

Finance Plan: Research will address soldier recovery, readiness, and quality of life in orthopedics and tissue engineering. The project addresses unmet needs in several areas, including: (1) smart orthopedic implants—such as hip, knee, and shoulder joints; (2) 3-D woven material to provide a new surface to localized damaged areas and cartilage, such as occurs in younger patients; and (3) test and evaluation of new implant designs.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Army, Other Procurement Army.

PE No.: 0.

Line No.: 118.

Project Name: Select Availability Anti Spoofing Module (SAASM) Precise Positioning System (PPS) GPS Upgrade.

Entity: ITT.

Address: 1919 West Cook Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801.

Amount: \$2,000,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The program will implement software upgrades to current SAASM based GPS receivers to expedite the replacement of less secure systems in the near term. This upgrade will provide a more robust and militarized survey solution and eliminate parts obsolescence issues facing the legacy GPS-S; as well as provide the warfighter protection against today's threats from jamming and spoofing.

Improving our high-tech defense capabilities is paramount for continuing our superior military strength throughout the world. The ITT facility in Fort Wayne is one of the leading suppliers of this type of technology in the United States. Along with the SAASM System, this facility has the potential to produce 10,000 SINGAR radios a month for our warfighters throughout the world. These dollars allow ITT to update and integrate new technology that makes our warfighters more capable and also provides them with a higher level of safety.

Finance Plan: The \$4,000,000 will support the integration and test of SAASM-based GPS survey equipment for the US Army. Specifically, \$1,950,000 to update and integrate real-time kinematic algorithms, and modify and test SAASM software, \$550,000 to modify, integrate and test data collection software and hand-held controller, \$250,000 to select and test suitable, high-precision survey antennas, and \$1,250, to complete prototype systems and system test including data communications. This is all the funding needed to perform and complete the work as outlined.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

PE No.: N/A.

Line No.: 90.

Project name: Sonobuoys—All Types.

Entity: USSI.

Address: 4578 East Park 30 Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Amount: \$112.6M.

I am pleased the House Armed Services Committee has granted my request to support the President's budget and included \$112.6 million for the procurement of sonobuoys. I am glad the committee has recognized the serious deficiency in sonobuoy inventories and has provided an authorization level that begins to correct the shortfall.

The Navy's Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirement (NNOR) currently identifies annual

peacetime requirements at approximately 120,000 sonobuoys of all types. Due to other priorities, the Navy has understated its sonobuoy budget requirement for several years. This has resulted in a steady decline in inventories, as well as a serious degradation in combat readiness in the airborne anti-submarine warfare (ASW) area.

ASW continues to be a core mission area of the United States Navy. Largely ignored in the aftermath of the Cold War, the ASW mission has recently re-emerged as a priority for the Navy. This change is caused by a clear recognition of the dangers inherent in the proliferation of modern, highly capable submarines to Third World countries operating in littoral waters. To ensure its ability to effectively participate in regional conflicts and the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) by projecting power from the sea, the Navy must remain capable of defeating the submarine threat in the acoustically demanding coastal regions.

The sonobuoy remains the Navy's primary sensor for detection and localization of submarines by air ASW platforms. Launched from fixed wing and rotary wing ASW aircraft, sonobuoys provide the only means to rapidly sanitize large areas of water prior to fleet units arriving in the area. The improved technology of the modern diesel/electric submarine, operating near the coastline, makes for a significantly more difficult target than previously faced by the Navy during the Cold War. Operational planning indicates significantly higher sonobuoy usage rates over historical levels when confronted with this threat.

With fleet sonobuoy inventories continuing to decline to historic lows, ASW aviation units are necessarily limited in the number of sonobuoys available for training. This has caused a rapid decline in aircrew preparedness in the ASW mission area. This authorization level for sonobuoys addresses this issue and provides funding in line with fleet requirements and usage rates.

