

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this legislation.

FRANK BUCKLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Frank Buckles, the last remaining American veteran of World War I. Mr. Buckles was born on a farm near Bethany, Missouri in 1901. Mr. Buckles lied about his age to enlist after turning 16, and fought in France and Germany. Later, in World War II he became a prisoner of war for 39 months after the Japanese invaded the Philippines.

Mr. Buckles' life represents the last of a generation that fought for our country to protect the freedoms that this country was founded upon. It is his service, and the service of those that he fought with that we will always remember and pay tribute to. Mr. Buckles is planning to honor his Commanding General John J. Pershing by visiting his boyhood home on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Frank Buckles, a true patriot that represents all those who have served to protect this nation. It is truly an honor to serve Mr. Buckles in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEROME L. SCHOSTAK

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate Mr. Jerome L. Schostak for receiving the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Detroit District Council of the Urban Land Institute.

In 1954, Mr. Schostak joined the commercial and industrial real estate development, management, and brokerage firm, Schostak Brothers & Co., which was founded by his father Louis in 1920. Jerome Schostak's leadership, ingenuity, and vision transformed the company from a brokerage firm into the national property management and development company that it is today.

Now, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Schostak Brothers & Co., Mr. Schostak is continuing the traditions and practices that have made him so successful. Still a family business, as three of his sons are now part of the firm, Schostak Brothers still follows the core values of serving both client and community. This is evident in their many philanthropic efforts, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The Urban Land Institute was founded in 1936, as a nonprofit research and education organization with the mission of providing responsible leadership in the use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. The Detroit District Council was founded in 1997, and has regularly sponsored programs and forums to encourage an open

exchange of ideas and experiences within the development community in Michigan. For the past four years the District Council has awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award to individuals for their work in real estate, commitment to the community, and demonstration of civic, charitable, and philanthropic endeavors.

Madam Speaker, for more than fifty years, Mr. Schostak has been a shining example of excellence in both the national real estate and local community. I commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, May 20, 2008, due to ground crew delays at Reagan National Airport and subsequent delays getting to the terminal, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 6081 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 331 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 6081, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Project Name: Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY RESERVE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot.

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$17.9 million for Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would consolidate three area Army Reserve facilities at the Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The project will provide a 300 member training facility with administrative areas, classrooms, assembly hall, arms vault, kitchen, equipment storage areas, physical training rooms, and maintenance facilities. LEAD has set aside 7.5 acres of secure federal land for construction of the Reserve Center. The Center will be constructed behind the Letterkenny fence and adjacent to 600 acres of federal land which are used for Reserve training. This facility will also meet all projected force protection and anti-terrorism standards. This project is included in the President's FY 2009 budget and the US Army Reserve Fiscal Year 2009 FYDP.

Project Name: Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$7.5 million for Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would modify igloo doors and provide concrete ramps to significantly increase productivity and enhance Letterkenny Army Depot's (LEAD) ability to rapidly and safely support mission requirements. Letterkenny is a major receiving, storage, maintenance, and shipping site for both tactical missiles and conventional ammunition. These munitions are stored in 902 igloos constructed in the 1940s to store low technology ammunition that could be carried by hand. 706 of these igloos have 4 foot wide single doors and a two step differential between the pavement and igloo floor. Funding for this project will modify approximately 100 igloos to 10 foot doors and provide concrete ramps direct from the pavement to the igloo. This project is in the US Army Fiscal Year 2011 FYDP. Letterkenny's munitions storage mission continues to grow and its need for upgraded igloos to meet this mission requirement is more immediate than programmed.

Project Name: Expeditionary Persistent Power.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, DEFENSEWIDE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$3 million for Expeditionary Persistent Power.

It is my understanding that funding will be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This program builds on the recent success and advancements in ground based power and alternative propulsion systems for USSOCOM as well as advancements in the ultra thin film solar and small wind driven regeneration systems. The power/propulsion system will use latest-generation, commercially available Li-ion polymer batteries storing power from wind, solar, and regeneration techniques.

USSOCOM has a continuing requirement for Expeditionary Power and Clandestine Propulsion Systems for ground, marine, and UV's for all operations environments and tactical scenarios.

It is also my understanding that approximately 55 percent of funding would be used for labor costs, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for materials, and approximately 5 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Pitt Street, Suite 300, Bedford, PA 15522.

Description of Request: Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1.5 million for Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to leverage and develop advanced artillery battle management technologies and to integrate these advanced technologies into the Army fire support modernization initiatives.

