

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding requests I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009

Account: Military Construction, Additional Defense Access Roads funding for Fort Bragg Access Roads, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc. Fort Bragg, NC and the President's FY09 Budget Request.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request supports the President's FY09 Budget request level of \$13.24 million for additional Defense Access Roads Funding for Fort Bragg, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road). The increase is due to revisions to the original project necessitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I-295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds.

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Description of Request: This request increases the Department of Defense funding authorization from the President's FY09 Budget level of \$13.24 million by an additional authorization for \$8.56 million. The increase is due to revisions to the original project neces-

sitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I-295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds.

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Account: New Elementary School (DoDEA) Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg and the Department of the Army.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request supports the \$28.17 million requested in the President's FY09 Budget for a new elementary school on Fort Bragg. This funding is required to accommodate enrollment increases due to new housing being built for the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program. The Family Housing Construction program will construct 446 new housing units at Ft. Bragg, resulting in an influx of approximately 714 students (PK through 5th grade) above present capacity. The community schools at Fort Bragg have a current enrollment of 4,517 students. As a result of new housing being added to the main cantonment area, the schools are projected to be filled to capacity. The additional 446 family housing units being constructed in the Northern Training Area will require a 714 student elementary school to be constructed to serve the housing area. Existing schools in the main cantonment area were constructed based on outdated Department of Education and state standards, resulting in undersized classrooms, administrative, and other areas. Adding additional students beyond maximum capacity will adversely affect the quality of the educational programs and greatly limit the number of educational programs offered to students. The influx of students resulting from the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program cannot be supported within current district capacity. New construction is the only method of obtaining the space needed to accommodate the enrollment projected to arrive within the next 3 years. Without this additional capacity, the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program and student education at Fort Bragg would be adversely affected.

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Account: Military Construction, Utilities Upgrade for Camp MACKALL (Fort Bragg).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$3.2 million for a Utilities Upgrade at Camp MACKALL (Fort Bragg) and this project is necessary to support the expansion of Camp Mackall, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Rowe Training Facility (RTF) at Camp Mackall is being expanded to support an increase in its mission of providing Special Forces (SF) qualified soldiers from a current level of 350 per year to 950 per year. The number of all students passing through the Rowe Training Facility annually will increase from 1,000 trainees to 2,700 annually. The Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training course at Camp Mackall will increase from 350 per year to 950 per year. New water, sewage, storm drainage, gas, electric and communications lines will have to be run to support the rapidly expanding training activities at the base.

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Account: Military Construction, New Intermediate School (Irwin) (DoDEA) Fort Bragg, NC

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$27.945 million for a new DoDEA intermediate school at Fort Bragg, NC. This school is needed to accommodate 725 students and support present curriculums selected for that age group. Most of the current school facility was constructed in 1962 with seven additions built in various years starting in 1964. The Extended Facilities Condition Index (EFCI—current facility maintenance or repair requirement/replacement cost) is 72%. An EFCI of this value indicates replacement is more cost effective than continuing to address facility maintenance and repair needs. Many of the school's programs are conducted in twelve re-locatable, temporary buildings which are all old, undersized and not suitable for the programs. Space limitations also require many programs to share the same classrooms. The school has force protection issues that will be resolved by this project. Significant health and safety issues exist to include non-fire rated transom windows in all corridors, no fire sprinkler system in the facility, non-fire rated interior doors and many roof leaks. These deficiencies are costly to rectify.

