensated for gross negligence by physicians, there is little doubt that our current tort system is broken. More than 60 percent of liability claims against physicians are dropped, withdrawn, or dismissed without payment. In 2007, the average cost of defending these claims was \$18,000 per case.

This has pushed the cost of liability insurance through the roof. The American Medical Association (AMA) has listed my home state of New Jersey as a "crisis state" for medical liability. Doctors face liability insurance premium increases that far outpace the already high rate of medical inflation. Some high-risk specialties, such as obstetrics or emergency, face annual premiums of over \$100,000 per year. According to a survey conducted by the

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the lack of affordable liability insurance forced 70 percent of OB/GYNs to make changes to their practice. Liability concerns also forced between seven to eight percent of OB/GYNs to stop practicing obstetrics.

But more important than the direct costs of our tort system are the indirect costs. One pediatrician I spoke to said that he would "just like to practice medicine without feeling like a lawyer was looking over my shoulder all the time." The anxiety that our physicians face from confronting potential lawsuits seriously affects the doctor-patient relationship. Additionally, it drives up the cost of health care by encouraging the practice of "defensive medicine." The AMA estimates that defensive medicine adds somewhere between \$84–\$151 Billion per year in health care costs to our system. As another doctor I met with said, "I can waste money like you've never seen. When someone comes into my hospital and needs treatment, I can order every test, every procedure known to man, simply to protect myself from a lawsuit."

Even President Obama, in his recent address to the AMA has admitted that medical liability is a serious issue. But despite the support of the President, the medical establishment, and the overwhelming majority of Americans, of the 1,018 pages of H.R. 3200, the America's Affordable Health Choices Act, there is not a single page on medical liability reform.

Madam Speaker, this issue is simply too important for us not to address. Any serious attempt to reform our health care system must reform medical liability.

GOOD NEWS IN NEWARK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, like all urban centers, my home city of Newark faces many challenges. We are working hard to improve the quality of life for residents by moving forward in the area of affordable housing and health care, better schools, child care, and services for seniors. We are also proud of the fact that Newark welcomes visitors not only from other parts of our state, but also from around the nation and the world. As we continue our successful economic development efforts, I would like to draw to the attention of my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives an article which highlights the good news for Newark.

NEWARK AT NIGHT: IT'S NOT A SURPRISE ANYMORE THAT THE CITY IS ALIVE AFTER DARK

(Posted by Philip Thomas, Lawrence P. Goldman and Jeff Vanderbeek/Star-Ledger Guest Columnists, July 09, 2009)

Not too long ago, something you wouldn't necessarily have thought of happened in Newark. It was extraordinary.

On a crisp November evening, a sold-out house of 2,800 people filled Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center for a stunning concert by The 5 Browns, a family of Juilliard-trained, young virtuoso pianists, along with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Just down the street, another 19,000 people were doing something that happens in every

great American city, but hadn't in Newark for quite some time—attending a major league sporting event; in this case, a rousing hockey game where the New Jersey Devils skated past the Toronto Maple Leafs by a score of 3-2.

It was just a few days after the Prudential Center opened in downtown Newark and it was the city's first test of how it would move multiples of thousands of people through downtown streets. Newark passed with flying colors. And it was the first of many electrifying nights with multiple venues alit and Newark abuzz with activity.

Just recently, Newark Symphony Hall played host to a daylong conference on reimagining its future. What became clear through the day is the unmistakable rebirth of Newark at night. There can no longer be any doubt. Newark is alive and kicking up its heels at night and on the weekends.

For quite some time, the Newark Museum and Symphony Hall were in a lonely vanguard. There was little life in the downtown core and Newark's lingering reputation from years past did not help. Too many office workers raced out of the city at night, almost never touching city sidewalks because of the hermetically sealed tubes between the towers, the parking decks and Penn Station.

Happily, though, much has changed in the last decade. Like Cleveland and Pittsburgh, two similar cities formerly down on their luck, we have seen real change in Newark and it is exciting to be a part of it.

Since opening night, NJPAC has attracted some 6 million visitors, the vast majority in the evening and on weekends. As we like to say, "That's 6 million people coming to the building that wasn't going to be built in the city that no one was going to come to."

Similarly, since opening less than two years ago, Prudential Center has drawn nearly 3 million visitors to Newark, virtually all at night or on the weekend. As we like to say, "That's 3 million people coming to the Rock that couldn't be built in a city that no one would dare come to."

In fact, even in the worst economy in three generations, Devils attendance is up almost 15 percent from their best year in the Meadowlands. Perhaps more important is how long their fans are staying—on average over an hour longer than they did at the Meadowlands. That means they are dining at Newark restaurants and spending more time—and money—in the city.

Newark Symphony Hall is poised to experience a resurgence. The recent conference was a promising start. Its vibrancy is essential to enlivening the south Broad Street end of Newark and creating stability for not only the visitors, but for the people who reside in the neighborhood as well.

This bodes well for the housing and commercial development that is picking up steam and for continued economic investment in this part of the city. If Newark is to sustain its momentum, the entire length of Broad Street must become the centerpiece of significant redevelopment to elevate Newark to the next level of visitor interest.

Combined, last year nearly 2 million visitors came to spend an evening in Newark attending events at the three venues. But there is more we must achieve.

In Cleveland, for example there are now six successful theaters in Playhouse Square and the Quicken Arena brought LeBron James and the Cavaliers from the suburbs to the city. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has enticed tourism from far beyond Cleveland. What was once a desolate downtown is now delightful. Hotels, office development and retail followed.

That's what we are aiming for in Newark. We have world-class facilities. We have fine restaurants—many of them brand new and

participating in Newark's second annual restaurant week this month—and entertainment venues that dot the area around NJPAC and the Prudential Center, but we are not finished.

Cities are meant to be filled with all kinds of people coming together to celebrate, relax, revel and enjoy one another. That's now happening big time in Newark today. And that's very good news for all of us in New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. A.D. PINKNEY, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANAPOLIS NAACP

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. A.D. Pinkney, former president of the Indianapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He passed away this month, at the age of 85.

Dr. Pinkney was an iconic civil rights leader who brought visionary changes that forever altered the racial landscape of Indianapolis, Indiana. Under his leadership, the NAACP brought two landmark cases before federal courts, which were instrumental in forcing the city to desegregate. The first ruling forced black students from the Indianapolis Public Schools area to be bused to township system schools. The second ruling by federal courts forced suburban townships to expand public housing options for people of color.

Through great courage and dedication, Dr. Pinkney opened the doors for our generation to come forward and serve our community as proud and honorable citizens. He was instrumental in breaking down ethnic and racial barriers, so that people of color may live a prosperous life of liberty and equality.

His passing is a great loss to the Indianapolis area community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. A.D. Pinkney for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, due to a meeting at the White House on Friday, July 30, 2009, I missed two votes. I would have voted as follows: Motion to recommit on H.R. 2479—"no"; final Passage of H.R. 2479, the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009—"yes."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3133, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. I requested \$2,300,000.00 and received \$250,000.00 for the Statewide Comprehensive Water Plan at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board located at 3800 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, which is a multi-year study to provide technical assistance to the state of Oklahoma in updating the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The OWRB envisions that, combined with federal cost-shared funds, the OWRB could work with local water suppliers in evaluating their system conditions, long-term needs, and develop a strategy to meet their needs over a 50-year time horizon. The plan would also address the long-term needs of other water use sectors.

HONORING DR. MODESTO "MITCH" MAIDIQUE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader, activist, champion of education and a dear friend, Dr. Modesto "Mitch" Maidique, President of Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Maidique is the longest serving university president in the State of Florida and the second longest serving research university president in the country. For more than two decades, he has dedicated his life to FIU, its students, faculty and staff, and has transformed it into one of our nation's leading institutions of higher education. As he prepares to retire next week, it is a privilege to pay tribute to this visionary and extraordinary leader.

He began his service to FIU in the College of Business Administration as a professor of management and in 1986 was named FIU's fourth President. Under his leadership, enrollment at FIU has more than doubled, growing to more than 38,000 students and today ranks among the 20 largest universities in the United States. The university added 22 doctoral programs and 18 undergraduate programs during Dr. Maidique's presidency. It serves not only Floridians, but students from across the nation and world and has cultivated successful alumni and leaders in our community.

His tenacity and perseverance led to the establishment of the College of Law, College of Engineering and the School of Architecture and most recently, the historic opening of the new FIU College of Medicine, one of only three medical schools established in the last 25 years. The university also added a Division I-A football team in 2002. FIU's sponsored research funding has also grown from \$6 million to nearly \$110 million and the institution's endowment experienced exponential growth from less than \$3 million to more than \$105 million.

Prior to his tenure at FIU, Dr. Maidique co-founded Analog Devices Inc., Semiconductor Division. He also served as CEO of Collaborative Research, now Genome Therapeutics, and as senior partner in Hambrecht & Quist Venture Partners. He was also the past chairman of The Beacon Council, Miami's economic development authority and has testified

before Congress on the issues of energy conservation and energy financing. President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the President's Educational Policy Advisory Committee and he served in a similar capacity for President George W. Bush. He later served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board and has served for eight years as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Hispanic Business Journal has named him among America's 100 Most Influential Hispanic Leaders.

He received his B.S., M.S., E.E. and Ph.D. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and completed the Harvard Business School's Program for Leadership Development. He is also a contributing author to ten books and has co-authored a New York Times bestseller.

I have always considered Florida International University to be one of the fundamental pillars of South Florida. During my years in the Florida State Legislature, and now in Congress, I have enjoyed working closely with Dr. Maidique in the efforts to create the College of Law, the Engineering Campus, expanding the library and research capabilities, and securing millions in federal funding, among other accomplishments. I have witnessed the work of this great leader first hand and today I thank him for his service. His legacy will endure generations and is sure to be felt for decades to come.

My dear friend Mitch Maidique exemplifies the true meaning of public service and has put the needs of the University, our community's University, above all else. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating his legacy and career, thanking him for his invaluable service and wishing him well in the years to come.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF
HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to this Republican motion to recommit on the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill (H.R. 3293).

Since I was first elected to Congress, I have been advocating for more funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In January, I voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R.1) that included \$12.2 billion to help States and localities fund special education for 6.7 million students with disabilities. I want to note that not one Republican in the House of Representatives voted for the Recovery Act that included this vital

funding. In the 109th and 110th Congresses, I introduced the Achieving Our IDEA Act, which would guarantee that the federal government meets its commitment to provide 40 percent of the cost of educating children with special needs by 2013.

The bill we have before us today includes \$12.58 billion for IDEA and I wish it included more. However, we cannot make up 8 years of lost ground in a single piece of legislation. This motion to recommit would add one billion dollars to the IDEA only by cutting other critical investments. If this motion passes, neighbors who have lost their jobs would suffer due to reduced funding for Training and Employment Services in the Department of Labor. Schools would lose needed funds for innovation and improvement. Nonprofits would suffer because the Corporation for National and Community Service budget would be reduced by 30 percent.

For these reasons, I will not support this motion and urge a "no" vote.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EUGENE
AMOS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today pay tribute former Kansas State Representative Eugene "Gene" Amos, who died on July 24th.

Gene Amos, the owner of the Amos Funeral Home, served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1987 to 1993, representing a district that was centered on the city of Shawnee. Earlier this year, he received the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for advancing the interests of Shawnee, which bears the imprint of his "good deeds, kind words and solid values", the Chamber stated. Born in Liberal, Kansas, he moved to Shawnee with his family in 1945, attended Shawnee Mission Rural High School and graduated from Kansas City Missouri Junior College and the Kansas City College of Mortuary Science. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he married Margaret Zoll in 1953 and joined his father's funeral business.

In addition to serving as president of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association and president of the State Board of Embalmers, Gene was an active member of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Historical Society, the Shawnee Optimist Club, and Optimist International, where he served as president and district governor. He was a member of Merriam Christian Church, serving as a deacon, elder and chairman of the board. Additionally, he served as president and member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He often spoke to groups on the history of Shawnee, politics, the funeral business and family research, and he taught genealogy at Johnson County Community College. In 2007, he was named Shawnee Citizen of the Year by the Knights of Columbus Council 2332. He also was a charter member of the Ancient Form Masonic Lodge, and was a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Abdallah Shrine, Beatrice Chamber, and Order of the Eastern Star.

As a member of the Kansas House of Representatives, Gene served on the education, public health and agriculture committees. According to the Kansas City Star, when the Kansas Legislature approved a resolution earlier this year recognizing Amos, lawmakers recalled his humor: "One legislator told how Amos would pass out business cards to fellow committee members who he said appeared lifeless. He once took the pulse of a sleeping legislator and said he was looking for a new client. Then the mood in the legislative chamber that day turned more somber, according to a transcript of the proceedings. Frank Weimer, who served with Amos as a state representative, spoke of Amos' honor, generosity and integrity. 'There isn't a man on this earth I respect more than Gene Amos,' Weimer said."

Madam Speaker, Gene Amos is survived by: his wife, Margaret; son, Gregg Amos; daughters, Joni Pflumm and Amy Ruo (John); sister, Paula Ramona Upton; six grandchildren and one great grandson. I have known Gene for many years and considered him a good friend. I join his many friends, neighbors and professional colleagues in celebrating his life and mourning our loss.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN
THE VIETNAM WAR AND HONORING
THEIR SERVICE TO THE
NATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam War. It has been 50 years since our first casualties. In 1959, Major Dale Richard Buis and Master Sergeant Chester M. Ovnan were ambushed and killed by Ho Chi Minh Vietnamese. By 1963, 100 advisors had lost their life in Vietnam. After President Kennedy's assassination, history would be left to President Johnson, who would lead Americans into one of the most tumultuous times in our history.

In 1964, the reported Gulf of Tonkin incident resulted in a Congressional Resolution that allowed President Lyndon B. Johnson to wage war without a formal declaration. By 1965, the conflict heightened and more Americans were subject to the draft. Casualties escalated from 17,000 to 35,000 a month. In January of 1968, the North Vietnamese launched the Tet Offensive, though Americans were able to obtain a military victory and recapture most of the area. However, politically the tide of support was turning in the United States, and the draft continued as protests became louder. Richard Nixon was elected President and began covert bombing of Cambodia in 1969. By 1973 the last American troops left Vietnam.

As our American military was sent to do battle in a civil war, they had no idea of the life altering experience that would change them and their country forever. Vietnam Veterans are the children of the greatest generation. And like their fathers and mothers they did their job for their country, engaging the enemy on land, in the air, and on water—many fighting to their death. In battle survival depended on each other. They became numb from the

constant threat of the war, witnessing their friends injured or killed. Brave medics in the field and the doctors, nurses and corps men at hospitals worked tirelessly and risked their lives to save countless soldiers. There was little time to mourn those that died because no one knew what tomorrow would bring. How bravely they answered the call only to be scorned by many of their fellow countrymen and women when they returned home.

Now fifty years later, we have a better understanding of the extraordinary sacrifice made by this generation of patriots. We question, how then could we as a nation fail to understand that the soldier follows the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. To disagree is our given right but to fail to support our troops who are sent to battle should never happen again. Over 58,000 Americans died in Vietnam; 14,095 were just 20 years of age and several of them were my college classmates. Those men and women had their dreams and names forever etched in stone as a reminder that their sacrifice was their life. Even those that survived did not return unscathed. Many returned home with physical and emotional pains of war to a country that had turned a deaf ear to their needs. Those Vietnam Veterans, like the generation before, came home to raise their families and continued to contribute to our country. Many have passed away, but all have left their imprint on their families and our nation.

For those families still waiting for the return of their soldiers, it has been a long, mournful time. Recently John Adam was returned home after missing for 41 years. On May 22, 1968, twenty-year-old Air Force, Senior Master Sergeant John Adam disappeared while serving in Vietnam. His remains were located near Laos and identified through DNA. Now one family has closure; however, many of our veterans remain missing and the prayers continue.

So, on September 12, 2009, fifty years after the first casualty in Vietnam I, as the United States Representative of Missouri's 5th District, will host a Town Hall event at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, to honor the men and women who courageously served in that war—to finally give them the respect and honor they deserve as heroes of our country. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking and appreciating the sacrifices of a great generation of American Patriots, our Vietnam Veterans.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 120

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 120, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, South Texas is on the front line of the battle against the fever tick, a pest that threatens to inflict catastrophic losses on the beef industry should it continue to spread beyond a permanent quarantine zone established along the Rio Grande in 1943; and

Whereas, Historically, the fever tick ranged across the entire southeastern United States, reaching as far north as Maryland and Pennsylvania; the tick can carry and transmit a parasite that causes cattle tick fever, which kills up to 90 percent of infected cattle; in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission was founded to fight this scourge, and in 1907 the United States Department of Agriculture established the National Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program; by then, the tick had already caused direct and indirect economic losses estimated to equal more than \$1 billion in today's dollars; and

Whereas, The eradication program had successfully contained the fever tick to an 852-square-mile quarantine zone by 1943; the tick was never eliminated in Mexico, however, and personnel from the USDA Tick Force have maintained a high level of vigilance to fight continuous reintroduction; after the pest was detected beyond the zone in 2007, five temporary preventive quarantine areas were established, covering more than one million acres in Starr, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit, and Webb Counties; and

Whereas, In March 2008, the Texas Department of Agriculture requested some \$13 million to fight the spread of fever ticks; the USDA released \$5.2 million, and in January 2009 it committed another \$4.9 million in emergency funds, but sustained funding over the long term is essential; moreover, the National Fever Tick Eradication Strategic Plan, developed and approved by the USDA in 2006, has never been implemented and funded, and Dr. Bob Hillman, the state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, has warned that fever ticks are a national livestock threat that requires an all-out assault; and

Whereas, The fever tick has gained substantial ground in this state, but the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal Health Commission, and the USDA Tick Force continue working diligently with cattle owners to save a key component of the Lone Star State's agricultural economy and prevent the battlefield from extending to other states; if the fever tick is not contained, the cost to the cattle industry could easily approach \$1 billion a year and lead to rising food costs for consumers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to make eradication of the fever tick in South Texas a priority and continue to provide appropriate funding and resources for this effort; and be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution H.C.R. No. 120 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

GUILLEN GONZALEZ
TOUREILLES LEIBOWITZ,
King of Zavala.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

I certify that H.C.R. No. 120 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

PATSY SPAU,
Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED: June 19, 2009. Rick Perry,
Governor.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT
OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Food Safety Enhancement Act (H.R. 2749), and to commend the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce for their hard work in crafting the bill.

According to a 2005 study by the Centers for Disease Control, each year 76 million people (25 percent of the population) become sick, 325,000 are hospitalized and 5,000 die from foodborne illnesses in the United States. In recent years, the United States has experienced many incidents of food contamination, caused by biological and man-made toxins. For example, in 2000, various brands of taco shells were found to be contaminated with genetically modified corn meant only for animal feed. In the fall of 2006, spinach contaminated with *E. coli* bacteria resulted in more than 200 confirmed illnesses and at least three deaths. In 2007, various products imported from China were found to contain wheat gluten contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine, which killed more than a dozen house pets. And recently, people across the country were infected with *Salmonella* bacteria from eating peanut products from a processing plant in Georgia. Even contaminated cookie dough has ended up in the food supply.

Therefore I commend my colleagues Chairman Emeritus DINGELL, Chairman WAXMAN, Mr. PALLONE and Mr. STUPAK for their firm and comprehensive response to this torrent of food contamination incidents, and for crafting the bill before us today. In addition, I want to acknowledge my colleague Ms. DELAURO for her own substantial efforts to improve food safety, and her contributions to this bill. It would make many important improvements to our food safety regulations, including creating an up-to-date registry of all food facilities serving American consumers, requiring foreign and domestic food facilities to have safety plans in place to identify and mitigate hazards, and require high-risk food facilities to be inspected every 12 months, and low-risk facilities to be inspected every 18 months. It also requires the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, to develop a system which would expedite import processing for importers who agree to adhere to enhanced safety and security guidelines, and expands FDA trace-back capabilities in the event of a foodborne illness.

In particular, I want to thank the Committees for responding to many of the concerns raised by the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and constituents from my district that the bill would negatively impact small, family-owned, and organic farms. For example, the bill before us today provides an exemption from traceability and registration for direct farmer-to-consumer marketing, an exemption for food, facilities and farms that are already regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and an exemption for grain and hay farmers from full-scale electronic traceability

requirements. In all these cases the regulations would be unnecessary and wasteful.

However, a number of the concerns they raised have not been addressed, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in both Chambers to ensure that those matters are addressed as the bill moves through the process. Most importantly, it will be critical to assure that none of the new safety standards weaken the standards under the National Organic Program. In addition, it will be important that we facilitate and enhance the role of conservation and sustainability practices to address food safety issues. And we must ensure that the fee structure in the bill does not disproportionately impact small agricultural producers.

I thank my colleagues again for their leadership and prompt action on this matter, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and to work to fine-tune it as it moves through the legislative process.

CRITICAL ISSUES FACING SUDAN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, Sudan has been ravaged by intermittent civil war for four decades. Over the last 20 years, more than two million people have died in Southern Sudan due to war-related causes and famine, and millions more have been displaced from their homes. In January 2005, after two and a half years of negotiations, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) of the South and the Government of Sudan signed a final peace agreement known as the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). According to the United Nations, U.S. officials and Sudan observers, the implementation of the CPA has been selective and at times deliberately slow. With national elections scheduled for April 2010, the implementation of the CPA is critical.

