

"terrible deals" when the Nets traded Taylor for Tiny. "I thought Brian was a much better player than Tiny, even though Tiny was a much better offensive player," he says. "Brian was such a good rebounder, defender and overall player."

Taylor's leadership also set him apart, teammates Eric Money, a former Pistons point guard. As Money recalls, Taylor didn't lead by shouting or hogging the ball, but by quietly making everyone else better. "He was always the floor general," says Money, who Taylor lured to ICEF schools to become a PE teacher and to help him coach the high school basketball team. "he was a great complementary player to let guys like Dr. J have the spotlight. The leader sometimes has to defer that was one of his stronger qualities."

Taylor will need to draw on every bit of those leadership skills in his current role. Education, especially in California, has been hit hard by the economy, with massive state budget cuts decimating teaching staffs, increasing class sizes and dimming prospects of academic progress. The challenge is particularly acute for charter schools, which already don't receive as much funding as regular public schools, even though their test scores and achievements are often far superior, most markedly in predominantly minority areas. Taylor has to work extra hard to try and drum up financial resources from foundations, individuals and the federal government, whatever it takes to keep the ICEF schools performing at a high level.

Taylor's motivation is intensely personal. His two youngest children attend ICEF schools (an older child, Bryce, was a stand-out player at the University of Oregon and, after playing a year in Italy, is looking to sign with an NBA team), the symbolism of which is not lost on anyone. "It does send an important message, because it tells you he has faith in us and the system," says Sanders. "That says a lot about what he's building and what his belief is in our system." In fact, Taylor says he got into education after 10 years as a successful businessman in larger part to emphasize to his kids how important it is.

Even if his weren't here, it seems clear that Taylor would be. He says he sees himself in the children who attend ICEF schools, growing up in the inner city where bad influences are all too common. What he wants them to understand is that academics lead to a better life and that it's within their grasp. But the job gives him plenty in return, including an opportunity to coach his son, Brendan, who is developing into an excellent player himself. It might not match the immediate thrill of a roaring crowd, but it can be far more gratifying, he says.

"What can you do that is going to give you the thrills that you had as a ballplayer? Probably nothing, but what is my purpose thereafter?" he says. "I feel coming here I found my purpose in life. And my purpose in life is to give back."

HONORING CONNOR KILLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eagle Scout Connor Killen, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and by achieving the incredible feat of earning all 122 possible merit badges.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Connor has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting over the past six years as evidenced by the many weekends of hard work and the travel to five different states and two foreign countries as he worked towards earning his merit badges.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor Killen for his exceptional accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving this highest distinction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University for the Department of Energy

Address of Requesting Entity: 1036 Wilson Road; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$1,000,000 for making the power grid more reliable, capable, and secure. The existing power grid is highly unstable and vulnerable to natural and man-made interruptions as well as being inadequate for increased power and transmission speed throughout. The development of software will make a "smart grid" possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on rollcall 790, "YEA" on rollcall 791, and "YEA" on rollcall 792.

RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS STATE HOUSE AND SENATE FOR THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF GALVESTON TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on October 23, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce will recognize the following members of the Texas State House and Senate for their tireless work in the Texas state legislature on behalf of the people of Galveston: Senator Joan Huffman, Senator Mike Jackson, Senator Steve Ogden, Representative Dan Branch, Representative Craig Eiland, Representative Jim Pitts, and Representative Larry Taylor. I am pleased to join the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in saluting these seven legislators.

In the past year, each of these legislators have diligently worked to help the people of Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike. Among the issues they worked on were windstorm insurance, state support for rebuilding Galveston Island, and ensuring continued support for the University of Texas Medical Branch.

I am honored to have a working relationship with these legislators. My district staff regularly communicates with the offices of these state legislators, in working together to meet the needs of our shared constituents.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I again join my friends at the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in thanking Senator Joan Huffman, Senator Mike Jackson, Senator Steve Ogden, Representative Dan Branch, Representative Craig Eiland, Representative Jim Pitts, and Representative Larry Taylor for all they do for the people of Galveston. I look forward to continuing to work with these legislators.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING THE STATE OF CYBER SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 797, recognizing the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The release of the Presidential Cyberspace Policy Review in May was an important step forward.

However, more work remains to be done to ensure that cybersecurity is fully integrated into our nation's homeland security efforts.

Our country can't afford 20th century thinking for a 21st century problem.

I congratulate Ms. CLARKE, the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, for her work on cybersecurity, and thank her for authoring this resolution.

The Committee has held ten hearings and undertaken numerous investigations into cybersecurity issues affecting the Federal government, the private sector, and critical infrastructure owners and operators in just the last three years.

Though the Homeland Security Committee is primarily concerned with cybersecurity on Federal networks and critical infrastructure, we recognize the important education mission carried out by the National Cyber Security Alliance and their efforts to reach home users, small businesses, and students and educators of all ages.

The National Cyber Security Alliance's mission is to increase awareness of cyber security practices and technologies to these folks