This program will help in Battlefield Damage Assessment (BDA) for target re-fire, to include target of opportunity avoidance due to weighted benefits of a current intel information resource that is supplying crucial tactical intel information. This effort will also decrease the time from target identification to firing. The program will also provide Theater Commanders with the intelligence to determine if a fire mission may affect critical infrastructures or resources (water and oil pipelines, power lines or support facilities) that are critical to the civilian population.

It is also my understanding that approximately 80 percent of funding would be used for staff, approximately 17 percent of funding would be used to design and implement a test facility, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Maritime C4ISR System.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1 million for Maritime C4ISR System.

It is my understanding that funding would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This project would be used to support C4ISR situations awareness for maritime protection activities. The Maritime C4ISR System is a comprehensive suite of sensor devices together with IP based network communications to support C4ISR situational awareness for maritime protection activities.

The system was conceived for port and coastal security missions requiring enhanced situational awareness, integrating and fusing existing sensors via IP. The Maritime C4ISR system allows the user to manage several complex and diverse tasks simultaneously through remote access, automation, information management, and the development or enhancement of decision aides to simplify decision-making and support defensive action by joint forces.

It is also my understanding that approximately 50 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 42 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 8 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mountain Research LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 25th Street, Altoona, PA 16601.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$500,000 for Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be focused on technology transfer and implementation to reduce the impact of legacy use of toxic chemicals, investigate alternative fuel use for non-tactical fleet vehicles, reduce energy intensity, implement alternative renewable energy technologies, support the design and construction of sustainable buildings, and improve Environmental Management Systems at the Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

The President signed E.O. 13423 on January 24, 2007, requiring Federal agencies to "conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities under the law in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner." Letterkenny Army Depot's unique mission, including manufacturing, depot level maintenance, and demilitarization, presents significant challenges to maintaining operations while achieving aggressive sustainability targets. Letterkenny Army Depot's leadership in technology implementation will not only benefit Letterkenny, but will also facilitate horizontal technology transfer to surrounding Pennsylvania military installations, other Army depots, and installations across the DoD.

It is also my understanding that approximately 57 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

THE DAILY 45: A MEASURE OF JUSTICE FOR A GRIEVING INDIANAPOLIS FAMILY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States and, sometimes, no matter how long it takes, some families do manage to gain a measure of justice.

Last week, on May 13, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the grieving family of 16-year-old murder victim Ryan Sampson breathed a small sliver of relief after determined police work led to the indictment of two suspected shooters, Samuel Fancher and Jerry Emerson. After nine months, since the July, 2007 gunshot to Ryan's head and torso in an abandoned building a few blocks from his home, his mother and grieving siblings are thankful for a measure of justice. Despite the survival of Ryan's friend, Leroy Moorman, who was also shot in the same incident, reluctant witnesses hampered the investigation.

In this case, unlike other unresolved murders that have afflicted Ryan's family, a brave informant finally came forward with credible evidence.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting for the RECORD the following project that has been authorized in H.R. 5658—the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction—Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms.

Address of Requesting Entity: 73549 29 Palms Hwy., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

Description of Request: Phase I of the Life Long Learning Center, LLLC, project at the Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms provides a facility to help Marines and their families fulfill their educational goals. The project will replace older, undersized facilities with a 17,000-square-foot, three-story building which will include classrooms, office spaces, a computer room and other supporting infrastructure. When completed, the LLLC will facilitate more than 40 higher education classes with an anticipated enrollment exceeding 1500 students per term. The Marine Corps supports this project as it would dramatically improve the quality of life for our soldiers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I believe funding to clean up the Hanford site in Washington State, and the Department of Energy's other Environmental Management sites across the country, is a fundamental federal obligation, not an earmark as it is labeled in this bill. However, because it has been so labeled in the Committee report, I voluntarily submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. The \$10 million programmatic increase provided for in the bill will be used for the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program at the Hanford Site in Fiscal Year 2009. The entity to receive the funding is the U.S. Department of Energy located at 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. The Federal Government has a legal and moral obligation to clean up the massive wastes and contamination it created at Hanford during the Manhattan Project, World War II and the Cold War. Funding to clean up Hanford is not a luxury sought by myself or my constituents, it is an essential responsibility of the United States government. The over 500-square-mile Hanford site is the world's largest and most complex environmental cleanup project, and the Federal Government must keep its commitment to clean it up. No matching funds are required.