Yesterday, on Thursday, July 30, 2009, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission held a hearing on "Ensuring the Human Rights of the People of Sudan: Implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement." The distinguished witnesses testifying before the Commission were Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, Head of Mission, Government of South Sudan Mission in the United States; Roger Winter, former Special Representative on Sudan, Department of State; John Norris, Executive Director, the ENOUGH Project; and Amir Osman, Senior Director of Policy and Government Relations, Save Darfur Coalition.

Mr. Osman, a native of Sudan, fled his home country in 2003 because his work on human rights had put his life at risk. He was resettled in the United States in 2006 through the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees, moved to Washington, D.C., and joined the Save Darfur Coalition. It is my privilege to share his testimony with my colleagues.

SAVE DARFUR COALITION—TESTIMONY OF AMIR OSMAN

Good afternoon. Chairman McGovern, Chairman Wolf, thank you very much for inviting me to testify today on this very important issue before this very important commission. I appreciate the opportunity to talk about the critical issues currently facing my home country of Sudan.

It was a difficult decision for me to flee Sudan in 2003. I left because my work on human rights had put my life at risk. As a refugee living in Egypt, I continued to advocate for peace, justice, and democracy in Sudan at the American University in Cairo and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies. I specifically focused on the genocide in Darfur during those years.

After being resettled to the United States in 2006 through the UNHCR, I moved here to Washington and joined the Save Darfur Coalition to aid its international advocacy efforts. As co-senior director of policy and government relations, I help design and implement the coalition's international policy, advocacy and outreach to foreign governments, and international partner organizations in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. I also focus on the human rights situation in Sudan and the peace processes in Darfur and South Sudan.

During the past decade, President Omar al-Bashir and his inner circle have transitioned from an ideologically driven regime to one whose primary aim is self-preservation. The regime now makes human rights compromises when it feels compelled to do so. The regime's continued abuses have been well-documented by human rights organizations. Regular warnings have been issued about illegal detentions, unfair trials, press censorship, and the routine harassment of journalists. In addition, current laws do little to protect victims of gender-based crimes.

The most urgent human rights challenge in Sudan today, however, continues to be the crisis in Darfur. Three million displaced civilians continue to suffer as a result of the genocide that began in 2003. While the systematic destruction of villages has largely ended, the people of Darfur continue to live in a lawless, dangerous environment, where rape continues to be a daily terror.

On March 4th, the Sudanese government demonstrated its ability to cut off humanitarian aid at any moment from the 4.7 million Darfuris who depend on it.

The mass violence committed by the Sudanese government several years ago has been replaced with the harassment, detention, torture, and murder of Sudanese civil society leaders. This violence led a significant number of the Sudanese human rights defenders to flee the country shortly after March 4th. Such abuses must be stopped.

The suffering in Darfur resembles in many ways the war in Southern Sudan. Both Darfuris and Southern Sudanese have experienced the bombing of villages and mass civilian displacement. The Sudanese government's use of humanitarian aid as a weapon of war and its divide and rule tactics amongst Southern rebels have also been repeated in Darfur.

At the same time the Sudanese government was launching its genocidal campaign in Darfur, it was negotiating with the SPLM an end to the conflict in the south. Bashir made the calculation that the international community would turn a blind eye to Darfur in the effort to get the CPA signed. His calculation turned out to be largely correct.

Bashir's favorite tactic is to delay true reforms by creating crises that distract the international community, allowing Bashir to never actually fulfill any of his promises. The international community enables Bashir by focusing on the crisis of the moment rather than a comprehensive solution. The NCP is using cooperation on the implementation of the CPA as leverage to resist international pressure on Darfur. And it is working.

The United States and the international community have failed to develop policies suited for dealing with a regime which lacks

a fundamental willingness to transform into the democratic state envisioned by the CPA. Sudan issues will not be resolved satisfactorily between just the NCP and SPLM or the NCP and the Darfuri rebels. All of Sudanese civil society must be empowered to participate in these processes.

The United States must understand that Sudan's crises cannot be managed forever or resolved individually. Only when the international community demands serious judicial and democratic reforms will there ever be a chance to resolve South Sudan and Darfur and move towards lasting peace. Policymakers have too often focused on the South to the detriment of Darfur, or Darfur to the detriment of the South. But Darfur and South Sudan are not separate problems; they are the result of a single problem: the undemocratic, centralized, and abusive nature of the ruling regime. Only when this problem is addressed will peace be forthcoming.

There is an urgent need for a coherent and comprehensive strategy to guide Sudan to a more democratic and peaceful future. Such a strategy requires that important and difficult choices be presented to the NCP. The Sudanese government must be forced to choose between cooperation and confrontation.

If they cooperate by ending the violence in Darfur, ensuring accountability through cooperation with the ICC, and fully implement the CPA, they may be allowed to reap the benefits of becoming a responsible member of the international community. If they continue to delay implementation of the CPA and continue to attempt to divert and distract the international community by using one conflict as leverage against the other, they must face real consequences.

While we here in Washington sit and debate policy, the people of Sudan continue to suffer. This policy debate should not be complicated. The United States and its allies must force Sudan's hand and then commit to seeing this through. We have played Bashir's game too long to be fooled any longer.

MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, on July 20th, I held a health care hearing in the Minnesota State Capitol to discuss the challenges and opportunities for health care reform presents for Minnesota. Representatives from patient advocate groups, health plans, hospitals, health plans, County Commissioners, and State House Representatives were in attendance. The speakers discussed the need to expand preventative care, to end the practice of denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, and to improve access to quality, affordable care.

In the hearing, I heard over and over again that the current flawed Medicare reimbursement formula is harming Minnesota. The people of Minnesota want health care reform that addresses the three major challenges in health care reform—cost, quality, and access—none of which can be addressed without fixing the Medicare reimbursement formula. I support moving towards a system that ensures that all patients will receive evidence-based, quality care as the standard.

I would like to enter the testimony from the hearing witnesses from this event into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS HUNTLEY

Good morning Rep. McCollum, I commend you for holding this hearing on the need for national health care reform.

Minnesota is one of the nation's healthiest states with one of the highest insured rates in the nation. Investments in coverage for low-income families, strong public health initiatives, and a primarily non-profit insurance system have all contributed to our state's reputation for a health care system that provides high-quality care at a relatively low-cost compared to other states. Yet due to rising costs, our state's current system is unsustainable without substantial payment reform at the federal level.

In 2008, health care leaders from around the state collaborated on comprehensive health care reform legislation that mirrors many of the proposals being discussed at the federal level: an individual insurance mandate, investment in prevention, insurance market reforms, and care coordination incentives for providers. One of the central components of the legislation—and the one that has the most potential for cost-savings—was payment reform. There was a bipartisan consensus that transforming the health care system must start with changing the way we pay for health care. Without substantial cost containment at the state and federal levels, neither Minnesota, nor the United States, can hope to afford the costs of universal coverage.

The underlying payment structure fails to adequately meet the care needs of patients and undermines health care providers' attempts to provide high quality health services. Our entire health care system's payment regimen is built on Medicare standards that emphasize a "tyranny of the visit" philosophy which pressures providers to increase volume, does not value quality, and prioritizes specialty care at the expense of primary care. In too many instances, the result is inappropriate care provided to patients which does nothing more than increase total health spending.

In order to begin to contain costs, Minnesota's legislation included a number of reforms that restructure the payment system, moving us away from Medicare-based standards and toward a system that promotes quality-care and transforms the way health care is delivered and received. The payment reform included three components to both hold providers accountable and encourage evidence-based, high-quality health care. At each level there was an emphasis on the need for transparency for both providers and consumers.

1. Explicitly pay providers for the quality of care they provide.
2. Encourage care coordination through a medical home model that improves access to primary care.
3. Establish a system of accountability for the total cost of care through bundled care pricing.

Without similar, or even more aggressive payment reforms in Medicare, our health care system's growth will be unsustainable. Medicare's participation is essential in order to create a critical mass of payers in the new system. Providers in Minnesota have spoken up regarding the disincentives in the current payment system to develop new strategies to provide more efficient forms of health care. For instance, in Minnesota a number of health care systems have initiated new approaches to managing chronic conditions including congestive heart failure, hypertension and diabetes. While their patient outcomes have dramatically improved and they have seen reductions in hospitalization, these systems have consistently lost money

because the current Medicare-based payment structures do not reimburse for non-office visit treatment.

Similar reforms are also being discussed in Congress. A Call to Action released by Senator Baucus in November outlined the need for pilot programs around accountable care organizations in Medicare as a way of testing new payment structures. Similarly the House Tri-Committee bill authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop new cost containment methodologies including accountable care organizations and medical homes. In Minnesota we have already started down this path and should be rewarded for our innovation.

Representative McCollum, I know you are aware of the situation health care providers face in Minnesota. I want to thank you, as well as Minnesota Representatives Oberstar, Paulsen, Walz and Ellison, for your recent letter on this issue. As the health care reform bill moves through the House, I know you will be a strong voice for the change we in Minnesota deserve. I fear that if Congress waits to enact real payment reform that we all will pay the price.

As we all know there is no silver bullet to solving our nation's health care crisis. We must work together to achieve the kind of health care system we all deserve. The consequences of doing nothing will leave us with an impossible situation. We must begin to change the system we have into a system that works. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference; a point in time that will not last forever.

President Obama made the case in his February Address to Congress this year stating "... a century after Teddy Roosevelt first called for reform, the cost of our health care has weighed down our economy and the conscience of our nation long enough. So let there be no doubt: Health care reform cannot wait, it must not wait, and it will not wait another year."

TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MURPHY

Good morning. My name is Erin Murphy. I am a registered nurse and a State Representative from district 64 A in St. Paul. Thank you for holding this hearing in Minnesota and for the invitation to testify today.

We must reform health care in America. In the middle of the debate, it may seem impossible to traverse the sharp policy and political questions before us but we must. The status quo is unsustainable and unacceptable. While individuals expect and often receive excellent care and cure, American lacks a coherent system of care delivery and payment. The result is a highly fragmented system delivering fragmented episodes of care. Too little attention is paid to the ultimate goal of health.

Americans are paying a high price for overwhelming individual and population outcomes. We are in that rare moment of opportunity to change course. We must change course.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to share with you a perspective from Minnesota. As you well know, Minnesota is an innovator and has long led the nation's efforts in health policy, value and reform. Along with our upper Midwestern neighbors, we are a high value low cost state.

We must reform the nation's health care delivery and payment systems to set the foundation for continued innovation and demonstration in Minnesota. We must embed what we know is working in Minnesota and the upper Midwest to deliver high value for lower relative cost across the Country. Finally, we must ensure that every American is covered so they get the right care at the right time for a good price.

COVERAGE

For many years we have focused on coverage as a primary solution. That so many Americans lack coverage for needed care is wrong, plain and simple. That health care is so expensive that necessary treatment of disease is financially out of reach for so many is wrong, plain and simple. Relying on the emergency room as the primary point of care for the uninsured is wrong, plain and simple.

Getting everyone into coverage is imperative, morally and financially. An individual mandate and guaranteed issue of coverage, regardless of preexisting condition will yield more coverage with shared responsibility between individuals and insurers. A public option will give Americans a choice between private coverage and a publicly backed coverage.

A public option provides opportunity to further drive delivery and payment reforms. If the public option cements the status quo in terms of payment and delivery, it will compound the problems with which we are already struggling. But if the public option serves to propel reforms, it enhances efforts to deliver better care for a better price.

Minnesota has worked over two decades to assure coverage employing Medicaid, Minnesota Care and General Assistance Medical Care. The Governor's line item veto of General Assistance Medical Care has undermined 20 years of effort in Minnesota. I ask that Congress consider this as it contemplates any state maintenance of effort. Maintenance of effort is an important means to balance state and federal efforts. Allowing state flexibility in policy reform while maintaining access provides state policymakers with the tools necessary for continued innovation.

DELIVERY REFORM

Our fragmented delivery system is providing fragmented care and we are paying a high price. Care for those with chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease accounts for upwards of 60 percent of all Minnesota's health care costs. This stark fact has served as a focal point in Minnesota. We must pursue policies to prevent the onset of disease and invested in care that will keep those with chronic conditions healthy and out of the hospital.

PAYMENT REFORM

Current payment is weighted to specialists and procedures and away from interventions to maintain health. For example, a surgeon is paid more for the amputation of a diseased diabetic limb than is a primary care provider for disease management preventing the loss of the limb.

Medicare sets the standard in payment. I urge the inclusion of large scale payment reform such as accountable care organizations or a total cost of care model. Without similar, or even more aggressive payment reforms in Medicare, our health care system's growth will be unsustainable. Medicare's participation is essential in order to create a critical mass of payers in the new system.

Short of large scale change, I urge state flexibility in Medicare payment. A Minnesota or upper Midwest demonstration in payment will permit us to demonstrate the Congress and the nation the means to deliver high quality care for a better price.

Achieving significant health care reform in this country has for decades been a uniquely challenging and complex issue. The grind between dogged political frames has proved insurmountable for policy makers. Entwined state and federal policy and funding, limits state policy reform efforts and calls for federal action. The urgency of growing costs and shrinking access compels our action. 40 years ago, America put a man on the moon, a seemingly unachievable goal. We did that—and we will do this too. We must.

Thank you for your courage and hard work. I stand with you in your efforts to enact federal reform while promoting and protecting the value the care delivered in Minnesota.

TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE MARIA RUUD

Good morning Rep. McCollum. Thank you for holding this hearing on federal health care reform. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today.

I have been a Nurse Practitioner for 21 years and am serving my third term in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Health care reform can only occur if we enact true payment reform. With the current system there is a disincentive to provide the care needed. Paying for more tests, more procedures, and more visits rewards waste and inefficiency. The focus needs to change from reimbursement based on volume to reimbursement based on outcome.

Part of the reason our health care system has been able to function for as long and as well as it has is because there are a number of individuals who are deeply committed to serving their patients well. But our current payment system is making it increasingly difficult to deliver effective care.

For example, pay for production—pay for the number of patients seen or procedures performed—drives costs up and is a disincentive to provide the appropriate care at the appropriate time.

We have evidence-based medicine to inform providers, about what the most effective option is for the patient to achieve a healthy outcome. Access to preventative care and screenings, early and consistent management of chronic health conditions.

It comes down to providing the incentives that will help us achieve the goals we seek—well-being and healthy outcomes.

Now is the time to be bold. To align the incentives with the outcomes we desire. Providers want to do it—it is their calling to provide the most effective care possible.

TESTIMONY OF SHANE DAVIS, SECRETARY-TREASURER, SEIU HEALTHCARE MINNESOTA

Good Morning Representative McCollum: At this critical moment, while Congress is deciding to pass quality affordable healthcare for all, I want to sincerely thank you for this opportunity to testify. I would also like to publicly acknowledge your good work in supporting the principles of healthcare reform, put forward by Health Care for America-Now, an important coalition SEIU is proud to support.

My name is Shane Davis; I am the Secretary-Treasurer of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota. We represent more than 17,000 healthcare workers around the state of Minnesota. Our Members, by the thousands, work every day and night for companies currently recognized nationally as models of high-quality, low-cost healthcare, such as Allina, HealthPartners, and the Mayo Clinic. The Minnesota recipe for high-quality, low-cost healthcare includes workers having a real voice on the job. This encourages labor and management to work in partnership; increasing productivity and putting patient care experiences and health outcomes first.

Those of us who bargain contracts have first-hand experience in how badly we need health care reform. The ability to bargain for higher wages, for training funds to upgrade the skills of our members, for higher pensions so that workers can look forward to a secure and dignified retirement has been deeply compromised by escalating health care costs. We've heard that the CEO of Starbucks complains that he spends more money buying health insurance for his employees than he does buying coffee beans.

Well, in our industry, as health care workers, it's not coffee bean prices that are outstripped by the cost of health insurance, it's training and upgrade funds, for instance, that would help our members move up career ladders, just so that we can hold on to health insurance.

Our members' stories about how badly they need health care reform are much like the stories of many other Minnesotans. Last month, Pam Bundy told us about her son, a former construction worker who was diagnosed with liver cancer. After months of illness and treatments, he lost his job, exhausted his COBRA benefits, maxed out his credit card with co-pays for treatment, was told he needed to pay cash when he came in for chemotherapy, and ultimately lost his home to foreclosure because of the crushing debt-load that was inevitable. Our members cannot wait for health care reform. Millions like Pam's son cannot wait for healthcare reform. We urge you to reject the siren song of delay and pass a bill.

SEIU believes that a public plan option is an essential and necessary component of real health care reform. It provides an alternative to private insurance and applies competitive pressure to the rest of the insurance industry. Research by the Commonwealth Fund shows that including the public option with other health care reform measures can help save another 77 billion to 1.8 trillion dollars over the next ten years. We are encouraged that a public plan has been included in health care reform legislation passed by the Senate HELP committee, the House Ways and Means committee, and the House Education and Labor committee. SEIU has strongly supported votes to approve these bills.

Once Congress has met the challenge of producing a final bill that includes a public plan option, then Congress has the opportunity to structure the best possible public plan. The deficiencies of our current payment system are well known. As the Dartmouth Atlas Project has highlighted, Medicare reimbursements currently reward high cost, low quality states, and penalize low cost, high quality states. For example, in Miami, Medicare will spend \$15,000 per patient per year, while here in Minnesota, that figure is \$7,000, less than half the reimbursement, with no difference in patient outcome. We must change how health care is paid for, so that we reward quality outcomes rather than quantity of services. If such changes are incorporated into a strong public plan option, it should reduce the overall cost to taxpayers and produce improved care across the nation. Our task is to make the most of this opportunity for payment reform, while still meeting the immediate challenge of passing real healthcare reform, including a public plan option.

Thank you very much for holding this hearing to ensure that Minnesota's voice is heard in this debate on health care reform.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM HAMILTON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Jim Hamilton of Columbia, South Carolina, for his 46 years of service as airport manager of the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport.

Jim has been an active member of our community—participating in many diverse organi-

zations and working to educate the community on aviation, the dangers of drug abuse, and supporting efforts to transport children with disabilities and those suffering from severe burns to Shrine hospitals throughout the country. He has even volunteered his time as an emergency standby pilot for flights to transport transplant candidates and critically ill patients.

For 13 years, Jim has driven a bus each Wednesday morning to bring elderly individuals to shop for groceries and even successfully convinced some of his fellow citizens to contribute refreshments for the bus ride. On behalf of the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport, Jim has fought to secure funding for a reconstruction and redesign of the airport as well as safety upgrades.

In recognition of his tireless service to the community, Jim has been honored twice with the Order of the Palmetto by two separate governors—the state's highest civilian honor—as well as numerous other honors and awards.

I commend Jim Hamilton for his service to our community and his dedication to his fellow citizens.

HONORING THE REV. DR. C.T. VIVIAN OF ATLANTA

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a warrior for civil rights and social justice, a veteran of the modern-day Civil Rights Movement, a resident of the 5th Congressional District, and a friend. In a few days, we in Georgia will be honoring the life of the Reverend Dr. Cordy Tindell Vivian, better known as C.T. Vivian, who will turn 85 years old on July 30, 2009.

Born in 1924, Vivian grew up in Macomb, Illinois and was raised by his mother and grandmother. Even though Illinois was not segregated by law, C.T. Vivian was keenly aware that the customs and traditions of racism and discrimination pervaded his life. As a young man Vivian wanted to find a way to make an impact on society, so after leaving college he began working with youth at Carver Community Center in Peoria, Illinois. As a young man deeply influenced by the church and the visionary faith of his grandmother and mother, Vivian recognized the power of non-violence as a tool for social change. He joined a successful non-violent movement in Peoria in 1947 to integrate restaurants in the city, which brought down barriers in all public eating establishments throughout the city.

In 1955, C.T. Vivian was called to the ministry and enrolled in what would some years later become my alma mater, American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. That same year, he began working with a new subdivision of Martin Luther King Jr.'s organization established by the Rev. Kelly Miller Smith called the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference. The NCLC began training Nashville college students in the discipline and philosophy of non-violence and was involved in organizing the first student sit-ins and marches in the city in 1960.

Vivian's experiences in Peoria helped provide leadership for student organizers in Nashville, and in 1961, he joined the Freedom

Rides, after the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) had suspended their efforts. One bus had been set on fire in Anniston, Alabama. Freedom Riders had been surrounded by an angry mob in a church in Montgomery, Alabama. Attorney General Robert Kennedy had called in the National Guard to protect riders traveling from Montgomery to Jackson, Mississippi. CORE suspended its efforts to test the desegregation of interstate transportation. In spite of these dangers, Vivian joined a new attempt to renew the rides on a bus trip from Nashville to Jackson. Martin Luther King Jr. asked Vivian to join the executive staff of his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He worked with SCLC campaigns in St. Augustine, Florida; Danville, Virginia; and Chicago, Illinois. Vivian was in Birmingham in 1963, participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project in 1964 and came to Selma in 1965.

In Selma, he worked with the voter registration efforts that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee already had in progress, and would serve as a lead protestor, persistently confronting Sheriff Jim Clark on the steps of the Selma, Alabama courthouse at the head of a band of non-violent marchers seeking to register and vote. He was arrested and jailed in Selma several times.

In February 1965, Vivian was a speaker at a non-violent, peaceful night-time rally meant to support protestors jailed in Marion, Alabama. The marchers were ambushed by a violent posse who killed military veteran and Marion native Jimmie Lee Jackson. Efforts to commemorate Jackson's death ultimately became the historic Selma to Montgomery march which culminated in the passage of the Voting Rights Act. The act opened up more free and fair access to the ballot box for all African Americans, as well as other Americans of color, and it resulted in the election of literally thousands of black elected officials in subsequent years, including the first African American president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Following the death of Martin Luther King Jr., Vivian formed an organization dedicated to the training of African American youth called Vision, which ultimately became known as Upward Bound, an educational program that provides college students with scholarships. After working with SCLC, Vivian organized campaigns against racism and advocated for racial justice. He has worked to found other organizations, including the Black Action Strategies and Information Center, the Center for Democratic Renewal, and the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute, all based in Atlanta. In 2008 he led the Yes We Care campaign, which contributed over \$500,000 to Morris Brown University, a fiscally challenged historically black university in the city. He is the author of *Black Power and the American Myth*.

The Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian has served as an inspiring leader, an electrifying minister, and a force for good in our society. As a participant in the modern-day Civil Rights Movement, he successfully implemented the discipline and philosophy of non-violent social resistance that helped to transform America forever. For this role, C.T. Vivian must be seen as one of the authors of a new chapter in American history that hastens the advent of a society based on simple justice that values the dignity and the worth of every human being, or the Beloved Community. For his eloquence, insight, vision,

persistence, determination and courage, we commemorate the service of C.T. Vivian on his 85th birthday.

HONORING PASTOR BRENDA
TIMBERLAKE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Pastor Brenda Timberlake's deep commitment to improving the lives of others and the community. On September 18, 2009, friends, family and well wishers will gather in Cary, North Carolina to celebrate Pastor Timberlake's 60th birthday and her 30 years of ministry.

Over the years, Pastor Timberlake and her late husband, Bishop Mack Timberlake, engaged in a great number of important efforts and projects that continue to help and serve the community.

Among the many successful endeavors undertaken by Pastor Timberlake include: establishing the Christian Faith Center Academy to provide Christian-based education to students from kindergarten through 12th grade; constructing the Royal Pavilions of Creedmor, a 28-unit housing complex for the elderly and disadvantaged; collaborating with the North Carolina Department of Public Health to reduce infant death rates and provide assistance to single mothers through the Family First of Granville County program; and establishing the Raven's Nest Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, these are but a few of Pastor Timberlake's many efforts. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her accomplishments as her friends and family celebrate her birthday, ministry and achievements.

Pastor Timberlake continues to serve as exceptional community leader. Please join me in expressing gratitude for her service to the community and in wishing her continued success as she celebrates her birthday.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE FAMILY AND LOVED ONES
OF BORDER PATROL AGENT
ROBERT ROSAS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today in support of H. Res. 681, a resolution which expresses condolences to the family and loved ones of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas. On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was killed by gunfire while protecting our nation's southwest border.

Agent Rosas began his law enforcement career in 2001 as a reserve officer in El Centro, California. His desire to one day become a member of the U.S. Border Patrol was fulfilled on May 22, 2006 when he officially joined the Border Patrol family. Agent Rosas was deeply admired and respected by his colleagues for his generosity and service to others and for his dedication to his family. He fully embraced

the Border Patrol's mission of securing our nation's borders, and he served with honor and distinction.

Agent Rosas' death serves as a reminder of the many risks that confront Border Patrol agents each day and why we owe them our sincere gratitude for their bravery, service and sacrifice. Before coming to Congress, I served for 26½ years in the Border Patrol, and I will always remain a part of that special family. I know first-hand the challenges and dangers that the agents face each day, and as a Member of Congress, I remain committed to ensuring that they have the resources and support that they need. My thoughts and prayers are with Agent Rosas' family—his wife Rosalie and his two children, Robert and Kayla Alisa. During this extremely difficult time, it is my hope that the family will find some comfort in knowing that Agent Rosas served his country with distinction and that he will be remembered in the hearts of the American people.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH J.
INFANTE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening in recognition of Mr. Ralph J. Infante of Niles, Ohio. Mr. Infante passed away May 26, 2009. Mr. Infante was a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley. He leaves his wife, Angeline Ragozine Infante, whom he was married to for 60 years. He also leaves 4 sons, 2 daughters, a sister, 2 brothers, 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many friends from around the valley.

Mr. Infante worked for many years in the Mahoning Valley. He graduated from Niles McKinley High School in 1947 after serving in World War II. Mr. Infante was a Veteran of the United States Navy, who served in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Naval Service of the United States of America on the 29th day of April, 1946 at the U.S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He served with honor and distinction during his time of service in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Infante was employed as a die setter at Faull and Son Tool and Die Co. for 26 years. He was also employed for the City of Niles as a Municipal Court Bailiff and worked for the waste water treatment plant for 15 years, retiring in 1990. He was also very active in local politics, serving as Niles 3rd Ward Councilman for 5 years.

Mr. Infante was truly a great part of the community. He was an honorary lifetime member of the Niles Men's Democratic Club and the Italian Fraternal Home of Girard. He was a charter member of the Italian American War Veterans Post 39 in Girard and The Bagnoli Iripino Club, as well as a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Niles.

Mr. Infante was an avid Cleveland Browns fan and enthusiast of The Ohio State University. Although his beloved wife, Angeline, was a Cleveland Indians fan his beloved team was the New York Yankees. His six children would be split down the middle (3 New York Yankee

fans and 3 Cleveland Indian fans) which made for interesting family dinner conversations and game day exchanges. Some of their biggest disagreements came when the Yankees and the Indians played each other.

Mr. Infante will always be remembered, as his high school yearbook proclaimed, "Never Failed a Friend and Never Feared a Foe."

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALMON SOLUTIONS AND PLANNING ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, few issues are more controversial or contentious than the issue of dam removal on the Snake River system. Some have argued because they don't like certain possibilities that they don't want to know about them. This whistling past the graveyard is both unrealistic and unwise. Things we don't like sometimes are options, and we should know the facts.

That is why I am pleased to co-sponsor the Salmon Solutions and Planning Act with my colleagues JIM McDERMOTT and TOM PETRI. This is an important piece of legislation that will provide policymakers in the Pacific Northwest and around the country with additional information necessary to aide in the recovery of Columbia Basin salmon.

The legislation requires the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, and Department of Energy to study the environmental, infrastructure, and economic issues associated with removing the four Lower Snake River dams. The bill also includes language authorizing the Secretary of the Army to remove the dams. This language is intended to clarify that lower Snake River dam removal is within the Corps' authority. It is important to note this bill contains no "trigger language" that would mandate dam removal.

Salmon are a significant ecological, economic and cultural resource for the Northwest and indeed the entire country. These fish once supported the world's most productive salmon watershed. Unfortunately, wild salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers have been in decline for decades, with thirteen stocks now listed under the Endangered Species Act. Not only has this decline had negative impacts on the watersheds of the Pacific Northwest, it wreaks havoc on salmon-dependent communities and local economies.

Since coming to Congress, I have supported funding for habitat restoration, reforming hatchery practices, and re-examining our harvest practices, all measures that can contribute to salmon recovery. However, with salmon populations continuing to decline, it's clear that what we have been doing for the past 20 years has not been working. I have called for an approach that evaluates all science-based recovery options, including dam removal. This legislation represents an important piece of that analysis.

Some have equated knowing the facts with actually triggering the process to remove the dams. My support for this legislation is not support for dam removal. My position over the years on this has been consistently to support evaluating all options for salmon recovery. The

studies authorized by the bill will help us determine the consequences of dam removal not only for Northwest salmon, and but also for transportation, energy, and irrigation in the region.

Like other Pacific Northwest residents, I have a deep interest in coming to a resolution on salmon recovery. The stress and uncertainty created by illegal biological opinions and the involvement of the judicial system not only harms fish, but also the farmers, fishermen, Tribes, ports, union members, and others whose livelihood depends on the Columbia River system.

This legislation is an important step in having the facts about our options for restoring self-sustaining, fishable populations of Northwest salmon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday and today, I missed 26 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 661, on Agreeing to the Murtha Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 662, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 663, on Agreeing to the Tierney Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 664, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #1 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 665, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #258 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 666, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #389 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 667, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #432 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 668, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #439 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 669, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #449 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 670, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #553 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 671, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendments En Bloc to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 672, on Agreeing to the Campbell Amendment #1 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 673, on Agreeing to the Campbell Amendment #8 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 674, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 675, on Passage of H.R. 3326, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 676, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Con. Res. 172, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 677, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 691, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 678, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2728, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 679, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 2749, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 680, on Passage of H.R. 2749, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 681, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1752, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 682, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 683, on Agreeing to the Frank Amendment to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 684, on Agreeing to the Garrett Amendment to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 685, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 686, on Passage of H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE TO MRS. INIS PUCKETT OF TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Inis Puckett on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Inis Beasley Puckett, the oldest of six children, was born to E.J. and Lecie Fly Beasley, on August 12, 1909, on a farm in Primm Springs, Tennessee. She moved to Centerville with her family when she was 16 years old.

The family quickly became active members of the Centerville Church where her father served as Bible school teacher, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, song leader and Elder for 30 years until his death in 1958. Her mother died in 1981.

Inis has been a member of the Centerville Church for 82 years. She has taught many Sunday classes, Vacation Bible Study classes, and served as supervisor of the primary department for 20 years.

Inis graduated from Hickman County High School and George Peabody College. Her teaching career, spanning 43 years, began at Bon Aqua teaching third and fourth grades, then to Little Rock for all eight grades, then to McFarlan for all eight grades. There, she rode the bus to Five Points, walked two miles and built the fire in the wintertime. After school, she walked back to the highway, and after dark, caught the bus home. She was transferred to Haley's Creek with all eight grades for 5 years. She then moved to Centerville Elementary School where she taught first grade for 32 years.

After her retirement, she worked with her dad and husband in Beasley Furniture Store until it closed in 1979.

Inis and Paul Puckett were married on April 12, 1934. Paul died on their 60th wedding anniversary. Inis' sight began to deteriorate in

1981. She has had 13 surgeries on her eyes with little success.

In her lifetime she has enjoyed many activities such as gardening, baking and still enjoys playing the organ. Due to the failure of her eyesight, she has memorized 56 selections.

Her present residence has been her home for 67 years.

I ask that my colleagues rise and join me today in wishing Inis a happy birthday as she continues to grace us with her rich, full presence in Tennessee.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 79

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 79, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Border communities, such as Laredo, contend with heightened responsibilities in the world today, and since the advent of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, Laredo has become the busiest United States port of entry from Mexico and the sixth-largest customs district in the country, with more than \$167 billion in total trade in 2007; while the heavy flow of international commerce is a boon to the local economy, it presents tremendous challenges to the first responders who protect the state and the nation as well as their own community; and

Whereas, The Bureau of Transportation Statistics calculated that more than 1.5 million trucks and 300,000 rail containers crossed through Laredo in 2006, and according to Texas Department of Transportation estimates, truck tonnage will increase by some 250 percent by 2030; about half of this cargo includes hazardous material, and more than 60 million square feet of warehouse space in the city also contains significant amounts of hazardous materials, creating a tempting target for terrorists and enormous potential for a disaster that could not only endanger public health but also disrupt major transportation systems and negatively impact the national economy; and

Whereas, Relatively isolated on its side of the border, Laredo is 150 miles from the nearest sizable U.S. city, and its police, fire, and public health personnel are the primary emergency responders for a region of more than 3,000 square miles; this includes a long stretch of the Rio Grande, which is the primary drinking water source for Laredo, Nuevo Laredo, and other communities in the Rio Grande Valley, making swift response to any contamination extremely critical; in addition, the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission has recognized the region as among those most vulnerable to perils such as bioterrorism and epidemics; and

Whereas, The Laredo Police Department has increased vigilance over border activity since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and confronts an escalating threat from violent international drug traffickers, who have been linked to terrorism; the fire department responds to a wide range of emergencies along the Rio Grande, from the rescue or recovery of individuals who have attempted to cross into the United States to bomb threats; and

Whereas, The emergency response system in Laredo requires a higher level of funding to ensure public safety and meet homeland security imperatives; for instance, the city has only one hazardous materials response unit, purchased in 1991 and long overdue for upgrades; it lacks a detection system for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive weapons, as well as for quick assessment and management of industrial accidents; among other urgent needs are enhanced police staffing, improved radio coverage in remote areas, and construction of a secure regional emergency operations center where safety personnel and local, state, and federal government officials can coordinate decisions and resources in a crisis; and

Whereas, With an estimated population of 217,000, Laredo is a much smaller city than other major United States ports; its own budget is accordingly limited, and at the same time, its size has been an impediment in the pursuit of federal assistance; homeland security funding formulas currently use census figures rather than threat risk in determining eligibility for such programs as the Urban Areas Security Initiative and Targeted Infrastructure Capability Grants Program, and, as a land port, Laredo is likewise ineligible for the Port Security Grant Program, even though it processes more international shipments than such grant recipients as Mobile, Alabama, and Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

Whereas, Laredo, as the nation's second-busiest land gateway, shoulders unique law enforcement, public safety, and national security burdens far out of proportion to the size of its population; increased federal funding is necessary to strengthen first response where local agencies with strained budgets are responsible for protecting our nation's critical infrastructure and addressing international threats; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to refine Department of Homeland Security policy to consider risk levels as well as population size in assessing the financial needs of first responders in border communities along the international boundary created by the Rio Grande; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

Approved: RICK PERRY, *Governor.*

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Mem-

ber project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3183, Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account for the continuation of work on the Des Plaines River, IL. The entity to receive the \$3,300,000 in funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to continue work on the Des Plaines River projects authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law No. 106-53). Funding for this project would be used to continue Phase I of the authorized Des Plaines River Project. Specifically, construction will move forward on the expansion of Big Bend Lake and lowering the normal lake level to obtain an additional 587 acre-feet of storage. Material excavated from the expansion must be removed from the site. Two storm sewer lines, which currently empty into Big Bend Lake, a 96-inch and 24-inch, will be rerouted directly to the Des Plaines River. Recurrent flooding along the Des Plaines River causes an estimated average annual damage of more than \$25 million (69 percent traffic damages, 20 percent residential damages, 8 percent commercial/industrial/public damages, 3 percent emergency services costs). Statutory authorization for this project is provided in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-53), and a Project Cooperation Agreement has been signed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3183, Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Solar Technology account for Solar Lighting for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. The entity to receive the \$300,000 funding for this project is the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, 3S580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to install an on-grid solar panel energy collection system to provide power for lighting of one of the entire Danada Forest Preserve Campuses. The Danada Forest Preserve is a high visibility public facility that is used for meetings, wedding events, youth equestrian programs and a soon to be visitor center with native plant demonstration gardens. This campus is home to the Danada House, an equestrian facility, and staff offices. The lighting project is necessary to facilitate night programming while improving safety and security. The solar lighting project would be an educational component that would tie well into the sustainability initiatives currently being proposed for the entire facility. Additionally, the project would serve as a helpful demonstration of solar technology and capacity in the Chicagoland region.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3183, Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies account for a Green Roof for the DuPage County Administration Building. The entity to receive the \$250,000 in funding for this project is DuPage County, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to replace a roof in need of repair with one that is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The objective for implementation of Green Roof

Technology is to reduce energy costs for county campus facilities and to promote and implement new environmental technology. The Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building roof is currently leaking and is in great need of repair. The roof has been identified to be structurally sound to support a low profile vegetated Green Technology roof system. With the installation of a green roof, the R value, or thermal resistance will increase, thereby contributing to cooler roof temperatures in the summer months, decreasing solar loading effects which transfer heat into the building, ultimately resulting in considerable energy savings, which is good for the environment and taxpayers.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3183, Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account for the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs, IL. The entity to receive the \$25,000,000 in funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to continue ongoing design and construction of the McCook Reservoir, as authorized under the Water Resources Development Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-676). The McCook Reservoir is currently under construction, and when completed will have a total capacity of 10 billion gallons, provide more than \$90 million per year in benefits to 3.1 million people in 37 communities, protecting 1,240,000 million structures. The District is proceeding with planning, design and ultimately construction of the Thornton Reservoir under the Section 211 provision of the 2007 WRDA. This provision will allow the District to complete the project, seek reimbursement for the federal share, and bring the flood protection and CSO storage benefits to 556,000 people in 15 communities by 2014. Completing the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs and bringing them fully on-line is crucial to local communities, the health of Lake Michigan and its tributaries, and to the economic development of the region. Without timely completion of the project, communities will face decreased drinking water allocations, significant decreases in water quality and thousands of homes will be vulnerable to flooding. In fact, this project will provide more than \$130 million per year in benefits to over 3 million Illinois residents and once complete will protect over 1.3 million structures from flooding. The McCook and Thornton Reservoir projects are a key component of the Chicago Underflow Plan (CUP), the flood control element of the District's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP). TARP is the long-term comprehensive flood pollution control solution for Chicago and its 51 surrounding communities, and includes a series of underground tunnels and storage reservoirs designed to address combined sewer overflow discharges. This system has been enormously effective in achieving its goal as evidenced by the elimination of 85 percent of the combined sewage pollution in a 325 square mile area.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3183, Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account for the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal Dispersal Barriers. The entity to receive the \$7,275,000 in funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to operate Barrier I, com-

plete construction of Barrier II, and prepare designs for making Barrier I permanent, as authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114). Historically, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River were separated naturally by a landmass, but since the completion of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, aquatic species can move freely between the two water systems. This dispersal barrier is needed to keep the invasive species Asian Carp from reaching Lake Michigan and infesting the larger Great Lakes ecosystem. A temporary dispersal barrier (Barrier I) has been operating for nearly seven years, and construction of a permanent barrier (Barrier IIA) will be completed this year. Funding in the amount of \$5.0 million is needed to operate Barrier I, complete construction of Barrier II, and prepare designs for making Barrier I permanent.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL THOMAS F. MACLEISH

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Colonel Thomas F. MacLeish. On July 1, Colonel MacLeish retired from his position as Superintendent of the Delaware State Police after more than 30 years of service to the residents of Delaware.

A graduate of Wilmington University and the F.B.I. National Academy, Colonel MacLeish joined the Delaware State Police in 1977 and quickly rose through the ranks. During his tenure as Superintendent, Colonel MacLeish was tasked with overseeing 671 troopers and over 200 civilian employees. The Delaware State Police flourished under Colonel MacLeish's leadership as he stressed law enforcement with an attitude of professionalism and compassion.

The State of Delaware saw many accomplishments under the leadership of Colonel MacLeish. Some of these include the creation of the Delaware Information & Analysis Center, the initiation of the Child Predator Task Force, the formation of the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit, and moving the State Bureau of Identification to a larger and updated location at the Blue Hen Corporate Center. Colonel MacLeish also oversaw the formation of the Cultural Diversity Council within the State Police. The purpose of this group is to enlighten police officers in various matters of diversity. Additionally, during his tenure with the State Police, Colonel MacLeish served on many councils and organizations such as the Council on Police Training, the Delaware Police Chiefs Council, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Camp Barnes—which provides underprivileged children the fun, quintessentially American experience of attending summer camp at no cost to the camper or their family—and others.

I thank Colonel Thomas MacLeish for his many years of tireless effort in keeping Delawareans safe. While Colonel MacLeish has been an asset to the State of Delaware and his dedication will be sorely missed, I am confident that even in retirement he will continue to be a pillar of integrity and diligence in our community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. I requested and received \$200,000.00 for Operation Servicemen Success at the Oklahoma City Community College located at 7777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73150. This program will provide additional personnel to support Veterans and service members attending OCCC, through a full time Coordinator of Veterans Services, a special population licensed counselor, career advisors, clerical support and tutoring services. Expansion of services for service members enrolled in classes at OCCC should be promoted to these students by the Veterans Services Office functioning as a centralized source of information and referral. To succeed in college, it is critical that veterans have a successful transition from the military into campus life. The aim of this program is to provide intensive transitional and support services for military veterans as many veterans have a difficult time readjusting to civilian life and translating their military service into applicable college and career goals. This service provides enhanced and specialized support services to military veteran students from the time they commit to attending the OCCC through the end of their education and beyond.

I requested and received \$350,000.00 for the Proton Cancer Therapy Research and Education Center at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. Oklahoma State University and ProCure Treatment Centers Inc. have formed a public-private partnership for training, education and research in proton therapy for the treatment of cancer. In many situations cancer treatment by means of precisely directed beams of energetic protons is the most effective therapeutic alternative to more traditional surgical and radiation cancer treatment procedures. ProCure is currently completing construction of a multi-million dollar, proton treatment facility in Oklahoma City, dedicated to the treatment of cancer. It will allow access to world-leading technology for patients in the central region of the United States and is the first of several such centers planned by ProCure throughout the country in the coming years. We propose to place Oklahoma at the forefront of proton cancer treatment by establishing a world-class, research and education center at OSU, in partnership with ProCure, in order to train accredited personnel in this next-generation cancer treatment modality. Scientists at the world-renowned Radiation Physics Laboratory at OSU have been conducting research in the characterization and monitoring of proton beams used in cancer therapy for over fifteen years. The OSU group has recently teamed with ProCure to establish a research and training program at OSU. The requested federal funding will build from the existing private funding to establish a leading national center of excellence. Establishing a proton therapy center in

the middle of Oklahoma will be of tremendous benefit to the citizens of this state and surrounding states. There are estimated to be over 250,000 cancer patients nationwide, and over 3,000 each year in a 250 mile radius of Oklahoma City, many of whom can benefit from proton radiation therapy.

I requested and received \$300,000.00 for Oklahoma State Health Mobile Clinic and Medical Response at Oklahoma State University, Center for Health Systems at 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107. This project seeks to do two things: (1) expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network, and (2) bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or man-made disasters.

RECOGNIZING CHANHASSEN, MINNESOTA, FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 5 "BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA" BY MONEY MAGAZINE

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam speaker, I rise today to congratulate the community of Chanhassen, a town I am proud to say is part of Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

In naming Chanhassen one of the top 5 "Best Places to Live in America," Money magazine confirmed what many of us in the great state of Minnesota already knew; Chanhassen is an outstanding city.