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Account: Military Construction, New Middle School (DoDEA) Fort Bragg, NC

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$22.356 million to

construct a new middle school in the Northern Training Area at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A new middle school is required to accommodate enrollment increases due to new housing being built for the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program. The Family Housing Construction program will construct additional new housing units and upsize most of the existing units to 4 or 5 bedrooms at Ft. Bragg, resulting in an influx of approximately 550 students (6th through 8th grade) above present capacity. The community schools at Fort Bragg have a current enrollment of 4,517 students. As a result of new housing being added to the main cantonment area, the schools are projected to be filled to capacity. The additional 1,524 family housing units being constructed in the Northern Training Area will require a 550 student middle school to be constructed to serve the housing area. Existing schools in the main cantonment area were constructed based on outdated Department of Education and state standards, resulting in under-sized classrooms, administrative, and other areas. Adding additional students beyond maximum capacity will adversely affect the quality of the educational programs and greatly limit the number of educational programs offered to students. With the NTA being separated from the main cantonment area this new school is also needed to cut down on student bussing and associated costs to both the school district and parents. The influx of students resulting from the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program cannot be supported within current district capacity. New construction is the only method of obtaining the space needed to accommodate the enrollment projected to arrive within the next 3 years. Without this additional capacity, the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program and student education at Fort Bragg would be adversely affected.

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Account: Military Construction, Training Support Center, Fort Bragg.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$20.5 million to Construct a Standard Training Support Center (TSC). Existing substandard warehouse buildings do not have additional capacity to support increased training aids and devices. This project is needed to ensure Fort Bragg can protect its training devices from the environment and the weather. Otherwise they are facing drastically reduced useful life.

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Account: Military Construction, SOF Expand Training Compound—USSOCOM Fort Bragg.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$14.2 million for a Special Operations Forces (SOF) Training Compound Expansion in support of USSOCOM at Fort Bragg. This funding will serve to renovate and expand MacRidge Training Compound to support close quarters and urban combat training.

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Account: Military Construction, SOF Headquarters Facility, USSOCOM Fort Bragg.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA. This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$14.6 million for a Special Operations Forces (SOF) Headquarters Facility at Fort Bragg, NC. This funding will be used to construct a Battalion Headquarters for the 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion (112th SOSB) so that they can accommodate their Department of the Army ordered personnel expansion and meet their requirements.

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Account: Military Construction, SOF Security Force Protection, Pope AFB/ Fort Bragg, NC.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg Address of Requesting.

Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA. This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$4.15 million to be used for SOF Security/Force Protection (ACC-14th ASOS) at Pope Air Force Base/Fort Bragg. This request supports Joint Special Operations Command.

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Account: Military Construction, Fort Bragg, NC.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$5.3 million for a SOF Training Facility at Fort Bragg. This will construct a two story training facility to support USSOCOM joint operations.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CONNIE FINTON FOR BEING
NAMED THE LUCILLE
NUSSDORFER TUSCARAWAS
COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Ms. Finton has made a lasting impact on the quality of life in Tuscarawas County; and

Whereas, she is an innovator for local youth programs such as "Got Milk? Got Cookies? Got Books?" and the Fit Youth Initiative; and Whereas, Ms. Finton is a driving force in the Tuscarawas County for the education of the dairy and agriculture industry; and

Whereas, Ms. Finton has been an active member of the Union Hospital Auxiliary for thirty years; and

Whereas, she has selflessly served the needs of her community and encourages those around her to do the same: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Connie Finton for her service to the State of Ohio. Congratulations to Connie Finton on her selection as the Lucille Nussdorfer Tuscarawas County Woman of the Year.

HONORING MOON KHAN

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Moon Khan for his devoted service to DuPage County and the State of Illinois.

Moon started serving the community as an anchor on the Indian community's cable television program Bharat Darshan, also working as Community Editor of the India Tribune and Chief Editor of Spotlight Weekly. After earning M.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Northern Illinois University, he founded the Asian American Caucus of DuPage, serving as its first President. From his early dedication to scholarship and community service, Moon has become heavily involved in local government and commerce, serving as a vocal advocate for the Asian American community.

As a member of the Illinois Ethnic Coalition, Moon has advocated for the rights of new immigrants and various ethnic groups, assisting them in the transition to American culture and helping with the preservation of their heritage. His commitment to unity resulted in Moon being presented the Americanism Award by the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution in 2005.