HONORING DAVID A. BECKERMAN  
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2008 TORCH  
OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, today, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor David A. Beckerman with the 2008 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. David is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, David has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A respected civic and business leader, David is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Acorn Group, a corporate real estate management and development company, as well as Founder and Chairman of Community One, an organization which benefits the seven constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. To say that David is a dedicated member of our community would be an understatement. There are numerous nonprofit and service organizations which have also benefitted from his experience, wisdom, and compassion—too many to list. His compassion and civic engagement serves as an inspiration to all of those fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with him.

David is perhaps best known for his passion for basketball. As a young man of 15 a spark was ignited when he, as a member the Jewish Community Center's team, won a National JWB Championship. He was a coach at the JCC for 25 years and then 11 more at Hamden Hall where he coached his team to victory in 8 New England Championships and 6 league championships. For the last 4 years he has been coaching at Pine Crest School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he has led the team to two district championships, two regional championships, and just this year, the school's first State championship. It is not difficult to see why he was recently named Florida's Coach of the Year.

David's passion for basketball and working with young people is not about winning a game. It is about teaching his kids about teamwork, hard work, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence—valuable lessons that will serve them well throughout their lives. Through his work with young people, his efforts with civic organizations, and his own strong work ethic, David is a reflection of all that the Torch of Liberty Award stands for and sets a standard to which we should all strive.

Together with his wife, Ruthann, their 5 children, and 10 grandchildren, it is my honor and privilege to stand today to join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to David A. Beckerman for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRISIS AND  
HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I could not travel to Haiti with my colleagues last week, but I have been there several times over the past 12 years, and it breaks my heart to see a country which ought to have had so much promise in the critical state it now is. I have to agree with what I have heard from many Haitians, that the day to day existence of the people is worse than it ever was during the Duvalier period.

The people of Haiti welcomed the democracy our country helped to bring. They participated enthusiastically in the electoral process.

They were patient as they waited for the assistance that never came in full.

Today they are in the middle of a terrible food crisis—one that we can and must do what we can—and we can do a lot—to abate.

The food crisis in Haiti is responsible for recent riots, killings, and the ousting of the country's prime minister. In just the past few weeks, five Haitians and one United Nations worker were killed in the violent protests stemming from the overwhelming food shortage. The situation, which has been labeled a "silent tsunami" by the U.N. World Food Programme, has not received the attention and action it warrants.

Haiti is our neighbor. In my estimation, we have not done all that we could and should have to avert this and every other crisis it has faced in recent years. The instability that is increasing every day, not only threatens the life of every Haitian but can destabilize the region and send adverse ripples here.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the current administration's commitment to provide \$200 million in emergency food aid. I implore my colleagues to join me in urging the President to commit no less than \$60 million of the \$200 million for Haiti.

We need to pass the HERO Act to provide investment and create jobs.

I am also calling on this Congress to pass Temporary Protected Status for the people of Haiti in this time of great peril. In the face of the inequity in treatment of Haiti under immigration, it is the least we can do.

It is time for the United States to take seriously our obligation as the lead Nation in this hemisphere and assist our neighbor in this time of extreme need.

#### SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING FOSTER PARENTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 1185, recognizing National Foster Care Awareness Month.

Today, more than half a million children nationwide are living in foster care. Like children everywhere, these vulnerable young people need the safety and security of a permanent family. For many children who cannot be reunited with their parents, that means joining a new family through adoption.

Across the country there are families who have adopted children and youth from the foster care system. One of those outstanding persons is my constituent Ms. Ann Carnegie in Atlanta who has dedicated her life to the service of others. She is one of many hard-working Americans determined to make a difference for the next generation.

Ms. Carnegie became a single mother when she adopted three children. She began as a foster parent for Bernard and Latrice. Both had already spent 5 years in foster care and had special needs; Ms. Carnegie knew that if the opportunity presented itself that she would want to adopt them.