As the nation's economy has faltered, Chanhassen has flourished. From 2000 to 2008 Chanhassen averaged a 28 percent job growth rate, providing its residents with the economic security necessary to raise their families.

Along with providing economic security, Chanhassen's 11 freshwater lakes and 34 parks offer a pristine wilderness retreat that epitomizes the land of 10,000 lakes.

With its strong economy and Minnesota beauty, it is no surprise Chanhassen was named the second best small town in America.

Congratulations, again, to the entire community of Chanhassen for earning this prestigious distinction. You are second in the nation, and first in our hearts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$15,000,000 for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project. This project is located within the limits of the existing Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) in Northern California. The integrity of various sections of Sacramento River and tributary levees has become seriously eroded, so much so that the State of California issued a statewide emergency declaration to address the levee deficiencies. Much progress has been made to correct the system's weak points, due to support from Congress, the Administration, and the State of California. Additional federal and state funding is required to continue corrective work throughout the Sacramento River system. \$163,000,000 of the total project cost (\$510,700,000) will be borne by the non-federal sponsors.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reclamation District 2140

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 758, Hamilton City, CA 95951

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 to enable the Corps of Engineers to complete Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) for this ecosystem restoration and flood control project. The Hamilton City, CA flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration project (P.L. 110-114, Sec. 1001(8)) will provide significantly enhanced flood protection to 2,600 area residents and nearby agricultural lands, and will restore approximately 1500 acres of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,100,000 to enable the Corps to complete the Sutter feasibility study and allow state and local interests to initiate corrective work identified by the Corps' study using state and local funds. The non-federal share of the total project cost (estimated \$8,258,000) is estimated to be \$4,100,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 to be coupled with dedicated State of California funds and enable the Corps

of Engineers to complete the project's Limited Reevaluation Report and continue construction and mitigation work for this flood protection effort. This important project includes levee repair and reconstruction along the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, specifically consisting of installation of landside berms with toe drains, ditch relocation, embankment modification, and slurry cut-off walls to address seepage and levee boil issues which threaten the performance of flood control structures that protect close to \$100 million worth of public infrastructure and private property.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Yuba County Water Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to strengthen the federal levee system up to a 200-year level flood protection for communities in Yuba County, California. To date, local interests and the State of California have invested \$246,500,000 in the project and the related, advanced improvements. These interests anticipate an additional expenditure of up to \$118,200,000, for a total estimated non-Federal investment of \$364,700,000. With total project costs estimated to be approximately \$445,000,000, the only anticipated federal construction contribution will be \$33,000,000 for improvements to the Marysville ring levee, a figure that is well below the authorized 65-35 percent cost-share ratio. When completed, the Yuba River project will provide the highest levee of flood protection for any community in California's Central Valley.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$150,000 to investigate the feasibility of increasing the level of flood protection for the urbanized area in the City of Woodland, and possibly some nearby unincorporated lands in Yolo County, from a 1 in 10-year level of flood protection to greater than 1 in 100-year level of flood protection. The non-federal sponsors will share 50% of the total project cost.

RECOGNIZING DAY OF THE
AFRICAN CHILD

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 550, a resolution recognizing the Day of the African Child.

Each year more than half a million women die in pregnancy and 9 million children die of preventable causes, half of whom are in Africa. This resolution recognizes the need to reduce maternal, newborn, and child deaths in

Africa, and recognizes the Day of the African Child which is held yearly on June 16th, and the importance of the U.S. partnership with African Leaders.

At this moment millions of boys and girls across the continent of Africa are struggling to survive. In Sub-Saharan Africa roughly 1 in every 7 children fail to reach their fifth birthday—the highest rate of under-five mortality in the world—and 9 out of 10 African mothers will lose a child during their lifetime.

But the picture in Africa is not hopeless. Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi and Mozambique, for example, have made significant progress in child survival and have reduced their under-five mortality rates by 40 percent or more since 1990. The African Union has made child survival a theme for their 15th Ordinary Session in 2010 and the G8 Summit leaders have also made a commitment to ensure all children have access to free basic healthcare by 2015.

On June 16, 2009 I held a briefing with the Global Health Caucus and the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health to commemorate the Day of the African Child to explore the challenges remaining and actions to improve the well being of Africa's children. I was pleased to co-host this event Congressman PAYNE, the African Union, and several other organizations.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to make children and mothers in Africa and the developing world a priority.

Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2009 I had the opportunity to speak at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) to discuss the development of a comprehensive strategy for improving the health of newborns, children, and mothers in the developing world. I would like to enter my remarks from this event into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ADVANCING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Good morning. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be asked by CSIS to speak about global health and specifically the health needs of women and children in the world's poorest countries.

Let me start by thanking and congratulating CSIS and Steve Morrison for the ongoing commitment to elevate the importance of global health. The work here is essential to the examination of U.S. foreign policy and the health investments our country is making around the world. CSIS's global health effort is impressive and really important.

Many of you are here today because you are working to improve basic health care for women and children across the developing world. Thank you for all that you do. Your work may be to prevent needless deaths or to create opportunities for tens of millions to achieve a basic quality of life in which extreme poverty, hunger, disease, and suffering are defeated. It is all important work and we need you to keep fighting.

Let me open my remarks with a single sentence from last week's G8 Global Health Experts Report: "Women and children are among the most vulnerable groups and progress toward the MDGs related to maternal, newborn and child health remains too slow."

Let me repeat that last part again . . . "progress toward the MDGs related to maternal, newborn and child health remains too slow."

Let me rephrase that in another way, 25,000 newborns and children under-five died yesterday, are dying today, and will die tomorrow—and everyday for the foreseeable future. One thousand-five hundred mothers will die during pregnancy or after delivery today, tomorrow, and everyday for the foreseeable future.

Is progress to end needless, preventable deaths progressing too slowly?

Of course it is. We don't need a G8 global health report to tell us this.

What the G8 should do is ask the mother and father of one of the more than nine million children who died last year if progress has been too slow. Or, they could ask the orphaned children whose mother was one of the more than half million women who die every year from a pregnancy related death.

So what are we—the richest nation and the other donor nations—doing to significantly reducing child and maternal mortality while investing in building sustainable health systems?

Unfortunately, not enough in my opinion. Taking on the challenge of achieving MDG 4 to reduce children mortality (by two-thirds) and MGD 5 to reduce maternal mortality (by three-quarters) is a goal that could be accomplished if the world community invests and acts.

The goals are doable. But the fate of millions of women and children cannot be just a talking point in a speech or a summit declaration. We need to do more than just talk about the MDGs.

With regard to maternal and child health inspiring action may be our biggest challenge. Ministries of Health in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia understand that women and children are dying in massive numbers in their countries. The development and global health community understand the problem. Everyone in this room understands the situation.

We don't need to wait for a miracle drug or a great technological breakthrough to deliver an essential package of interventions that can save the lives of millions of children and hundred of thousands of women every year. We are delivering those interventions today. And it is being done all around the world right now, but it does need to be scaled up and sustained.

We know skilled birth attendants are needed at all births and we know how to recruit and train them.

We know expanding access to family planning and child spacing improves the health of women and their children.

We know exclusive breast feeding, immunizations for measles, Vitamin A, and bed nets have combined to save millions of lives over the past decade.

We know the work of GAVI, the Global Fund, UNICEF and UNFPA are saving lives.

And, we know USAID has been making major contributions to maternal and child health, as well as reproductive health, for decades. Tens of millions of people are alive today because of the child health programs implemented by USAID and paid for by the American people over the past forty years. We need to celebrate this tremendous success.

All of you here today know every imaginable statistic and fact about the lack of maternal and child health care, the medical consequences, and the human cost. A lack of data is not the problem.

So let's look at maternal and child health from a different perspective. What don't we know?

This is a harder question.

Something must be missing if we know how to solve such a serious problem, save lives, and yet, children and moms are still dying needlessly.

Let me throw out a few questions for you to think about, because I am looking for answers myself.

Where is the urgency to save the lives of children and mothers?

Where is the political will to invest in the lives of children and mothers?

And does anybody know or care to know the names or the faces of those babies and women who are dying needlessly at this very moment?

These are the questions we need to answer if we are going to translate the endless reports, policy papers and strategic plans into the advocacy, inspiration, investments, and action needed to save lives.

I am looking for answers and I am looking to you to help find them.

I am one voice and vote in the House of Representatives—there are 434 other voices and votes as well. Is child or maternal survival a priority issue for Congress? We know it's not but can it be much more of a priority?

Imagine the possibility of a terrorist attack in which 5 million children were at risk, but we knew how to prevent the attack and we knew it would cost \$5 billion to save those lives. Would Congress spend the money? Of course we would—even the Blue Dogs would vote for it.

Unfortunately, the terror that strikes millions of parents who watch their children die from malnutrition or malaria is not the same terror that inspires Congress. The real sense of urgency may need to start beyond Washington, in the very countries in which women and children are dying at unacceptable rates.

For example, India and Pakistan have billions of dollars to spend on advanced military hardware including nuclear arsenals and yet tens of millions of their citizens live in abject misery and die for no reason other than they are poor.

Nigeria, a petroleum exporter, leads the African continent in the number of mothers and children dying each year. This should be a source of shame for such an African power.

Where is the urgency in India, Pakistan, or Nigeria to invest in their own citizens' lives? And, if they aren't willing to make their own children's lives a priority, how do I convince my constituents to make their kids a priority?

Clearly the lack of urgency from the very countries where women and children are dying translates directly into a lack of political will.

Since the whispers of dying moms and children are not heard by politicians in Ethiopia, Zambia, Afghanistan, or the United States, there should be no expectation that preventing these deaths will be a political priority any time soon.

For example, where is the urgency among nations of Sub-Saharan Africa to lobby Congress to save the lives of their own citizens? If Africa's presidents are not prioritizing maternal child health their ambassadors in Washington will not be knocking on Congress's door asking for increased appropriations.

No urgency translates into a lack of political will which in turn means limited resources and more needless deaths—a self-perpetuating cycle.

How will the NGO, think tank, and advocacy community help to break this cycle? I want to hear your ideas.

Here at home, is there the political will for the U.S. to be the global champion for women and children?

The Obama Administration has demonstrated the ability to understand and articulate a global health vision. There have been numerous positive statements regarding maternal child health.

The Administration's leadership would be essential for any major increase in investments for maternal child health in FY2011.

But that requires the President to nominate someone to lead our nation's international development efforts. It is critical that a USAID administrator get in place as soon as possible.

How to inspire the political will—in the U.S. and around the world—is something the child and maternal health advocacy community needs to think long and hard about.

This is an area where policy, politics, and pressure need to come together to make real change.

Unless a new model of grassroots advocacy, political engagement, lobbying of Congress and the White House, and real pressure from Americans all across this country takes place—from school children to church groups to civic organizations—I am afraid maternal and child health will stagnate as an issue and we will not be successful at appropriating the increased dollars needed to save lives.

The reality we are facing is that the political and policy success of the global HIV/AIDS community has put a real squeeze on all other global health accounts.

In the House FY2010 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill we invested \$7.8 billion for global health with seven out of every ten dollars going to HIV prevention, treatment or care. With regard to treatment, PEPFAR has created a global health entitlement program that means a person's lifetime treatment for HIV takes priority over other health investments, like child and maternal health. The cost is not only financial, but tradeoffs are being made that can be counted in lives lost—too many lives.

As Congress goes through our own domestic health care reform all of my colleagues and I have heard first hand stories from countless constituents about their challenges accessing or affording quality health care. Those stories and the people who tell them demonstrate the real need for health care reform.

Who are the mothers and fathers and children we are willing to invest our tax dollars, our energy and our ideas for to build healthier families and communities in far away places? Unless we can make these lives real—less of a statistical abstraction—tens of millions of children and millions of mothers will continue to die.

Last week Nicholas Kristof wrote in his New York Times column that “humanitarians are abjectly ineffective at selling their causes.”

He went on to say, “I also wonder if our unremitting focus on suffering and unmet needs stirs up a cloud of negative feelings that incline people to avert their eyes and hurry by. Maybe we should emphasize the many humanitarian successes, such as falling child mortality rates since 1990—which mean that 400 children's lives are saved every hour, around the clock.”

If Mr. Kristof is correct in his assessment, then we should be championing successes—every toddler who is now a teenager because of access to basic healthcare, good nutrition and clean water.

It is absolutely remarkable to know that there are circumstances in which for a few hundred dollars invested in the right place, at the right time, with the right intervention available—an illness can be prevented, an infection can be treated, a mother can deliver a child safely. Hundreds of thousands of American citizens are contributing their own money to NGOs to make a difference in the life of a family or person they don't even know. If those Americans can be mobilized to make child and maternal health a priority for President Obama and Congress then the power of the American people and our tax dollars will save lives—millions of lives.

As we all know there are many competing development challenges that require re-

sources and collectively contribute to making poor communities healthier, more successful, and better prepared to meet the opportunities of the future. Whether it is basic education, agriculture development, clean water, or maternal and child health, we need to make smart investments that produce results and demonstrate to the American people real improvements in real people's lives.

Let me conclude by asking for your ideas and suggestions about how to mobilize and inspire action from the American people, Congress, the White House, as well as foreign leaders to make maternal and child health a global priority. I would like the opportunity for a dialogue on what NGOs, donors and policy makers can do to energize, mobilize and communicate more effectively on this issue.

As all of you know, I am the author of H.R. 1410—The Newborn, Child, and Mother Survival Act—which authorizes the development of a U.S. strategy to reduce child and maternal mortality and implementation of the strategy by USAID.

It is a good bill, but it's not enough.

We need a campaign—a movement—in support of the millions of children and women's lives we can save if we only try.

We need action in Congress and parliaments in donor and developing countries.

We need to organize parents and children as activists.

We need to motivate and mobilize a political movement that will create the support for the resources to allow investments in interventions that will save lives, change communities, and transform our future.

I am committed to making pregnancy, child birth and a newborn's start in the world safe, healthy and a joy for every family—even the poorest of families in the poorest of countries.

We have a lot of work to do to make this vision a reality and I look forward to hearing you ideas about how we can get moving.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 103RD
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. PAULINE M.
ELLIOTT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the special life of Mrs. Pauline Elliott of Anniston, Alabama.

The daughter of Lena Geneva Rosamond Morrison and James Edward Morrison, Pauline Morrison Elliott was born on August 13th, 1906. Pauline is the first of six children, and today is the sole survivor of her siblings. Mrs. Pauline Morrison Elliott was married to Mr. William Hoyt Elliott of Rome, Georgia for sixty-seven years.

Mrs. Elliott was an active member in the Broadmoor Church of God serving as the clerk, a Sunday school teacher, and a member of the choir. Because of the Elliotts' dedicated service, Broadmoor Church of God added a new wing to the church in honor of Hoyt and Pauline Elliott.

Since joining Harvest Church of God, this past Mother's Day Mrs. Elliott was honored with an award for being the eldest mother in their congregation. She resides with one of her three nieces, Ms. Helen Chastain Bennett, in Anniston, Alabama.

Today I would like to wish Mrs. Pauline Elliott a very Happy 103rd Birthday.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. HERGER. 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. 3288, the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Butte County Association of Governments

Address of Requesting Entity: 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2 million for the Forest Highway 171 widening project. This project will upgrade a 9.6 mile section of roadway that crosses federal lands between communities of Inskip and Butte Meadows from a one-lane gravel road to a paved two-lane route. These improvements are necessary to provide an emergency evacuation route for Upper Ridge residents who are surrounded by federal forest lands that have not been properly managed to mitigate the threat of catastrophic wildfire. The need for this project is greater than ever considering the Humboldt Fire and Butte Lightning Complex Fires that swept through the ridge and surrounding areas last summer destroying homes and forcing thousands of people to evacuate the area. The project will also increase the chances for effective efforts to control instances of wildfire by cutting in half the response time for fire backup support services. The total project cost is approximately \$21,000,000. The county is using its State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dollars (approximately \$2,665,000) for the project. It has received a \$5,000,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Lands Highway Program, \$5,800,000 in SAFETEA-LU, \$980,000 and \$998,450 in the FY08 and FY09 appropriations bills.

VOLUNTEERING IN AMERICA 2009

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, volunteering in America 2009 found that a total of 61.8 million Americans volunteered through an organization in 2008.

For the fourth year in a row, Utah was the top volunteer state with a volunteer rate of 43.5%. With a whopping 62.9% volunteer rate, Provo, Utah again led the nation in volunteering rates from mid-sized cities.

Every day millions of Americans are helping to solve some of our toughest challenges. Instead of turning inward, Americans are responding to tough times by reaching out to help others in need.

Volunteering is a great way to address pressing community needs and the people of

Provo, Utah are demonstrating that on a daily basis.

During this prolonged economic recession, the need of volunteers is growing. I am proud of the many Provo city residents who are pitching in to help.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SANKU S. RAO,
M.D.

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to commend the service of my constituent Dr. Sanku S. Rao, M.D., who recently completed a one-year term as President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).

Dr. Rao has practiced Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine in Enid, Oklahoma at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center since 1979. He is a member of the American Society of Internal Medicine, serves as Chairman of the Oklahoma Blood Institute, is President-Elect of the Garfield County Medical Association, and is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Rao was elected President of AAPI for 2008–2009. AAPI has entered its 28th year, and with 15,000 members, it is one of the largest ethnic medical associations in the nation. Dr. Rao is truly committed to the Indian American community and serves as a vital link between the medical communities in the U.S. and India. As President of AAPI, Dr. Rao organized the Indo-U.S. Healthcare Summit in New Delhi, India in January 2009. Medical specialists from the U.S., India, and the UK discussed prevention, treatment and the management of six major diseases including heart disease, diabetes, infectious diseases, HIV, tuberculosis, and allergies, and promoting better maternal child health care. Dr. Rao established a free endoscopy clinic at a hospital in Hyderabad, India and has assisted young Indian American physicians to secure residency positions in the U.S.

Dr. Rao exemplifies the success story that has made Indian American physicians so vital to our health care system. He graduated Valuedictorian of St. Paul's High School in Hyderabad and received his medical degree with distinction from the Institute of Medical Sciences in Hyderabad. He completed his medical residency and fellowship in New York and has been a longtime resident of Oklahoma. He lives in Enid with his wife, Dr. Sanku Rohini, and has two children, Archana and Ameet Rao.

I want to congratulate my constituent Dr. Sanku Rao for his able service as the national President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WATERFRONT BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Waterfront

Brownfields Revitalization Act. This bill will authorize a much needed grant program to assist communities that are overcoming the unique challenges of waterfront brownfields and foster innovative approaches to remediation.

America's industrial heritage was established along the banks of its rivers, lakes and coasts. Our nation's vast and interconnected natural water system helped provide the power that fueled our rise to international prominence, and allowed us to move our manufactured goods efficiently to all corners of the country. However, that legacy also includes many decades of environmental contamination on the waterfront. Abandoned factories, dilapidated mills and underutilized ports can be found along the shores of many metropolitan areas. As localities seek to reconnect with their waterfronts and revitalize their downtowns, brownfield barriers threaten to derail community efforts to create jobs, promote recreational opportunities, restore the ecology, increase tourism, and grow their tax base.

Waterfront brownfields present challenges beyond typical environmental assessment and cleanup projects. Hydrology, water quality, wetlands, endangered species, habitat, dredged materials, flooding, environmental infrastructure, navigation, and other considerations must be carefully addressed so as not to exacerbate existing site contamination. Typically, waterfront brownfields require the involvement of multiple governmental agencies. As such, waterfront brownfields require special attention and resources to overcome their larger hurdles.

In my own district, the city of Rochester, NY is currently working to revitalize its beautiful waterfront, while attempting to cope with the unique challenges that waterfront brownfields present. The city is undertaking a major community revitalization strategy to redevelop its port and waterfront area into a mixed use development, which will include housing, commercial, retail, and educational uses, enhanced recreation, new parks and open space, and improved public access to Lake Ontario, the Genesee River and the surrounding ecosystem. However, because the Port of Rochester was used extensively for industrial purposes from the late 1800s into the first half of the 20th century, significant environmental remediation will be required prior to redevelopment.

Initial investigations have found that more than ten acres of the site contain up to several feet of slag from a former iron works. Portions of the site are impacted from petroleum releases and unsuitable fill materials. Old Genesee River deposits on the site and bank sediments have been shown to contain high levels of heavy metals cadmium and silver as well as pesticides and furans. The marina must also be dredged. Before the waterfront reuse can proceed, the Port of Rochester must first address an estimated \$500,000 in environmental assessment issues related to contaminated sediments, beneficial reuse of sediments, groundwater contamination, and waste characterization related to the construction of the marina—and an unknown level of remediation.

Madam Speaker, Rochester is not alone in facing these types of complicated and expensive challenges to redevelopment. Cities all across the country are dealing with similar roadblocks as they try to engage incorporate waterfront real estate into their redevelopment

plans, from Yuma, AZ and Portland, OR in the west, to Savannah, GA, and Philadelphia, PA in the east, and almost everywhere in between where lakes and rivers exist.

My bill recognizes that the federal government can be an effective partner to communities interested in reconnecting with their waterfronts. Specifically, this legislation would authorize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a waterfront brownfields pilot demonstration program to provide localities and other eligible entities with up to \$500,000 to assess and cleanup waterfront brownfields. The bill would also establish an interagency taskforce on waterfront brownfields restoration to identify barriers and potential solutions to waterfront brownfields revitalization, and seek methods for federal interagency collaboration on such projects.

As cities across the country struggle to thrive in a changing global economy, and as our domestic manufacturing continues to diminish, it is imperative that Congress do all that it can to help these cities redevelop and succeed. Industrialization and manufacturing helped make this country the power that it is today, but as manufacturing has moved overseas it has not only taken jobs and changed the economic base of many industrial cities, it has also left behind decades of contamination. This legislation will give these cities the support they need to redevelop in an environmentally safe way, and utilize their waterfront as an incredible economic asset.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
HALLIE BOTTER WYNNE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed all of South Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory. Hallie Botter Wynne was a beloved citizen who, for 97 years, lived a spirited life dedicated to her family, friends, and a multitude of community endeavors.

Hallie Wynne loved life. Her adult years were characterized by her vivacious pursuit of countless interests, the evidence of her rich life. When she graduated from Murphy High School in 1930, she had lettered in several sports and distinguished herself as a varsity basketball standout. Soon after, she co-founded the Ladies Auxiliary of the Gulf Fishing and Boating Club in Mobile. The active life Mrs. Wynne began as a young woman continued into her adult years; she became an avid sailor out of the Buccaneer Yacht Club alongside her husband of 51 years, Red Wynne, Sr. In all of her recreation, she excelled: she was recognized as a champion skeet shooter and known to friends as a formidable poker player.

Her energy and spirit overflowed to the community, and Mobile came to know Mrs. Wynne as a respected businesswoman. As general manager of Chin Laundry and Dry-cleaners, she beautifully served the community of Mobile until the birth of her children. She and her husband owned nationally-recognized Wynne's Kennel where they bred and showed championship English bulldogs and cocker spaniels, dogs that made the couple immensely proud.

Of all her accomplishments, however, Mrs. Wynne was most proud of the legacy of her family. Those who know her well can attest that family was her first love. Born one of eight children and married 51 years, Mrs. Wynne certainly understood family. And as an enthusiastic Alabama football fan, she made certain that each of her children and grandchildren attended the University of Alabama. In the company of those most dear to her, she graciously entertained guests, and friends knew her as the epitome of a hospitable, Southern lady. It is said that rarely a day went by that she did not welcome visitors into her home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a gracious host; a devoted family figure; and a respected woman of Mobile. Hallie will be dearly missed by her family—her daughter, Hallie Wall; her son, William W. Wynne, Jr.; her son, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Sr.; her granddaughters, Nancy Wynne Wall and Hallie Elizabeth Wynne; her grandson, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Jr.; a sister, Evelyn Botter Biretta Wilson; and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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.

The Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA—\$1 million to develop ultra fast power processor for Smart Grid. Silicon Power located in Malvern, PA is a partner on this project.

FISCAL SOLVENCY OF CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Budget Committee and House Financial Services Committee, one of my top priorities is to get the job engine running again in America. Over the past year, Congress has spent over \$1 trillion to get the economy moving again, but 2.6 million Americans have lost their jobs since President Obama took office and we have the highest unemployment rate in 25 years. Clearly, Washington Democrats' plan for economic recovery has been an abject failure.

I support policies that will provide struggling Texas small businesses with tax relief, enabling small businesses, which create 2 of every 3 jobs in America, to begin hiring workers. But we also must ensure that those who

have lost their jobs through no fault of their own have a temporary safety net to help them weather this economic storm. That is why I voted for H.R. 6867 on October 3, 2008. H.R. 6867 provides up to 59 weeks of unemployment compensation benefits, and I was pleased that it was signed into law on November 21, 2008.

The House recently considered H.R. 3357, which transferred \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to cover a projected shortfall of funds. This legislation also would provide funds for the Unemployment Trust Fund.

I support those provisions that would ensure the Unemployment Trust Fund, which is the funding mechanism for federal unemployment compensation benefits, has the resources it needs. In these tough economic times, I know how important unemployment benefits are to those who have lost their job. I do not, however, support provisions of H.R. 3357 that would transfer \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund, as this would add \$7 billion to the deficit and send the bill to our children and grandchildren. While I support a first-class highway system and would not want to see the Highway Trust Fund run short of funds, simply adding \$7 billion to the deficit was not the solution to the Highway Trust Fund's problems. This \$7 billion is on top of an \$8 billion transfer in 2008 and the \$27 billion provided to the Highway Trust Fund in the so-called stimulus bill.

Unfortunately, Members of Congress have wasted billions of taxpayer dollars on transportation earmarks over the last decade, helping lead to the depletion of the fund. While not all earmarks are bad, too many have diverted funds from the fund to pay for the Bridge to Nowhere, parking garages and bike paths. Had Members of Congress spent Highway Trust Fund money more wisely, we may not have been forced to replenish the fund.

Even though I support the Unemployment Trust Fund provision of H.R. 3357, at a time when the federal government is running a record debt in excess of \$11 trillion, a projected record deficit of \$1.8 trillion, and a 9.5 percent unemployment rate that is the highest unemployment rate in over 25 years, I simply could not support a bill that would borrow \$7 billion and send the bill to future generations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SMITH 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 the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project name: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Simulation Integration Laboratory

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF PRODUCTS, INC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 Davis Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provides additional operational connectivity capabilities onboard aircraft that work to ensure the safety of ground personnel and prevent unplanned events including fratricide and wrong target hits. This capability will allow more information to be transmitted to the aircraft, such as an injured soldiers' medical record, or to the ground forces, such as real-time enemy locations.

Project name: Marine Mammal Detection System to Support Navy Training

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc. (ISSI)

Address of Requesting Entity: Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Route 547, Building 195/Hangar 6, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

Description of Request: Providing the Navy with new technology to track marine mammals in coastal training areas from the air—providing habitat protection, offering environmentally enhanced tracking alternatives and saving training time and money. The funding will be allocated as follows: \$1,618,477 for salaries; \$148,715 for expendables such as aviation fuel; \$83,800 for direct travel; \$107,864 for direct material such as sensors and other electronic equipment; and \$41,144 for support equipment vehicles.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 38

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, During the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed more than 19 million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; these herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses now affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, The United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Republic of Vietnam; the Act amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; this presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with such illness as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, and soft-tissue sarcomas; and

Whereas, Pursuant to a 2001 directive, United States Department of Veterans Affairs policy has denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who could not

furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the ground" in-country, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; many who had landed on Vietnamese soil could not produce proof due to incomplete or missing military records; moreover, personnel who had served on ships in the "Blue Water Navy" in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but also washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas, Warships positioned off the Vietnamese shore routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water; a 2002 Australian study found that the distillation process, rather than removing toxins, in fact concentrated dioxin in water used for drinking, cooking, and washing; this study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy had a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military; when the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among United States Navy veterans; and

Whereas, Agent Orange did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore, and legislation to recognize this tragic fact and restore eligibility for compensation and medical care to United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans who sacrificed their health for their country is critical; and

Whereas, When the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure; the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation's commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in the Republic of Vietnam includes the country's inland waterways, offshore waters, and airspace; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans who served on the inland waterways, in the territorial waters, and in the airspace of the Republic of Vietnam; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved: Rick Perry, *Governor.*

HONORING JULIE REICHERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Julie Reichert. On July 16, 2009, Julie received a Gold Medal while competing at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. This is the highest award in the Nation for her FCCLA event.

She has been very active with her local chapter and has contributed greatly to her area through her service. Not only has she distinguished herself through her involvement, she has earned the respect of her family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Julie Reichert for her accomplishments with the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in the National Leadership Conference competition.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. 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 FY 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Construction General account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$11,018,000 to the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction of a flood damage reduction project along Brays Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 to the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction of a flood damage reduction project along White Oak Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 for the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for oversight of a flood damage reduction project aimed at reducing the loss of life, injury, and property destruction in the Buffalo Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Construction General account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston, P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the Port Authority of Houston. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to add capacity for dredged material disposal sites along the Channel.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

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

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston, P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$15,063,000 for the Port Authority of Houston. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for operations and maintenance of the Channels, including dredging activities.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH W. TESTA AS AUDITOR OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Joseph W. Testa for his service to the people of Franklin County, Ohio.

Joe Testa has been a tireless advocate for good government, first serving as Franklin County Recorder from 1985 to 1992, and since then, as Franklin County Auditor. Throughout his career as an elected official, Joe acted as a resounding voice of fiscal responsibility.

Joe's career also showcased the finest level of professionalism. For more than 17 years, he ran one of the most effective and innovative county offices in the State of Ohio, and was consistently recognized as such by the County Auditor's Association of Ohio. As an early advocate of the potential of the internet and its benefits to local government, Joe's vision helped Franklin County government to become an example for other metropolitan areas in the region in how to maximize technology for public use.

In addition to his work with the county as an elected official, Joe made a lasting impression on the greater Central Ohio community. Driven by his deep faith, he has made service a priority throughout his life. Serving as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University, and a

founder of a local charter school, Joe spent much of his free time helping provide a quality education for area students. Joe also founded a local non-profit which helps to locate, renovate and restore veteran gravesites going back to the Revolutionary War, ensuring that all veterans are remembered for their sacrifice.

This sense of service and level of commitment has made Joe a highly-respected figure in our community. While the Auditor's office and the taxpayers of Franklin County will certainly miss his principled leadership, I know he will continue to assist many in Central Ohio through his service as a private citizen.

For his years of service to Franklin County and consistent hard work toward the betterment of Central Ohio, I commend Joe Testa upon his retirement.

NAACP CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the NAACP on their 100th anniversary. As the nation's oldest and largest grassroots civil rights organization, I commend the NAACP for their landmark accomplishments as well as their ongoing efforts to remove all barriers of racial discrimination in our nation.

Founded on February 12, 1909, the NAACP was established by a diverse and determined small group of brave men and women whose stated goal was to secure for all people the rights guaranteed by the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Over the span of 100 years, the NAACP's trailblazing work with federal and state legislators as well as in courthouses across the country transformed the organization into an instrumental force in the movement for political, educational and economic equality. As we begin the 21st century, the NAACP continues to pursue these important goals while remaining focused on promoting voter empowerment initiatives as well as closing the economic and educational disparities that continue to plague minority communities.

In my hometown of El Paso, Texas, the local NAACP branch has a distinguished and rich history of civic participation, as this branch is the oldest in the State of Texas. Established in 1915, the El Paso Branch was led by one of its pioneer charter members, Dr. Lawrence Aaron Nixon. Dr. Nixon worked tirelessly for nearly 20 years to remove the legal barriers that prevented African Americans from participating in Democratic primary elections in Texas. Dr. Nixon was the lead plaintiff in two lawsuits in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in his favor by declaring Texas' discriminatory laws to be unconstitutional. In recent times, the El Paso branch continues to serve our community through economic development programs and initiatives to assist our troops and veterans. I am proud of this history as well as the ongoing efforts that the local branch continues to spearhead in El Paso.

While much progress has been made in our nation over the past 100 years, there is unquestionably a lot of work that remains to be done. It is my belief that the NAACP will remain in the forefront in creating positive

change and that through the combined efforts of all people, the promise of America can be reality for all.

IN MEMORY OF LOMPOC MAYOR DICK DEWEES

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Lompoc, California, Mayor Dick DeWees, who passed away last night from complications related to a prior medical condition.

Dick DeWees was more than a legislative colleague. He was an ally and personal friend. The relationship we built over the years greatly benefited our mutual constituencies.

I will miss his leadership and friendship.

Dick and his wife of more than 30 years, Jane, moved to Santa Barbara in 1974 and to Lompoc in 1987, where Dick quickly became involved in the community. In addition to serving as mayor, Dick served on the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission and is its past chairman, and was the City of Lompoc's representative on the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. Dick also served on numerous local non-profit organization boards.

As owner of a local advertising agency, DeWees & Company Media Services, which specializes in electronic media, Dick was the recipient of the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. In addition, he taught a public speaking course at the Lompoc Valley Center of Alan Hancock College.

Jane and Dick met while they were performing Summer Stock Theater together in Michigan. Their two married children, Nathan and Anna, also live in Lompoc, as does their first grandchild, Emma Chastain.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in sending our condolences to Jane, their children, their grandchild, and all their family and friends.

Godspeed, Dick.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL BALLOU HOFER, JR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Ontario, California were exceptional. Today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember an incredible man and American patriot, Paul Ballou Hofer, Jr. Paul was a dear friend of mine and I was deeply saddened by his passing on July 8, 2009.

Paul was born to Paul Ballou Hofer and Frances Morgan Hofer on January 23, 1921 at the family ranch in Ontario, California. He attended Mountain View Elementary School, Chaffey High School and the University of Southern California. A natural athlete, at Chaffey he played varsity basketball for four

years and was a halfback on the football team, receiving dual scholarships to USC for both sports.

During World War II Paul served in the U.S. Navy, commissioned as a Naval Aviator, with several thousand hours of flight time. In 1944 Paul married his high school sweetheart, Laura Jean Belcher, who preceded him in death. They had three sons, Paul III, John and Brett who grew up in the same house in which their father was born. Along with his brothers Morgan, also deceased, and Phillip, Paul was a fourth generation vineyard farmer at Hofer Ranch which was founded by his family in 1882. Paul always believed that the lessons learned from lifetimes of farming, hard work and determination, coupled with the deeply held and abiding belief that land is what endures, have been the anchor that has guided the family through seven generations on the ranch.

In addition to ranching, Paul was a man of many interests. He had a great love of the outdoors, with a passion for fly fishing and wing shooting. Paul was a member of the Masons, and also of the Republican Party. He collected antique farm and winery equipment, proudly adding to the collection at Hofer Ranch. In addition to his three sons, Paul is survived by his brother, Phillip, and his family; his grandchildren, Jason Hofer (Christina), Jacklyn Hofer Winton (Jeremy), Morgan Hofer and Laura Hofer; his great-granddaughter, Elizabeth; and other family members.

Paul's passion for his ranch, his family, and his community has contributed immensely to the betterment of the Ontario, California. I was proud to call Paul a fellow community member, American and good friend. I hope his family knows that their father, brother, and grandfather, and the goodness he brought to this world, will always be remembered.

COMMEMORATING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as we enter into the month of August, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the anniversary of The Voting Rights Act of 1965. On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. The date marks a pivotal moment in our country's progress in extending equal membership in the political processes to every American. The right to vote is a fundamental principle of all democracies. Yet, in our great nation whose founding fathers and documents boasted of its creation to promote equality, there was a substantial period of history during which minority men and women were barred from that very right. The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to vote for every citizen, but the discriminatory practices of Jim Crow in the antebellum south used taxes, literacy tests, gerrymandering, and language discrimination to prevent Blacks from voting and taking part in the government. Without the right to vote, many African-Americans were subject to intolerable injustices and appalling prejudice.

The Voting Rights Act represents a culmination of the great efforts of civil rights organizations and activists to inform the nation of the

extensive disenfranchisement taking place throughout the country. The anniversary of the enactment of this historic law provides an opportunity to acknowledge these activists. Most notably, their tremendous dedication and uncompromising pursuit of equality took the form of peaceful marches from Selma to Montgomery that were met with vicious attacks by state and local police forces. These events caught the attention of the President and Congress, contributing to a commitment to new civil rights legislation to counter the resistance and discrimination laws within the states. The enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 allowed African-Americans across the country to finally have a say in the functioning of the country. Today, I celebrate the anniversary of this law as a reflection of what our country represents: a nation pledged to representing the views, values, and beliefs of all the people it serves.

TRIBUTE TO TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker. I would like to recognize the remarkable history and invaluable contributions of an extraordinary church and congregation in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is fitting that we recognize this outstanding institution for its inspiring history as the City of Denver's "First Church" and for its enduring service to the people of our community and our nation. It is to commend this distinguished organization that I rise to honor the Trinity United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

In the spring of 1859, only months after the mining camps of Auraria and Denver City were precariously settled along the banks of Cherry Creek, the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church sent out members to set up churches in the already rowdy mining camps of the newly established Pikes Peak region. On August 2, 1859, frontier minister William H. Goode and 23-year-old Jacob Adriaance established the Auraria and Denver City Methodist Episcopal Mission, known today as Trinity United Methodist Church. In 1864, a new Trinity United Methodist Church was built at 14th and Lawrence Streets to serve a burgeoning congregation.

The "Lawrence Street Church" served the community well. However, after arrival of the railroads to Denver, the City expanded greatly spreading the church's congregation further out into the growing city. By 1888 a new church rose at 18th and Broadway in Denver to accommodate the congregation's growing members. For over a century Trinity United Methodist Church has remained at this location. The church was regarded by its architect, Robert S. Roeschlaub, as the crowning achievement of his extensive career. Built of local sandstone and materials the sanctuaries ornate and carefully considered carvings and architecture are a testament to the commitment of the church to its members and community. Its 184 foot spire was one of the tallest stone towers in 1888 and remains a distinctive feature. Inside reside soaring stain

glass windows and solid brass pulpit along with a custom crafted 4,202 pipe organ which brings parishioners to prayer.

Today under the banner of "We're Here for Good!" over 50,000 church members share in weekly worship. In honor of its 150th Anniversary and in continuation of the church's service to our community and fellow humankind, the congregation has laid out four ambitious missions; planting a new church for those on the margins of society; completing construction of the John Wesley School in Guatemala; partnering to reduce infant, child, and maternal mortality in Liberia; upgrading the interior to be greener, safer, and more welcoming.

Please join me in commending Trinity United Methodist Church for its 150 years of invaluable service to our community and our nation. It is the commitment and dedication that Trinity United Methodist Church and members of its congregation exhibit on a daily basis which continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all of our people.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILE GOODHUE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lucile Goodhue on the celebration of her 100th birthday on August 26, 2009.

Lucile was born on what is now a 150-year old farm near Hartford, Iowa in 1909. She became a farm wife when she married her husband Wilbur. Lucile enjoyed traveling with Wilbur and collecting antiques. She has been blessed with numerous children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lucile's secrets to a long life are to keep active, take power naps and remain positive. She always followed these directives with a great sense of humor. Lucile currently lives at the Good Same Care Center in Indianola, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Lucile's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Lucile has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Lucile Goodhue for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Lucile in the United States Congress and I wish her happiness and health in her future years.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 75th Anniversary of the East

Bay Regional Park District, headquartered in Oakland, California. The story of the EBRPD is an inspirational one in which citizens, during the toughest of economic times, had a mission. In the late 1920s, thousands of acres of surplus watershed land were available for development. Far-sighted civic leaders sought to preserve this land and retain a balance of recreational and wilderness features.

With 65 parks, over 1,100 miles of trails, campgrounds, visitor centers, historic sites, lakes and shorelines, the mission of the East Bay Regional Park District is to provide recreational opportunities, ensure the natural beauty and cultural history of the land, and protect wildlife habitat.

In 1934, during the depths of the Great Depression, members of a grassroots land preservation movement placed a measure on the ballot. It passed by a resounding 71% and the first regional park agency in the nation, the East Bay Regional Park District, was created.

At the outset, the Park District included only seven Alameda County communities and no parks. By 1936, it was able to purchase enough land to create three parks. The first three parks were opened with great fanfare on October 18, 1936. The opening of Redwood Regional Park in 1939 soon followed.

In the 1940s, Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II halted the District's growth. Much of Tilden Regional Park was turned over to the U.S. Army Defense Command. At the end of the war, the District began an era of prudent growth as people returned to the parks seeking family recreation. Concessions such as Tilden Regional Park's steam train, carousel, and pony ride were added. This growth continued into the 1950s with Roberts Regional Park's swimming pool, baseball field, and picnic areas.

Between 1968 and 1987, the District added 32 new regional parks and preserved 43,000 acres of the East Bay's most scenic parkland. During the period 1988–2008, the District added 15 new regional parks and an additional 34,000 acres of open space. There were increased volunteer opportunities and expanded communication tools, such as the District's website. District staff also built and opened Camp Arroyo, a state-of-the-art environmental education and youth camp.

The Park District describes itself as a work in progress as it struggles to acquire and operate regional parks and trails to serve the Bay Area population. Regardless of future challenges and opportunities, the East Bay Regional Park District is committed to providing East Bay residents with recreational opportunities and open space reserves close to home.

I join the community in celebrating the East Bay Regional Park's 75th Anniversary and send best wishes for many more successful years of service.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES HOBBY STRIPLING, SR.

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise today not only to honor Hobby Stripling for his continuing contributions

to the State of Georgia and the United States of America, but also to congratulate him on the next chapter in his career as he joins the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency as the State Executive Director for Georgia.

As many of you know, Hobby most recently served as my District Director. There aren't many people in Georgia politics who don't recognize Hobby's name. His longstanding relationships with civic and political leaders throughout the state are nothing short of legendary. His wealth of knowledge has helped many Georgians improve their communities and his wise counsel has untangled many seemingly insoluble problems. Hobby reminds me of those old E F Hutton ads. When he speaks, I listen and almost always follow his advice. Georgia's farmers and rural communities will be well served by Hobby. My loss is their gain.

Madam Speaker, prior to joining my staff in 2002, Hobby was District Director for Congressman SANFORD BISHOP and ran the campaign for former Ambassador, Mayor, Congressman and Civil Rights activist Andy Young in his 1990 bid to become Georgia's governor.

Hobby also worked for many years as a local business owner, Mayor and Municipal Court Judge in Vienna, Georgia. He has served on and chaired numerous state boards including the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Department of Labor Middle Flint Employment and Training Council, the State Bar of Georgia Disciplinary Board and the Board of Directors of Crisp/Dooly County Joint Development Authority.