Bernard is an intelligent, artistic young man who aspires to work with computer animation

one day. Latrice is a French honors student who hopes to become a lawyer. Everyone in this loving family takes time to play cars and dinosaurs with their youngest brother Matty. I have faith that all the children in the Carnegie family will fulfill their dreams one day.

Every year, the Carnegie family celebrates the children's adoptions with a special celebration. There are many important pieces of legislation that we both support that will improve child welfare services and strengthen America's families.

I have the privilege to serve on the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee under the leadership of my good friend, the Gentleman from Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT. I know that all of us on the Subcommittee share a commitment to protect and improve the future of those in the child welfare system.

We must do all we can to help children living in foster care join loving families like the Carnegies, and I look forward to supporting reforms this year. Initiatives like the federal Adoption Incentive program encourages states like mine to finalize more adoptions of children from foster care, but there is more that can be done. Children in foster care have waited long enough.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this important resolution today, and to give strong consideration of the many legislative proposals to improve the lives of children in foster care.

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CUBA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, May 21, is being designated as the International Day of Solidarity with the people of Cuba. On this day we recognize the plight of political prisoners in Cuba and the threats to human rights that still exist in that nation.

For almost 50 years, Fidel Castro ruled Cuba with an iron-fist. While he recently stepped down as President, the Communist dictatorship he headed still remains under his brother Raul. The stranglehold this regime has upon its people, its economy, and many facets of daily life is unacceptable. This form of oppression stifles the human spirit and denies progress and prosperity.

On this date, the international community should speak with one voice to the people of Cuba that we understand their struggle. As a Nation built upon the foundation of freedom from tyranny, the United States must continue to lead the way in bringing democracy and freedom to the people of Cuba.

#### AIRLINE FLIGHT CREW TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. BISHOP on successfully bringing

this bill to the floor, and I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this legislation. This change to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is long overdue and clarifies the original intent of the law passed in 1993, to ensure that airline flight crews have access to job-protected unpaid family and medical leave. The Workforce Protections Subcommittee, which I chair, held a hearing in April celebrating the 15th anniversary of the FMLA. And at the hearing we did celebrate the difference that job-protected family and medical leave—even if it is unpaid—has made in people's lives. But we all recognized that the law is in need of improvement.

We need paid leave and we need to expand FMLA to include airline flight crew. Jennifer Hunt, a 19-year flight attendant with U.S. Airways testified at the Subcommittee to the importance of family and medical leave and how thousands of flight attendants, including Jennifer herself, are unable to take advantage of this benefit.

Then she told us her story. In December, 2007, Jennifer's husband, John was diagnosed with prostate cancer and Jennifer needed time out from her full-time schedule to attend his medical appointments and be with him for his surgery and recovery. But without FMLA leave, Jennifer was stuck. She was able to adjust her schedule to be with John during his surgery. However, she returned to work as soon as John was out of the hospital and had to rely on friends and family to assist in his care and the care of her two young children.

FMLA job-protected leave is essential to hardworking airline personnel who face the same challenges as other workers do in balancing their work and family. I am so pleased that Mr. BISHOP's bill will provide them with this important benefit.

#### SALUTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to wish the State of Israel a chag sameach and happy birthday on its 60th anniversary of independence.

Over the past 60 years, Israel has exhibited strong and unparalleled growth in every aspect: governmentally, educationally, culturally, economically, industrially, and militarily. Today she is as strong as she has ever been. The state's population is nine times what it was in 1948, the year she declared her independence. It is hard to imagine that in the earlier part of the 20th century she was nothing but a swampy British colony.

Governmentally, Israel's democracy is alive and well. It is the only democracy with free and fair elections in the Middle East. Israel has some of the world's top universities and its citizenry is highly educated. According to the state's Census Bureau, in 1948, 208 people received degrees from the country's two universities; 2 years ago, 53,000 people received degrees from 62 local colleges and universities. Eight Israelis are Nobel Prize laureates.

Israel's diverse population, which is composed of immigrants from countries throughout