Madam Speaker, I am confident my colleagues will join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this great Georgian and great American and in congratulating him as he starts this next chapter of his career.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL AVIATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 508 recognizes the contributions of general aviation and encourages general aviation activities. General aviation is a little recognized, major sector of the airline industry, which contributes \$150 billion to United States direct and indirect economic output. I also want to mention the Transportation Security Administration Reauthorization Act of 2009, which included an important section setting up a general aviation working group within the Aviation Security Advisory Committee, to advise the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on security issues in general aviation. This advisory group was established after the TSA began rulemaking on the Large Aircraft Security Program that threatened to swallow general aviation amidst burdensome and unnecessary regulations, suited for large commercial aircraft. Longstanding unattended issues and insufficient attention to the nation's important General Aviation sector are finally getting the attention they deserve. Along with other members of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I intend to see that General Aviation security issues are treated uniquely for the sector to administer.

However, as most members who have sat in on any hearing with the FAA, TSA, DHS or any other security agency may now know, the District of Columbia's main airport, the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), is uniquely hampered by impossibly restrictive regulations that have destroyed general aviation in the nation's capitol, and arbitrary practices may be spreading to others. In the Homeland Security Committee, we have taken the important first steps to give detailed attention to this major section of the airline industry to the new administration.

After 9/11 the restrictions on General Aviation in the nation's capitol, in particular, became symbolic of arbitrary action against general aviation that could happen anywhere. Even though New York City was the epicenter of 9/11, the nation's capitol is the only location that suffers under unique restrictions that have crippled general aviation here. In fact, there was no general aviation for four years. After joining in my complaints at hearings, the former Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, DON YOUNG, threatened to subpoena any agency that did not comply with a bill that aimed to compel the resumption of general aviation flights at DCA and to hold them in contempt if they refused to appear before the committee to report on progress. As a result, a plan finally was put in place requirements but the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) was almost worse than no plan at all. Before 9/11, general aviation activity at DCA accounted for 1/3 (approximately 30,000) of the total annual operations at DCA. In contrast, in October 2005 when program DASSP began, operations averaged about one flight per week. Today, activity averages about three to four flights per day, about 1,000 a year. The requirements in the DASSP include:

General aviation operators must adopt a security program, background check flight crews, identify a security coordinator, and train on security procedures.

All DASSP flights must carry an armed security officer (ASO) on board (very few such accredited officers are available).

Flights must depart from one of 27 TSA approved DASSP gateway airports. Full departure screening of crew, passengers, baggage, and aircraft by TSA security inspectors.

Flights must request permission to operate in DCA no sooner than 72 hours in advance of the flight (due to DCA slot requirements) and no later than 24 hours in advance of the flight (for TSA security reviews) for each flight into DCA.

These same screening procedures must be used for flights departing DCA.

Charges of approximately \$230 are assessed to cover TSA's screening costs plus \$15/passenger for screening names against the No-Fly and Selectee lists.

Requirements for an Armed Security Officer and use of a gateway airport are predictably, and we think, deliberately impossible for most operators to meet. TSA has approximately 200 registered operators in the DASSP, making the wait for an ASO intolerable.

However, the Department of Homeland Security has determined "that general aviation presents only limited and mostly hypothetical threats to security . . . (and) that the steps general aviation airport owners and managers have taken to enhance security are positive and effective." DHS goes further in its report on general aviation:

"The current status of [general aviation] operations does not present a serious homeland security vulnerability requiring TSA to increase regulatory oversight of the industry."

"Although [TSA's Office of Intelligence] has identified potential threats, it has concluded that most [general aviation] aircraft are too light to inflict significant damage, and has not identified specific imminent threats from general aviation".

Nevertheless, the nation's capitol has been singled out as the only jurisdiction under particularly onerous, unnecessary and wasteful program restrictions. As the initial approach of TSA to general aviation in general showed, however, the entire general aviation sector was about to be buried by the Large Aircraft Security Program, until our committee said "NO!" The thoughtless creep mission of the TSA into General Aviation, and the total failure to weigh actual security risks against the implications of draconian security measures, was stopped by our Committee on Homeland Security. The District of Columbia general aviation community deserves the same respect and attention.

General aviation at DCA is not the only industry in the District of Columbia that has been wiped out by arbitrary and restrictive airspace regulations. The South Capitol Street Heliport is a commercial heliport that once served east coast cities such as New York, Miami and Boston. It continues to serve the Metropolitan Police Air Support Unit and the U.S. Park Police. The heliport is also the point of evacuation for the Supreme Court and part of the Department of Defense Nightingale program. In fact, on 9/11 this heliport actually became the Air Control Command Tower when DCA was evacuated. Moreover, having shown it was a vital asset, not a liability, for two years after 9/11, under an agreement with the Secret Service—an agreement that was later adopted by the TSA to develop its Civil Aviation Security Rules—the South Capitol Heliport continued to receive corporate commercial clients and news gathering helicopters. Yet, without explanation, beginning in October 2003, commercial operators have been altogether restricted from using the heliport, despite the fact that the heliport owners have been clear that they are willing to comply with any and all security demands.

The nation's capitol has all but lost helicopter service, even for the vital security purposes our heliport has performed. Without corporate commercial clients the South Capitol Heliport cannot generate enough revenue to survive. The owner has submitted the highest level security plans, but the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security have failed to respond. At my request, the Committee on Homeland Security has added heliports specifically to the list of entities on the general aviation working group. This heliport is vital for both security and commercial helicopter operations that the District of Columbia cannot afford to lose. While we pause to recognize the importance of general aviation to the U.S. economy, I use this occasion to remind my colleagues in the Congress and the Administration to recognize the importance of general aviation to the nation's capitol.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Republican Conference standards on earmarks, I submit the following information regarding a project included at my request in H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM JORDAN (OH—04)

Bill: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E)—Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Requesting entity: Joint Systems Manufacturing Center, 1161 Buckeye Road, Lima, Ohio

Project title: Friction Stir Welding Program

Description: With federal assistance in fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2009, the government-owned Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio, has developed better methods of fusing metals used in large combat vehicle manufacturing. These methods are proving to be stronger than results achieved through traditional arc welding, resulting in stronger superstructures. The \$3 million included for this program in H.R. 3326 will help perfect friction stir welding technology for current and future vehicle production, reducing procurement costs to the government.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: The Administration and Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$4,600,000

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

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Office, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207—8175

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the US Army Corps of Engineers to provide annual operation and maintenance of the channel at Port Canaveral, Florida.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified pur-

pose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$900,000

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

Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Canaveral Port Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: Canaveral Port Authority, 445 Challenger Road, P.O. Box 267, Cape Canaveral, Florida, 32920.

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Port Canaveral has completed a Section 203 report, which has been submitted to the Corps for consideration. The Corps can then start Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED), which is cost-shared with the non-Federal sponsor 75/25. The non-federal sponsor is prepared to provide their 25% match. The recommended improvements to the channel are urgently required to provide adequate channel capacity and safety.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$600,000

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

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brevard County, Florida.

Address of Requesting Entity: Brevard County, Florida, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A—219, Viera, Florida, 32940.

Description of Request: This funding is will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction of the first phase of re-nourishing the Mid-Reach section of the Brevard County Storm Damage Protection Project. The federal, state, and county governments have already completed the Northern and Southern section of this project. This funding will help provide the federal portion of funding toward this authorized federal project. This funding will enable the Corps to dredge sand to be placed in the Mid-reach the following year. The County has funding set aside and available for this project, and this is a top priority for the state.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES J. BRUNO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT & THE KANKAKEE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, on August 14, 2009, friends, family, and colleagues of James J. Bruno will gather to celebrate his 27½ years of service to the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District and the Kankakee City Fire Department. Today I join the chorus of praise for Jim's service.

After the unfortunate death of his father of a heart attack, Jim took the opportunity to devote himself to saving lives by joining the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District. Just 6 years after becoming a fire fighter, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant and was the first paramedic in the department. In 1988, Jim joined the Kankakee City Fire Department. In 1990, Jim received the Distinguished Service Award for his role in rescuing a heart-attack victim from her burning home. With the help of his partner, Steve Born, Jim entered a blazing home, located the woman, hoisted her on his shoulders, and carried her to safety. She made a full recovery. This was an obvious act of heroism. What is less obvious, but no less important, are the lives Jim saved through countless inspections he conducted of homes and businesses as well as the education programs he participated in that prevented fires. Prevention efforts like the ones Jim participated in have been highly effective. Since 1982, deaths due to fires in the home have decreased 36 percent. Firefighters like Jim have made our communities much safer.

Jim has been an active labor leader for over 20 years. He has performed many roles in the Kankakee Firefighters Union including Chaplin and Executive Board Secretary. He completed many labor trainings on how to participate in productive grievance and arbitration hearings. Jim has been an effective advocate for hard-working firefighters.

Jim is also a compassionate father and husband. Jim is a proud supporter of his wife, Captain Stacey Ann Bruno, who will begin her second tour of duty in Iraq in September. He is a loving father of three teenage children.

The 11th District and the community of Kankakee owe Jim Bruno a debt of gratitude. I am proud to represent him and all the wonderful firefighters around my district in Congress. I wish Jim the best of luck as he enters retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3293.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Ouachita Parish School Board located at 701 St. John Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

The Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Interagency Consortium; \$400,000. The Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Interagency Consortium (NELFLIC). NELFLIC is requesting funding so that more families can continue to be served, and served more effectively, by securing staff and resources. NELFLIC is determined to enhance its services to provide flexible, year-round hours and to target special populations more intensely than ever before. The English as a Second Language services to be offered in Union and West Carroll parishes can double the number of participants in each site. Serving the incarcerated population in Richland parish incurs significant expenses due to the dynamics of the program and to ensure that children can participate sufficiently in appropriate services. In order to serve the high school population in Lincoln parish, the Even Start center must have highly qualified personnel available to work with the children from 7:20 to 3:35 five days per week. Funding is requested to retain the staff at each site and to provide transportation and other support services to accommodate the flexible schedules and growing population of participants. Expanding services or the service area will help to empower families to gain literacy skills, build strong families, earn a living wage, and move toward self-sufficiency.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Education—Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Institute for Student Achievement, One Hollow Lane, Suite 100, Lake Success, NY 11042

Institute for Student Achievement; \$150,000. ISA is requesting \$150,000 in funding to continue its partnership with the Point Coupee Central Prep High School located in the Point Coupee Central High School building. Point Coupee Central Prep High School opened in September, 2008 with a cohort of grade nine students. It will grow one grade per year until it serves students in grades 9 to 12, at which time the Point Coupee Central High School will be phased out. ISA will remain in partnership with EBR throughout the entire school development period. A clear, explicit set of non negotiable principles defines the ISA research-based school reform capacity-building model. With its strategic partner, the National Center for Research, Education, Students and Teaching (NCREST) at Columbia University, ISA facilitates the implementation of these principles through coaching and professional development. Additionally, ISA provides technical assistance, administrative guidance, and formative student assessments in writing and mathematics which inform instructional practice, program advocacy and program assessment.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)—Research & Demonstration.

PACE Greater New Orleans, 4201 North Rampart, New Orleans, LA 70117.

PACE Greater New Orleans, for facilities and equipment; \$500,000. This project is for \$4 million to allow PACE Greater New Orleans, Franciscan PACE and CHRISTUS Health

to expand and develop additional PACE services and space on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish as well as in Monroe and Alexandria so they may be able to serve more elderly and offer them an alternative to institutionalized care. Expansion of service personnel and capacity could allow PACE New Orleans to serve 150 more elderly, PACE Monroe approximately 124 and PACE Alexandria approximately 125. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a capitated benefit authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) that features a comprehensive service delivery system and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing. The program is modeled on the system of acute and long term care services developed by On Lok Senior Health Services in San Francisco, California. The model was tested through CMS (then HCFA) demonstration projects that began in the mid-1980s. The PACE model was developed to address the needs of long-term care clients, providers, and payers. For most participants, the comprehensive service package permits them to continue living at home while receiving services rather than be institutionalized. Participants must be at least 55 years old and be certified as eligible for nursing home care by the appropriate State agency. However the average age of a PACE recipient is 75. The PACE program becomes the sole source of services for Medicare and Medicaid eligible enrollees.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

CHRISTUS Health St. Francis Cabrini Hospital, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA 71301.

CHRISTUS Health St. Francis Cabrini Hospital for an electronic medical records initiative; \$400,000. CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini has undertaken an initiative to lower the cost of care by leveraging communication and health information technology, with an emphasis on using these tools to improve access and lower costs for the under- and uninsured. The project will reduce inappropriate use of the emergency department while providing a care team to help coordinate their care and provide a medical home. Reducing the cost of care requires investment in health IT infrastructure. This project began almost a year ago by deploying community health workers using all manual processes. This activity will automate the process of data collection, information sharing and increased communications with the clients to reduce inappropriate utilization, improve access and reduce costs, all while helping them to better care for themselves. Internal funding is lacking due to competing priorities. Funds will be used for investing in core infrastructure needs that will become operating costs in future years but at a much lower level.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

CHRISTUS Health System, 9830 Jennifer Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106.

CHRISTUS Health System for a rural health initiative; \$350,000. School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) enable CHRISTUS Health to provide primary and preventative health care

services to children and adolescents in Louisiana, many of whom are among the working poor. Besides immunizations and physical examinations, SBHCs provide well-child care, dispensation of over-the-counter and prescribed medicines, routine lab tests, management of chronic conditions, and initial care for acute illnesses and injuries. The centers provide mental health services including individual, family, and group therapy. SBHCs emphasize prevention as well as early identification and treatment of physical and mental health concerns. Prevention programs concentrate on proper nutrition, dental hygiene, exercise, and the elimination of substance abuse, use of tobacco, teenage pregnancy, violence, and suicide. CHRISTUS Health sponsors and operates 25 of the 62 SBHCs in Louisiana. With earmark funds of \$350,000, these centers could address such critical health issues as childhood and adolescent obesity. The money could also help the centers provide more dental services and expand mental health services.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Richland Parish Hospital, 407 Cincinnati Street, Delhi, LA 71232.

Richland Parish Hospital for facilities and equipment; \$1,025,000. This request would increase access to vital preventive and diagnostic health care services in Northeast Louisiana through the use of one-time funding to purchase Digital Mammography and 16-Slice Computerized Tomography (CT) Scan machine and a Mobile Unit to transport the equipment throughout the region. This will particularly impact the low-income, under and uninsured residents of the most rural areas of the region, who so many times do not have the resources to travel to the larger urban areas to obtain these services. Currently, a resident must travel at least to Monroe to obtain these services, which is over 60 miles away from many of the communities in the most northeast part of the state. RPH is a participant in the LA Rural Health Information Exchange Network and was the first hospital to be linked with the LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC-S) in Shreveport. If they are able to obtain this equipment, they will be able to transmit these tests to the specialists at LSUHSC-S. Many of the low-income, under and uninsured patients are referred to LSUHSC-S for specialty care. Due to the lack of resources, patients may very well forego treatment until the condition is much more serious.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209

University of Louisiana at Monroe for facilities and equipment, including purchase of a mobile dental unit; \$840,000. The University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Health Sciences Department of Dental Hygiene proposes the purchase of a mobile dental unit for use throughout the northeastern portion of the State of Louisiana. The use of this mobile unit would enhance the teaching capabilities of the dental hygiene program and would provide a

critically needed service to patients unable to access regular dental/dental hygiene care. The mobile dental unit would serve the delta area of Louisiana which has been designated an economically and socially depressed area, which in the past has been approved for federal development funding. The mobile unit would benefit underserved patients who lack the financial resources and/or transportation to obtain proper dental care. The unit would be staffed by a dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist and dental hygiene students who would work with local public health offices to coordinate services.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3170
SBA

Grambling University, 400 Main St., Grambling, LA 71245

The primary goals of the Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corp are to: a) stimulate creation, attraction, retention and expansion of business and industry in North Louisiana, b) provide access to financial capital, c) promote the growth of "homegrown" business using technology to provide rural isolated entrepreneurs with access to information, technical assistance, professional services and expertise. The Rural U.S. is home to over 56 million Americans who live in some of the country's poorest regions. As nationally publicized by all mediums, the state of Louisiana is involved in a long-running battle to find solutions to poverty and combating literacy (see attachments A & B—GNLCDC Service Area Demographics and Maps). The primary employers in the targeted parishes are light manufacturing companies. It is expected that manufacturing jobs will continue to decline in the 21st Century, therefore diversification is critical to the stimulation and survival of rural communities.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3326
RDTE, A

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Anti-Tamper Research and Development \$3,800,000. This program will provide the research, development, and testing of technologies that can significantly reduce or eliminate the threat of reverse-engineering or software extraction from the guidance/avionics package of military aircraft and missiles. We will initiate the R&D of specific technologies that can be used to prevent tampering of aviation and missile systems, initiate the development and instrumentation of techniques that can be used to test the vulnerability of missile systems before and after insertion of the technology, and test the initial technology produced by this program. Technologies developed will prevent the extraction, disassembly, and reuse of U.S. aviation and missile Critical Technology/Critical Program Information hardware and software. The DoD is currently aware of how vulnerable its weapons systems are to reverse-engineering, and this effort will develop measures to decrease or eliminate this vulnerability.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3326
RDTE, AF

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Remote Language-Independent Suspect Identification \$3,200,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding for research in remote

language-independent suspect identification. Our researchers have developed technologies that use mathematical models for identity verification. Aspects of this work have been commercialized in the private sector. The University has worked with the Air Force and industry partners in further development of the algorithms and software for military applications. These funds will support our faculty and partners identified by the Air Force in extending the development of these algorithms.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 3326

RDTE, AF

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Cyber Security Research Program \$1,500,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding to initiate programs in the recently funded Cyber Security Laboratory to support new research and educational efforts in cyber security. This laboratory is a key component of the Center for Secure Cyberspace (CSC), a collaboration between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University. Funding for the CSC, totaling \$8 million, has been provided by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the two universities. Researchers are developing core research foundations in evolvable sensor hardware/software and corresponding transformational technologies for the early prediction, detection, and control of anomalous behavior in cyberspace. The CSC has built strategic collaborative relationships between national and international academic and industrial partners, with the Air Force Cyber Command (P), Air Force Research Laboratory, and other state and federal agencies. Many of these partners have provided input into the design of the CSL. The proposed funding will enable us to configure, test and validate the new equipment and software, which is being purchased in FY 2009, and to support initial research projects between the CSC and partners. These initial projects will enable Tech and its partners to gather preliminary data to serve as the basis for further funding from multiple agencies.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 39

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Joint Resolution 39, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

post-ratifying Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the denial or abridgment of the right to vote for failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The 87th Congress of the United States, on August 27, 1962, in the form of Senate Joint Resolution No. 29, proposed to the legislatures of the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and by a proclamation dated February 4, 1964, published at 29 *Federal Register* 1715-16 and at 78 Statutes at Large 1117-18, the Administrator of General Services,

Bernard L. Boutin—in the presence of native Texan, President Lyndon Baines Johnson—declared the amendment to have been ratified by the legislatures of 38 of the 50 states, thereby becoming Amendment XXIV to the United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V thereof, and reading as follows:

"AMENDMENT XXIV.

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, or for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

"SECTION 2. While the congress was still deliberating on the poll tax amendment in August of 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy urged the United States House of Representatives to follow the lead of the Senate and propose the amendment for the consideration of the state legislatures "... to finally eliminate this outmoded and arbitrary bar to voting. American citizens should not have to pay to vote." And in witnessing the issuance of Amendment XXIV's certificate of validity 17 months later, Kennedy's successor, President Johnson, noted that abolishing the tax requirement "... reaffirmed the simple but unbreakable theme of this Republic. Nothing is so valuable as liberty, and nothing is so necessary to liberty as the freedom to vote without bans or barriers. ... A change in our Constitution is a serious event. ... There can now be no one too poor to vote."

SECTION 3. Although Amendment XXIV has been the law of the land since 1964, some 13 years following its effective date, it received symbolic post-ratification in 1977 from the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of March 28, 1977, which printed the full text of Virginia's post-ratification; 12 years after that, the amendment gained ceremonial post-ratification in 1989 from the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of June 6, 1989, which printed the full text of North Carolina's post-ratification; and nearly 13 years after that, the amendment acquired its most recent post-ratification in 2002 from the Legislature of the State of Alabama, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of September 26, 2002, which printed the full text of Alabama's post-ratification.

SECTION 4. The Legislature of the State of Texas—one of only five states still levying a poll tax by 1964—has never approved Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States, but precedent makes clear the opportunity of Texas to post-ratify the amendment in a manner similar to the actions of lawmakers in Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia.

SECTION 5. The Legislature of the State of Texas, as a symbolic gesture, hereby post-ratifies Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Public Law No. 98-497, the Texas secretary of state shall notify the archivist of the United States of the action of the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2009, by forwarding to the archivist an official copy of this resolution.

SECTION 7. The Texas secretary of state shall also forward official copies of this resolution to both United States senators from Texas, to all United States representatives from Texas, to the vice president of the United States in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the

speaker of the United States House of Representatives, with the request that this resolution be printed in full in the *Congressional Record*.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOPE ANDRADE,
Secretary of State.

SALUTING THE NOMINEES OF THE 2009 TECH TITANS FINALISTS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the finalists for the 2009 Tech Titans Award presented by Metroplex Technology Business Council, the largest technology trade association in Texas. On August 28th, the winners will be announced in categories designed to showcase the most cutting-edge technologies and the brightest talent emerging from the North Texas region at the 2009 Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech gala. The event will also reveal the rankings of the 2009 Titan Fast Tech, which lists the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last year and the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last five years.

The Tech Titans gala also raises funds to support a scholarship program for students at local universities who are pursuing degrees in math, science, engineering and technology, as well as high school teachers who teach in these disciplines. Founded in 1994, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC) is a non-profit organization composed of approximately 300 members that include technology businesses and providers from across the DFW Metroplex. The MTBC produces numerous events, including the Management in High-Tech Luncheon Series, the Technical Luncheon Series, Tech Week in Austin and the Tech Titans and Fast Tech Awards.

Recently, the Economist, a reputable international magazine, featured a special in-depth section showcasing the wonders of Texas for business. The MTBC is a shining example of the face of the future for Texas. Make no mistake, the MTBC is making great things happen for the Lone Star State—and the world.

"The Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech provide the premier recognition of fast-growing, highly innovative companies that contribute to the vibrancy of the North Texas economy and make our region an exciting place to live and work," said Cindi Keith, partner/technology marketing industry leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and co-chair of the MTBC's Tech Titans steering committee. "We look forward to showcasing the true leaders in our industry and celebrating their hard work and creativity."

Besides the MTBC, other supporters of the Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech event are PricewaterhouseCoopers, TechAmerica (formerly American Electronics Association), Deloitte, Dallas Business Journal, KBA Group LLP, Time Warner Cable Business Class, GSCS Inc., Farstar Inc., and AVMG.

Congratulations one and all. I salute you. The 2009 Tech Titan Finalist names and the categories follow:

CORPORATE CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Bruce Ballengee, CEO and Co-Founder, Pariveda Solutions, Inc.

Timothy Gallagher, CEO, Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Dale Sohn, President, Samsung Telecommunications America

Charlie Vogt, President and CEO, GENBAND

EMERGING COMPANY CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Steve Steinheimer, CEO, SSG Ltd
Nina Vaca, CEO, Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc.

Paul VanMeter, President and CEO, Colo4Dallas

Alastair Westgarth, President and CEO, Tango Networks, Inc.

CORPORATE HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Entrust

Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Nokia Siemens Networks

EMERGING COMPANY HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Airwalk Communications, Inc.

OnAsset Intelligence, Inc.

Sipera Systems

Tango Networks, Inc.

TECH INNOVATOR AWARD CATEGORY

Austin Crowder, CEO and Founder, Alpha Med-Surge, Inc., dba L.I.T. Surgical

Dr. Harold "Skip" Garner, PO'B Montgomery Distinguished Chair, Professor of Biochemistry and Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Bruce Li, President and CTO, 21-Century Silicon, Inc.

Dr. Frank Lu, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Director of the Aerodynamics Research Center, University of Texas at Arlington

TECH ADVOCATE AWARD CATEGORY

Rep. Dan Branch, Texas State House of Representatives

North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology, Larry Calton

North Texas Regional Center for Innovation & Commercialization, Mike Lockerd

TECH Fort Worth, Darlene Ryan

TECH ADOPTER AWARD CATEGORY

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

North Texas Tollway Authority

Smart Hospital at the University of Texas at Arlington

Travelocity Business

COMMUNITY HERO AWARD CATEGORY

Corey Kirkendoll, Solutions Architect, 2009 National Society of Black Engineers Alumni, Extension Pre-College Initiative for Region V, Cisco Systems

Paul Klocek, General Manager, ELCAN Optical Technologies

Jo-ann Olsovsky, Vice President, Technology Services and CIO, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Gurvendra Suri,

CEO, Optimal Solutions Integration, Inc.

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Challenging Algorithmics and Mathematics in Problem Solving (CHAMPS) The University of Texas at Dallas—Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Military Programs of the Dallas TeleCollege Dallas County Community College District

UTeach Dallas, The University of Texas at Dallas

Venture Innovation Partnership, The University of Texas at Arlington

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Daniel Brown, Hillcrest High School, Dallas Independent School District

Dr. George J. Hademenos, Richardson High School,

Richardson Independent School District Wesley Kirpach, Plano West Senior High School, Plano Independent School District

Jacqueline Lewis, Williams High School, Plano Independent School District

TechAmerica TEXAS LEGEND AWARD, Jim Von Ehr, President and Founder, Zyvex Corporation.

HONORING BRUCE G. MCATTEE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce G. McAttee as he retires from his position as CAP Coordinator for UAW Region 1C. A retirement party is planned for August 28th in Lansing Michigan.

Bruce McAttee began his career working for General Motors in August 1976. In 1982 he completed his Electrician Apprenticeship and ran for Committeeman in November of that year. He was elected and held the position until 1990. He was elected Financial Secretary Treasurer of UAW Local 652 in June 1990. During this time he also was elected Vice Chair of Region 1C Skilled Trades Council and Chairman in 1986. This made him the youngest person to ever serve on the UAW International Skilled Trades Advisory Committee. In 1994 he accepted a position on the UAW International Staff and was assigned to UAW Region 1C as CAP Coordinator one year later.

Bruce's interest in politics was sparked at the age of 13 when he worked on his first political campaign. He went to Wolverine Boys State during his high school years and he served as an intern with the Michigan House of Representatives. Since that time he has worked on numerous campaigns including the campaigns for every Democratic Presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter ran for office in 1976. He has served on the Michigan Democratic Party's State Central Committee for the past 14 years. He has served as delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000 and 2004. In 2004 he served as a Presidential Elector for the 8th District casting his ballot for JOHN KERRY. The Clinton County Democratic Party honored him with their 2009 Phil Hart Award.

In addition to his work with the UAW and the Democratic Party, Bruce is active with Cancer Society, the Martin Luther King Holiday Commission and the Red Cross Great

Lakes Regional Board of Directors. The Lansing Area APRI Chapter recognized him earlier this year as a Role Model for his work in Civil Rights and the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of a dear friend, Bruce G. McAttee. For many years an important member of my own campaigns, I consider Bruce a dear friend and skilled analyst. I value his capable, proficient expertise on a broad variety of subjects. I wish him the best as he enters this next phase of his life.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL
JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING
COMMITTEE ON THEIR 20TH
NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (NJATC) on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their National Training Institute, which will be held this weekend at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. It will also be my pleasure to address this gathering back home in Michigan's 15th Congressional District.

I wish to commend the NJATC's National Training Institute for what they do for working men and women across the country. I believe they serve as an example of the good work labor unions have done for this country. I think it is entirely appropriate that the 20th annual National Training Institute will be held in Michigan, the state that most have deemed the birthplace of the American labor movement. This is a point in which I take great pride, as Michigan has long had a history of looking out for our workers and supporting the growth and success of our labor unions.

The partnership of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is unique and it has led to a special training institute that puts a value on skilled trade and allows apprentices to "earn while you learn." This is critical for those in Southeast Michigan and across the country, as they start their second career, or even begin their first. Skilled trades provide our families with respectable and fair wages, benefits that will provide for their families and training that will allow them to successfully complete various jobs within the electrical industry.

As the National Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee enters its 68th year, I would like to once again commend them for their fine work and congratulate them for the more than 350,000 apprentices which they have skillfully trained. I look forward to their 20th National Training Institute and I am so pleased that they will be holding this special event in Michigan's 15th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL AVIATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 508 recognizes the contributions of general aviation and encourages general aviation activities. General aviation is a little recognized, major sector of the airline industry, which contributes \$150 billion to United States direct and indirect economic output. I also want to mention the Transportation Security Administration Reauthorization Act of 2009, which included an important section setting up a general aviation working group within the Aviation Security Advisory Committee, to advise the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on security issues in general aviation. This advisory group was established after the TSA began rulemaking on the Large Aircraft Security Program that threatened to swallow general aviation amidst burdensome and unnecessary regulations, suited for large commercial aircraft. Longstanding unattended issues and insufficient attention to the nation's important General Aviation sector are finally getting the attention they deserve. Along with other members of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I intend to see that General Aviation security issues are treated uniquely for the sector they administer.

However, as most members who have sat in on any hearing with the FAA, TSA, DHS or any other security agency may now know, the District of Columbia's main airport, the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), is uniquely hampered by impossibly restrictive regulations that have destroyed general aviation in the nation's capital, and arbitrary practices may be spreading to others. In the Homeland Security Committee, we have taken the important first steps to give detailed attention to this major section of the airline industry to the new administration.

After 9/11 the restrictions on General Aviation in the nation's capital, in particular, became symbolic of arbitrary action against general aviation that could happen anywhere. Even though New York City was the epicenter of 9/11, the nation's capital is the only location that suffers under unique restrictions that have crippled general aviation here. In fact, there was no general aviation for four years. After joining in my complaints at hearings, the former Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, DON YOUNG, threatened to subpoena any agency that did not comply with a bill that aimed to compel the resumption of general aviation flights at DCA and to hold them in contempt if they refused to appear before the committee to report on progress. As a result, a plan finally was put in place with requirements, but the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) was almost worse than no plan at all. Before 9/11, general aviation activity at DCA accounted for 1/3 (approximately 30,000) of the total annual operations at DCA. In contrast, in October 2005 when program DASSP began, operations averaged about one flight per week. Today, activity averages about three to four flights per day, about 1000 a year. The requirements in the DASSP include:

General aviation operators must adopt a security program, background checks on flight

crews, identify a security coordinator, and train on security procedures

All DASSP flights must carry an armed security officer

(ASO) on board (very few such accredited officers are available.)

Flights must depart from one of 27 TSA approved DASSP gateway airports. Full departure screening of crew, passengers, baggage, and aircraft by TSA security inspectors

Flights must request permission to operate in DCA no sooner than 72 hours in advance of the flight (due to DCA slot requirements) and no later than 24 hours in advance of the flight (for TSA security reviews) for each flight into DCA.

These same screening procedures must be used for flights departing DCA

Charges approximately \$230 are assessed to cover TSA's screening costs plus \$15/passenger for screening names against the No-Fly and Selectee lists

Requirements for an Armed Security Officer and use of a gateway airport are predictably, and we think, deliberately impossible for most operators to meet. TSA has approximately 200 registered operators in the DASSP, making the wait for an ASO intolerable.

However, the Department of Homeland Security has determined "that general aviation presents only limited and mostly hypothetical threats to security . . . (and) that the steps general aviation airport owners and managers have taken to enhance security are positive and effective." DHS goes further in its report on general aviation:

"The current status of [general aviation] operations does not present a serious homeland security vulnerability requiring TSA to increase regulatory oversight of the industry."

"Although [TSA's Office of Intelligence] has identified potential threats, it has concluded that most [general aviation] aircraft are too light to inflict significant damage, and has not identified specific imminent threats from general aviation"

Nevertheless, the nation's capital has been singled out as the only jurisdiction under particularly onerous, unnecessary and wasteful program restrictions. As the initial approach of TSA to general aviation in general showed, however, the entire general aviation sector was about to be buried by the Large Aircraft Security Program, until our committee said "NO!" The thoughtless creep mission of the TSA into General Aviation, and the total failure to weigh actual security risks against the implications of draconian security measures, was stopped by our Committee on Homeland Security. The District of Columbia general aviation community deserves the same respect and attention.

General aviation at DCA is not the only industry in the District of Columbia that has been wiped out by arbitrary and restrictive airspace regulations. The South Capitol Street Heliport is a commercial heliport that once served east coast cities such as New York, Miami and Boston. It continues to serve the Metropolitan Police Air Support Unit and the U.S. Park Police. The Heliport is also the point of evacuation for the Supreme Court and part of the Department of Defense Nightingale program. In fact, on 9/11 this heliport actually became the Air Control Command Tower when DCA was evacuated. Moreover, having shown it was a vital asset, not a liability, for two years after 9/11, under an agreement with the Secret Service—an agreement that was later

adopted by the TSA to develop its Civil Aviation Security Rules—the South Capitol Heliport continued to receive corporate commercial clients and news gathering helicopters. Yet, without explanation, beginning in October 2003, commercial operators have been altogether restricted from using the heliport, despite the fact that the heliport owners have been clear that they are willing to comply with any and all security demands.

The nation's capital has all but lost helicopter service, even for the vital security purposes our heliport has performed. Without corporate commercial clients the South Capitol Heliport cannot generate enough revenue to survive. The owner has submitted the highest level security plans, but the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security have failed to respond. At my request, the Committee on Homeland Security has added heliports specifically to the list of entities on the general aviation working group. This heliport is vital for both security and commercial helicopter operations that the District of Columbia cannot afford to lose. While we pause to recognize the importance of general aviation to the U.S. economy, I use this occasion to remind my colleagues in the Congress and the Administration to recognize the importance of general aviation to the nation's capital.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Newcastle, Washington, which was recently ranked seventeenth by Money Magazine on their list of "America's Best Small Towns." I'm proud to represent Newcastle, a city that affords residents a unique opportunity to live near the "hustle and bustle" of everyday life while retreating into a rural small town setting.

It is fitting that Money Magazine released its rankings the same week that Newcastle held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on a multi-year, multi-phase public works project that shows the city's true colors: leadership, patience and encouragement. Although I couldn't be at the celebration personally, I once again congratulate them on the expansion of the Coal Creek Parkway, to help alleviate the flow of traffic for its businesses and citizens.

Newcastle has grown by leaps and bounds, developing and offering new attractions and conveniences for citizens and businesses alike. Officially incorporated in 1994, Newcastle's population at the time was 7,000. 15 years later, Newcastle's population has grown to about 10,000 and the city's amenities continue to grow as well. A new YMCA will open in September, complete with swimming pools, community rooms, and gyms. A new transit center currently under construction will provide new bus shelters and improve the city's main intersection, benefiting commuters, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In true Pacific Northwest tradition, Newcastle also boasts a vast array of accessible natural resources and outdoor activities. Lake Boren Park, the city's best known location in its parks and trails system, offers walking trails, tennis and basketball courts, playground

equipment for children and is home to special events: the Fourth of July fireworks celebration and Newcastle's summer series of "Concerts in the Park." Of course, I must mention Newcastle's wonderful golf club; perhaps the city's most marketable asset as well as a terrific place for civic engagement and community fundraising. The course is truly beautiful and attracts attendees from all over the Pacific Northwest.

Newcastle is a beautiful city filled with a great mix of small town charm, big city access and natural, fantastic neighborhoods and open spaces, and is very well-deserving of this award to one of America's best small towns in the country. I look forward to continuing to support the goals and ideals of Newcastle residents and its elected leaders.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of real health care reform for the American people. As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, I have been working hard to develop a bill that really makes health care better.

What stands out to me the most from my work are the stories I hear from my district in California. Neighbors like Blasa Ochoa, who lost her insurance when her employer went bankrupt, and who has been unable to get another policy because she has a pre-existing condition.

Or Denise from Lakewood who told me that doctors treat her special-needs son like a number and not a person.

The other night, I spoke to several hundred of my neighbors during a telephone town hall, and they told me about the problems with the current system: high costs, exclusions for pre-existing conditions, and the flat out inability to find a plan for those 60 and older.

I'm working so hard on this issue because I know health care reform is what my neighbors back home in California want and need.

America's Affordable Health Choices Act will fix these problems and more.

But sadly, there are still many misconceptions out there.

So let me clear some things up.

This bill will put a stop to abusive insurance company practices, so that you can get a policy no matter what your age or whether you have a pre-existing condition.

This bill will control skyrocketing health costs and make health insurance more affordable. Its strongest cost-control tool is the public health plan option.

We need a strong and stable public option because the private plans, busy seeking profits, have been unsuccessful in controlling the growth in healthcare costs. Their idea of controlling costs is denying care!

But a robust public plan, like the one in this bill, will give the private plans real competition and persuade them to change their ways. This makes health care cheaper for you.

A strong public plan will show how investing in comprehensive, high-quality care, including preventive care, will make Americans healthier and save money at the same time.

An NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll from earlier this year showed that 76 percent of American voters want a public health plan option. And I am proud to have worked on a bill that gives them just that.

But the public plan option is not the only standout provision in this bill.

This bill will protect small businesses and their employees.

This bill is going to help small businesses offer health insurance to their employees—something most small employers want, but can't afford to do right now.

Currently, small businesses pay an average of 18 percent more for health coverage than large businesses.

But with the America's Affordable Health Choices Act, small businesses will have access to the new Health Insurance Exchange, giving them the benefits of lower rates that only large businesses now enjoy. The exchange will also give small businesses more plans to choose from.

The bill also creates a new tax credit—worth up to half the cost of health insurance premiums—to assist small employers who want to offer coverage.

Finally, small businesses will be exempt from the "pay or play" requirements that will apply to large employers. Small businesses with a total payroll of \$250,000 or less—that's \$250,000 in employee payroll, and doesn't count the owner's take home pay—will be exempt from "pay or play."

Altogether, the bill makes it easier for small businesses and their employees to afford high quality care while protecting their bottom line.

I encourage my colleagues in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle to stop the bickering—and stop spreading misconceptions that are delaying this much-needed reform bill.

Americans cannot wait any longer. They're counting on us to get this done. We need to pass reform that lowers cost, promotes choice and provides care for all, no matter where they work or how large—or small—their paychecks.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2996). This important bill makes timely investments to protect and preserve our country's natural resources, enhance climate change research and adaptation efforts, empower Native American communities, and support the arts. I thank Chairman OBEY, Chairman DICKS, my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, and the House leadership for their hard work on this legislation.

This legislation upholds America's leadership in environmental stewardship. It includes an 8 percent funding increase for the National Parks Service and a 6 percent increase for the National Wildlife Refuges. I am pleased that the bill includes my language for the first ever

national, comprehensive study to identify best practices to protect and preserve the Mississippi River, America's greatest waterway. Additionally, by passing this bill, Congress is investing in tackling the urgent challenge of global climate change. The bill provides over \$178 million for climate change programs in the Department of the Interior, \$80 million for climate change planning and on-the-ground conservation efforts at the Fish and Wildlife Service, and \$31 million for climate change adaptation activities at the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Climate change is happening now, and Congress must invest to adapt to its impacts on America's lands and economy.

My state of Minnesota is blessed with fresh water resources, including over 10,000 lakes and the headwaters of the Mississippi River. This legislation provides \$667 million—\$507 million over FY2009—in much-needed investments to promote and protect our nation's great water bodies. This includes \$475 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which will involve the coordination and collaboration of 16 Federal agencies, the States of the Great Lakes Region, local government, and citizens groups in an effort to restore the source of 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water. This bill also directs EPA to invest in essential research on the human health and environmental impacts of endocrine disrupting compounds and other contaminants in our water supply.

This bill makes important investments to empower our country's Native American communities and enhance support of the arts. It provides \$6.8 billion for programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, including almost an almost \$7 million increase in funding for the Urban Indian Health Program. And finally, H.R. 2996 includes funding increases for the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. I strongly support these investments and applaud the Committee for these including these provisions.

I urge passage of this legislation.

IN MEMORY OF FATHER FLOYD
LOTITO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I pay tribute today to a man of God who dedicated his life to improving the lives of those less fortunate. Father Floyd Lotito, the heart and soul of St. Anthony's Dining Room, left our world on July 14, ending his long and valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Born in Los Angeles, as Alfonso Joseph Lotito, he took Floyd as his religious name when he entered the Franciscan Order in 1953, prior to being ordained into the priesthood seven years later. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Old Mission Theological Seminary in Santa Barbara and his Masters in Speech and Communication Arts from Marquette University.

Before joining the St. Anthony Foundation in 1968, Father Floyd spent time as a high school teacher in Santa Barbara and as a par-

ish priest in communities all across our country.

When I think of Father Floyd, I remember a man who knew everyone's name, yet called us all "brother" or "sister" as a sign of respect. He went out of his way to make people feel special and was known locally for his annual Blessing of the Taxi Fleet and the Blessing of the Animals.

Father Floyd's wisdom and eloquence garnered him invitations to give the benediction at the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, the opening of Pacific Bell Park in 2000, and many others.

The St. Anthony Foundation has ministered to the poor and down-on-their-luck for more than 40 years, in large part due to Father Floyd's ability to reach people of all types in profoundly personal ways. He did not see rich or poor, he only saw those who could help and those who needed help.

Father Floyd held many positions at St. Anthony's, but nearest to his heart was the St. Anthony Dining Room. Opened in 1981, it is now the leading free-meal program in the city, providing more than 2,500 meals a day to San Francisco's poor. Earlier this year, Father Floyd served his 35 millionth meal.

Madam Speaker, our community is fortunate to have been blessed with Father Floyd. He leaves our community better than he found it and it brightens my heart to know that San Francisco has yet another angel to help guide us.

A TRIBUTE HONORING THE
FALKENTHAL-NICHOLS WEDDING

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to two young Americans who are starting their new life together. On Friday, June 4, 2009, Michelle Lynn Falkenthal and Michael David Nichols were joined in matrimony surrounded by their loving family and friends at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach.

Michelle Falkenthal was born in West Covina, California on December 24, 1979. Her mother, Evelyn Bobbitt, is an accounting technician for the County of San Bernardino, and her step-father, David Bobbitt, is a director of audits for Riverside Community College. Her father is Robert Falkenthal, an attorney in private practice, and her step-mother is Jennette Falkenthal, a homemaker. Michelle graduated from Colton high school and is currently employed as a billing agent for Cox Communications.

Michael Nichols was born in Arcadia, California on December 12, 1980. His mother, Linda Nichols, is a secretary at Arcadia High School, and his father, Ken Nichols, is a general contractor. Michael attended Arcadia High School and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. He is employed as an independent contractor pilot.

In this constantly developing age of electronic communications, it's no surprise that the young couple first met via the internet. After several weeks of getting acquainted online,

Michelle and Michael had their first date on June 5, 2007. They were engaged fifteen months later on September 14, 2008. The couple enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to Big Bear Lake, bike riding, and remodeling their new home, among other activities. Their many friends say Michelle and Michael are very well suited for each other, and their families already consider each of them a member of the family. The newlywed couple will make their home in the city of Chino Hills in Los Angeles County.

Michelle and Michael were joined in their wedding celebration in Long Beach by guests from across town and across the country. Family and friends traveled from Maryland, Washington, DC, Sacramento, Oxnard, Newberry Park, the Inland Empire, and from across southern California. Special participants in the wedding ceremony included the maid of honor Casandra Holiday, the bridesmaids, Sally Lara and Evie Bobbitt, the bride's niece and sister respectively, and the groomsmen Travis Amezcua, Ryan Benigno, Caleb Gray, and Dustin Mullins. Leading the bridal party and assembled family and guests in the wedding celebration and officiating the vows was the Reverend Doctor Paul Yestebo of the New Hope Community Church in Huntington Beach.

Madam Speaker, I offer my best congratulations to the Bobbitt, Falkenthal, and Nichols families, and their friends and guests on this happy and memorable occasion. To Michelle and Michael, I offer the sentiment and gifts which George Bailey offered the Martini family as they moved into their new home in the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life": "Bread! That their house may never know hunger. Salt! That life may always have flavor. And wine! That joy and prosperity may reign forever." Lastly, I wish that throughout their wonderful life together, Michelle and Michael will always have an abundance of what St. Paul wrote of in his letter to the Corinthians, "faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT
OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in reluctant support of H.R. 2749, the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. While I support the legislation, it is by no means perfect and it is my sincere hope that the concerns I share with my colleagues in the House will be addressed as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Ensuring the safety of America's food supply is a critical issue, which warrants our utmost attention. In light of recent outbreaks of food-borne illnesses that have caused sickness and death in our country, I believe it is imperative the action be taken to restore confidence to the American people in the food they eat. This task requires careful analysis of our current food supply dynamic, as well as thoughtful consideration of implications of any potential solutions. Our constituents deserve no less.

Indeed, every link in the food supply chain from the farm to the shelf plays a valuable role in delivering a safe product to consumers, and I believe each link requires flexibility in order to continue to provide high-quality, competitively priced goods to American consumers. A dutiful producer should expect unwarranted government intrusion no more than a consumer should expect their next meal will make them sick.

The detrimental consequences of an overly onerous federal government and bureaucratic red-tape must be carefully weighed against the need for regulation to ensure safe foods. That being said, H.R. 2749 does attempt to find a balance. As a result, the bill has earned the support of a wide range of stakeholders from farm groups to distributors.

Madam Speaker, while I stress the importance of continued work to improve the bill, I support its passage and urge my colleagues to do the same.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on budget requests, I am submitting the following information regarding budget designations I received as part of H.R. 3326: FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill.

(1) Recipient: Robertson Aviation
Budget Designation: \$3,000,000

This designation funds the procurement of internal 200 gallon A-kits and B-kits for installation on UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters operated by the Army National Guard. The Internal Auxiliary Fuel Tank System is a crashworthy, ballistically self-sealing, single-point pressure refuelable internal auxiliary fuel system that has been developed and fielded to H-60 helicopters operated by the U.S. Army Special Operations, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force Combat Search and Rescue, and certain units of the U.S. Army National Guard. Having this system installed on an H-60 helicopter saves lives by reducing the risk of post crash fires by using military standard crashworthy self sealing bladders integrated into rugged aluminum honeycomb fiberglass outer containers. The resulting system provides ballistic protection for aircrews operating in hostile environments and crashworthy protection for all operations.

(2) Recipient: Southwest Gas Corporation
Budget Designation: \$3,000,000

This funding request is for a Gas Engine Heat Pump (GEDAC) demonstration. GEDAC provides essential peak electric and winter gas load reduction. GEDACs not only provide increased energy efficiency, reduced peak electricity demand, costs savings to the U.S. military, resource reductions (water), and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, it also diversifies energy sources and provides the foundation for grid independence in electricity production. This type of energy independence is invaluable to a military installation, or other facility of national interest, that has to continue to function in the event of a national emergency.

(3) Proposed Recipient: USAF, Air Education and Training Command

Budget Designation: \$1,500,000

This funding request is for Air Education & Training Command (AETC) aircraft range upgrades, specifically Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) improvement projects. Air Education and Training Command ranges have an unfunded requirement for enhancements to bring them more in line with the operational capabilities of the F-35. The Barry M. Goldwater Range has an identified unfunded requirement to secure a sensor training area and new instrumented target area as well as two ground moving target sets to conduct real world training which mirrors Global War on Terror requirements. Acquisition of ground moving targets, and development of a sensor training area/instrumented target area within the Barry M. Goldwater Tactical Range addresses the operational requirements which F-16 and future pilots (F-35) will face in defeating urban and moving targets with high precision.

(4) Proposed Recipient: Advanced Ceramics
Budget Designation: \$2,000,000

This funding request supports efforts at the U.S. Army Battle Command Battle laboratory at Ft. Huachuca to aggressively pursue experimental deployment efforts and spiral development of sensor and micro-transponder technologies using the Silver Fox and Manta unmanned aerial systems (UAS). Silver Fox and Manta systems' uniquely compact size and stealth technology coupled with the use of advanced sensors and transponders enable them to detect, track, and isolate the smallest enemy movements, including the emplacement of improvised explosive devices (IEDs)—the enemy's weapon of choice against our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND THE "JERSEY BOYS OF THE USCGC MUNRO"

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the United States Coast Guard, and the dedicated service men and women who provide invaluable service to our country. I would especially like to recognize Lieutenant Junior Grade Paul Windt of Paramus, Lieutenant Junior Grade Lee Crusius of Hackensack, Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Daniel McGrath of West Milford, and Electronics Technician 2nd Class Lorin Fisher of Jersey City, whose efforts during a heroic rescue on March 28, 2008 saved the lives of 42 fishermen in the Alaskan Sea. These 4 brave crew members of the Coast Guard Cutter Munro, who go by the name 'The Jersey Boys of the USCGC Munro,' are New Jersey natives and deserve recognition and commendation for their brave and selfless actions that day.

Following in the Coast Guard's rich tradition of service to the American people, these young men, away from their homes and families on Easter morning of 2008, were called to action to rescue the crew of a sinking ship. They battled minus 24-degree weather and a pitching sea which threatened to throw them overboard, while transporting the freezing

crew of the sinking ship aboard the *Munro*. Thanks to the heroics of these brave men, 42 of the 47 fishermen aboard the sinking ship survived that frigid morning in March 2008.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in commending the thousands of Americans who serve and have served in the United States Coast Guard. They are a great credit to our country.

GENERAL SUPPORT OF VETERAN BILLS FOR WEEK OF JULY 27

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support for the veterans' bills considered on the floor this week. I am very pleased that we have reached a point where we can begin to address the many institutional problems our returning soldiers endure under the Department of Veteran Affairs. While some of these issues can be attributed to administrative deficiencies, many of the department's problems can be helped by increased federal support. These brave men and women deserve our support as they risk their lives in combat. This support should be reflected in appropriate legislative action to ease the burdens they confront upon returning home. While many of us in Congress may disagree on our military strategy and presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, we can all agree that our returning veterans deserve far more than what they have received upon returning home from combat.

Although the Bush Administration initiated the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it failed to provide for critical veterans' health care benefits and programs that would have helped to reorient our returning troops into society. However, under a new administration and as evidenced by the bills considered this week, Congress is working diligently to introduce and pass critical legislation that will provide our veterans with long overdue support and efficient access to medical resources. Therefore, I am pleased to support all of the veterans' bills on the floor this week, and I commend my colleagues in Congress for their commitment to our nation's troops.

A New York Times report published last fall reported that the nation's newest veterans, particularly the wounded, are paying an exceptionally high price for their service to our country. According to various veterans' advocacy groups, the combination of injury and unemployment coupled with the long VA disability claims process has forced many veterans into foreclosure and other financial hardships. Thus, the legislation on the floor this week will provide for beneficial assistance through federal appropriations, employment and housing resources, and improved veterans' medical insurance programs.

H.R. 3219, the Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act of 2009 will expand veterans' insurance and provide much needed healthcare improvements. Additionally, this measure establishes permanent VA authority to provide hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to Vietnam-era herbicide-exposed veterans and Persian Gulf War veterans who have insufficient medical

evidence to establish a service-connected disability. Undoubtedly, many of our current veterans from past and our present international conflicts stand to benefit a great deal from this bill.

In addition, H.R. 1293, the Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009, will increase the amount of authorized grants the Department of Veterans Affairs can pay for improvements and structural alterations for homes of veterans with service-connected disabilities of 50 percent or more. Accordingly, this bill will provide much needed assistance for veterans to make any necessary improvements they are otherwise unable to fix on their own. As many may suffer from service-connected physical disabilities impeding their normal life activities, this bill would authorize the VA to increase their financial assistance to veterans. This measure will greatly supplement the bill we passed last Congress, the Homes for Heroes Act, H.R. 3329. Where that bill expanded the supply of permanent housing for veterans, H.R. 1293 will provide the grants to make improvements for veterans' current homes.

Moreover, H.R. 2270, the Veterans Non-profit Research and Education Corporations (NREC) Enhancement Act of 2009 will amend federal provisions regarding the establishment at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities of nonprofit and research and education corporations (NRECs) to allow an NREC to facilitate the conduct of research or education, or both, at more than one VA medical center. This will greatly benefit the VA so that they can have readily available resources to help them confront challenges facing our veterans.

And H.R. 3155, the Caregiver Assistance and Resource Enhancement Act will provide federal assistance to individuals providing non-institutional extended care to disabled veterans. These valuable services include educational and teaching caring techniques; strategies and skills; nursing care, and mental and health services.

And finally, H.R. 1803, the Veterans Business Center Act of 2009 will amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish within the SBA a Veterans Business Center program to provide entrepreneurial training and counseling to veterans. This will create yet another resource to benefit our returning veterans who may have trouble finding employment.

Madam Speaker, these are incredibly important bills, providing our veterans with the federal resources so they may have efficient access to much needed medical assistance, job, and housing support. As a strong advocate for veterans' rights, I am pleased to add my voice of support for all of these measures. Moreover, I will be working with my colleagues to make sure we continue to provide the necessary resources towards protecting our veterans' rights and ensuring fair and just access to their rightful benefits.

HONORING BRITTANY LEAP'S
FIGHT AGAINST
NEURODEGENERATION WITH
BRAIN IRON ACCUMULATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and fortitude of a very special and courageous constituent of mine, Brittany Leap; and her mother, Sandy, and father, Richard. In February 2006, Brittany was diagnosed with a debilitating and degenerative disorder—Neurodegeneration with Brain Iron Accumulation (NBIA).

NBIA is a very rare and devastating neurological disorder that only gets worse over time—resulting in constant muscle cramping, an inability to control one's body, difficulty with speech, a loss of peripheral vision, and even blindness. No cure or specific means of treatment currently exists for NBIA, and scientists are still baffled by the factors that influence the disease.

Imagine waking up one morning having lost the ability to walk, or talk, or even eat. In Brittany's case, however, this is no dream. This is a very real challenge that Brittany faces every day of her life. To make matters worse, one of the few laboratories dedicated to researching her disease is at risk of having to close its doors because of a lack of funding; doors that upon closing will forfeit the hope of Brittany, her family, and the thousands of other people suffering from NBIA, that a cure may one day be realized.

Brittany is determined to continue fighting this disease and the potentially devastating consequences of what will happen if the research to develop a cure is suspended. She is unwavering in her pursuit to raise the funds necessary to keep hope alive, not only for her, but for everyone else with NBIA. Brittany has taken it upon herself, with the help of her loving parents—and so many others across this great nation—to raise \$250,000 by year's end to keep the search for a cure alive.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Brittany and her family and all others with NBIA our heartfelt regards for their efforts to bring an end to this devastating illness, and I ask they give their support in any way possible to help Brittany in her efforts. I am inspired by Brittany's determination and I am honored to bring her story to the floor of this Chamber.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I recently submitted a member request declaration for the record. In that declaration, I stated that my requests were in H.R. 2647. It should have read that these requests were in H.R. 3326 as noted below.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE Navy, Line 27, PE 0603216N

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Global Near Space Services

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 8610 Explorer Dr, Ste 140, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Description of the Request: Requesting \$6 million funding for the Lighter-Than-Air Stratospheric UAV for Persistent Communications Relay and Surveillance. This project will develop a lighter-than-air, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that will fly at 85,000 feet for three to four months, providing low cost, persistent surveillance, high bandwidth and over the horizon communications needed to effectively fight terrorism, achieve maritime domain awareness, protect critical infrastructures and secure national borders.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE Air Force, Line 8, PE 0602201F

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Colorado Engineering, Inc

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 1310 United Heights, Suite 105 Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Description of the Request: Requesting \$3 million funding for the Unmanned Sense, Track, and Avoid Radar (USTAR) for low rate initial production of an advanced radar system for the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle platform to detect and track large and small targets. USTAR will allow the UAV to identify potential collision risks and increase maneuvering capability in controlled airspace and improve operability in adverse weather conditions.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE Defense-wide, Line 89, PE 0603898C

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Not Applicable

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: Not Applicable

Description of the Request: Requesting \$500,000 funding for an Independent Advisory Group to review Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Education and Training Needs and recommend a BMD education and training solution to include a recommendation of roles and responsibilities, organizational structure, and/or resources and facilities for integrated missile defense training.

NIHI TA HASSO, UNHAPPY
LABOR—A HISTORY OF THE
TIYAN AIRFIELD, GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, on July 21, 2009, our community on Guam marked the 65th anniversary of our liberation from enemy occupation. It was a day of commemoration and celebration as we recalled the sacrifices made for our freedom by our elders who survived this brutal occupation and of the servicemembers who landed on our beaches to liberate us from the oppression of the

enemy during war. My predecessor, General Ben Blaz, penned a narrative about the history of the Tiyan airfield on this occasion. Today, the Tiyan airfield is the site of the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport and General Blaz' narrative was printed in this year's Liberation Day Special Edition of the Pacific Daily News. I submit this narrative for print in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It helps us connect the past with the present. It also helps us gain an appreciation for the history of the landscape that continues to serve today as an important transportation link for our island. This is one story of many through which we can understand and interpret the period of occupation, and the trials experienced and endured by the Chamorro people.

NIHI TA TASSO . . .

Time and tide have eroded and buried remnants of the barricades and trenches on the beaches of our island. The verdant jungle has reclaimed the old concentration camp sites over the past six and a half decades. Heavy foliage and buildings now camouflage pillboxes and fortifications anchored along expected landing sites to obstruct the advance of liberating forces.

In contrast, a modest landing strip, built at Tiyan under extreme duress and a pervasive sense of personal insecurity by the Chamorros during the occupation in World War II, has risen from the ashes of war, a la the legendary Phoenix. It continues to grow with each passing year and now accommodates millions of visitors and handles thousands of tons of food and cargo so vital to the island's economy. Remarkably, Tiyan is the Chamorro word for stomach and the airfield there serves as Guam's breadbasket. Visitors from Asia, North America, and elsewhere as well as local citizens routinely arrive and depart from the airport, seemingly oblivious to how dearly we paid, with blood and tears, to carve its foundation out of a jungle for the enemy.

The latte stones of antiquity enjoy a special place in our history. Considering the circumstances under which the original landing strip was built and its indispensability to the island's future, it has attained memorial stature at least among those who wielded the primitive tools to build it. It makes a worthy companion to the latte stone which, interestingly enough, was also used as foundation stone, among others, by our ancestors.

The airport today dwarfs what we achieved during the occupation but it was built with earth movers, bulldozers, backhoe, and steamrollers. If, during the occupation, we had known the wonders that modern technology could perform, we might have said that what was being asked of us was impossible. And, having decided that, we might never have completed the airstrip. We would never have been able to overcome the psychological barrier that we would have created between us and the job's completion. There would have been nothing that the Japanese could do to make us get the project done. It would not be that we would have worked more slowly. In the actual construction, our lack of enthusiasm translated to a snail's pace in any event. Rather, we would have been so daunted by our perception of the enormity of the task that we simply wouldn't have been able to do it. Our naiveté then worked to the Japanese's advantage. We got the job done simply because we didn't know that we couldn't!

As we were finishing the airstrip, it was not possible to simply dismiss it as something we were forced to do. Surprisingly, most of us looked at it with a kind of pride of proprietorship. It was ours. We made it—

not only the construction but survived the incredibly taxing ordeal. This was possible because of the older men in our forced labor groups who rose to lead us. There were many such men but I remember two of them in particular because they were my immediate leaders—Frank D. Perez and Nito Cristobal. We worked together, we prayed together and, on occasion, we laughed together. It was 1944 and I was 16.

Evidently, American reconnaissance planes noticed that the airstrip was nearing completion and it became a daily target for bombing. Seeing the American planes bomb the airstrip in daylight was a tonic beyond description even though we knew we had to repair the runway that same night guarded by soldiers angered similarly beyond description. One of the ironies of our forced labor was how it played against one of the most cherished of Chamorro traditions, *adalak*, whereby neighbors helped one another build houses or prepare fields for crops. We participated in *adalak* willingly and from our hearts in keeping with our custom and tradition. The closest English translation of the word is "happy labor." This was not so when we were digging caves, constructing barricades and felling the jungle to build an airstrip.

In an incredible twist of fate, on June 20, 1944, during the Battle of the Philippine Sea, the Japanese lost more than 400 planes in a resounding defeat in air combat which U.S. Naval aviators referred to as the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot. A month later, Guam was liberated by U.S. Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen. Following the capture of the Tiyan airstrip, we watched with astonishment and great delight as U.S. Navy Seabees widened, extended, and surfaced the runway with remarkable efficiency in but a few days. Seeing U.S. planes land and take off from "our" airstrip to continue the war against Japan made grown men cry. And teenagers, too.

Poetic justice comes to mind.

IN MEMORY OF MANETTE SEADY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, from biblical times, each of us can recall images of strong women carrying heavy water jars—bringing the precious, essential liquid of life to family, to friends, to community. Water takes a special place in the Catholic Mass, recalling the holiest moments of Christian celebration. Jesus blessed the water and then blessed the people with that water. The women who carried water would gather at the well. Others would be drawn to conversation with them, and from their gatherings, community came to be built, gently and progressively, conversation, one by one. Ancient history rarely recorded women's words. We know now, it should have. We know their faithfulness at the well sustaining those they loved. All life needs water.

Manette in so many ways was a Biblical woman, in our time. She was faithful, a Christian of the Catholic variety, strong, vital, wise and—as we all know now, courageous—carrying her water jar with sparkling eyes, a broad smile, humor and generosity. She gave you an extra portion. Her wisdom, born of faith, hard work and ethnic and gender sensitivity was an endless fountain for those who could appreciate it.

She ministered to all who crossed her path. And importantly, she plowed her own path to seek those who others might not know. She did so unselfishly, with a rare spirit of self-giving. She worked hard, at every worthy task she undertook. She was a laboring woman who labored with love.

As a child at her father and mother's side, she would rise at 4 am to accompany her dad as he opened the family restaurant called Najaim's and then Manette's. She hated that early rise but she learned to fill water glasses of countless people of all ages and stations. No one was a stranger at the Seady fountain. She learned about community at a young age. She was comfortable with people, most especially from Delta. She never wanted to leave them. She reminisced last week about the beauty of Delbert Dunbar's gardens, the Democratic women's club, St. Casper's and Father Ed. When I asked her, "Manette, what especially did you want me to share with those who will gather to celebrate your life?" She replied: "Tell them how we worked to help the seniors." The idea for creating for our country The Senior Farmer's Market coupons was formed here, where it now serves 23,000 seniors in northwest Ohio, well as millions across our nation. She delivered communion to shut-ins, befriended individuals—Dorothy Biddle, Edwina Mattimore, Mary Turi, Nona Sue-Mack, Clarence Seifert—carrying her water jar. She influenced the younger generation, including members of our Congressional staff here today: Steve, Sue, Theresa and Karen among them.

Theresa has written:

It is just so hard to imagine life without our Manette . . . the Fulton County Fair (she loved the ribbon chips and getting tacos from J & A Taco Wagon from Defiance), having dinner at Byblo's and looking at Christmas lights (Manette asked Sue and me to be mystery judges for the Chamber's Christmas light contest) . . . none of that will be the same. She loved her community, her family, and had such a warm heart.

Now, I have met thousands upon thousands of people in my own life. But there has been only one Manette, my sister-friend, The "Blessed Woman of Delta with the Water Jar". There is much I did not know about her family. I was reminded yesterday, her father ran for the Mayor of Delta, Of course, Manette ran for the Fulton County Recorder. Each took representative government a step forward.

As a representative of our Congressional office in Fulton County, she stayed in touch with hundreds of people. She let us know what their concerns were. She took her duties very seriously. She practiced the route to events twice the day before. She planned every moment at every event. She left nothing to chance. She always worked hard, a laboring woman who provided her own sustenance, cared for her parents, working 28 years at Aunt Jane's Foods, and upon its closure, as an Administrative Assistant at the Fulton Mill Service.

In her beautiful memory, Manette Ann Zogby Seady, we ordered a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol for a loving, generous, hard-working daughter, niece, cousin, godmother, beloved friend, devout woman of the church, and patriotic citizen for all time. She made her passage with grace and coverage. At twilight on the day of her passage, her cousin recalls she saw a rainbow through the trees, but there had been no rain. Truly, Manette was a "Blessed Woman At the Well."

HONORING KELLI REICHERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Kelli Reichert. On July

16, 2009, Kelli received a Gold Medal while competing at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. This is the highest award in the nation for her FCCLA event.

She has been very active with her local chapter and has contributed greatly to her area through her service. Not only has she distinguished herself through her involvement,

she has earned the respect of her family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kelli Reichert for her accomplishments with the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in the National Leadership Conference competition.