

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

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

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY.  
Bill: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, NAVY.

Requesting Entity: MBDA, Incorporated.  
Address: 5701 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362.

Description of project: It is my understanding that this funding will be used for Phase II of a program to assist the U.S. Navy to develop innovative missile solutions for an Affordable Weapon System (AWS) capable of operating from ships. The Navy is looking for an AWS that can kill a variety of targets including mobile targets, time critical targets, and targets of opportunity such as terrorist leadership meeting facilities, mobile missile launchers, and weapons caches. In concept, AWS will defeat targets at stand-off ranges, rapidly completing the engagement phase by having the capability to loiter in a target area.

The \$5.8 million increase in this account for Phase II will be divided into two tasks. The funding approximately will be spent as follows: The first task will be used to determine the best materials for use in the AWS. This includes trade studies (\$600,000), hardware bench tests (\$900,000), and deployment tests (\$1,300,000). The second task will perform a feasibility study on the technical baseline being delivered within the stated time frame (\$1,300,000). An additional \$1,300,000 will be used for program management and oversight by Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR).

The intent of this program is to develop a low-cost, disposable weapon capable of being launched from U.S. Naval vessels. But it provides an additional benefit for my Congressional district and the state of California. Since 1986, the employment of high-technology aerospace professionals in California has declined dramatically because of the reduction in California-based aerospace programs and companies. This decline in the employment had a ripple-effect throughout the State and has lowered associated markets in employment, goods and services. A production contract award will bring 200 professional aerospace employees to the company and add significantly to the California base of aerospace professionals and aerospace production. MBDA has already increased its skilled work force by 10 percent due to the Phase I contract. Support for this program will work toward reversing this trend in California.

## AIRLINE FLIGHT CREW TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2744, the Airline

Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act. I want to thank my friend and colleague from New York, Representative TIM BISHOP, for his strong leadership on this issue.

This bill corrects an oversight in the current version of the Family and Medical Leave Act, which did not take into account the unique circumstances of employment as a flight attendant or pilot. To qualify for leave under FMLA now, all employees must work a minimum of 1,250 hours per year, or 60 percent of what is considered a full-time work schedule in most industries.

For flight attendants and pilots, however, there is a different standard for full-time employment. Their hours are calculated purely on the basis of "in-flight" time, which does not include any time in between flights, time spent preparing for a flight, or periods when they are on "reserve" status in the event that someone cannot fly their scheduled flight. An average full-time flight attendant works 960 hours per year. Additionally, pilots are prohibited by the FAA from working more than 1,000 hours per year, which automatically disqualifies them from leave under FMLA.

The Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act will amend FMLA to reduce the hours-of-service requirement for flight crews, so that they will be eligible if they work 60 percent of a full-time schedule in their industry.

Airline flight crews have difficult jobs, and the number of "in-flight" hours that they work does not accurately measure all that they do. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2744, to give flight attendants a benefit that so many other American workers already have.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRISIS AND HAITI

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, millions are being swept away in a "silent tsunami." Drought and ever-climbing prices coupled with the mounting demand of nations unable to sustain themselves have wrought devastating food shortages from the Philippines, to Egypt, to our neighbor Haiti. Starving families turn to cakes baked of sugar, oil, and mud. Parents avoid eye contact with the children they cannot feed. Rioters, unable to afford even a loaf of bread, fill the streets. And this Congress is not deaf to their cries.

Not the product of a disaster or war, this crisis of unprecedented price increases will linger and spread without action. So far, an additional 100 million people are estimated to have been pushed into poverty. Hardest hit by its inability to provide enough food for its growing population, Haiti, in our own backyard, Madam Speaker, where over half the population lives on less than \$1 a day, is left to the mercy of the global community; and right now, USAID is delivering over 6,820 tons of food aid.

But more needs to be done. The dread, uncertainty, cruelty, and suffering of hunger have become a reality for too many for too long and I am proud of the work being done in this Congress to stem that tide. In just the past 2 weeks, we have added to and enhanced the tools in America's toolbox for fighting starvation.

The Farm Bill we just sent to the President's desk reauthorizes many of our most important programs for fighting hunger, addressing both the immediate demands of the crisis and recognizing the work needed for the long-term goal of prevention. In the face of this epidemic, it is all the more vital that President Bush sign these essential programs into law.

This bill extends until 2012 the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, allowing us to continue to respond to the unanticipated and unexpected crises that may emerge. I was happy to hear last month that President Bush ordered the release of \$200 million in emergency food aid from the Trust, but without replenishment, the benefit of this stockpile of cash and commodities will be unavailable to us in the future.

Hoping to create a bulwark against this spread of hunger and rising prices at home, many governments have been pushed by the fear of impending food shortages to the false hope of halting or restricting food exports. This beggar thy neighbor strategy will only make the situation worse and shows our need to promote long-term food production and security.

To this end, the just-passed Farm Bill has reauthorized \$2.5 billion for our vital Title 11 spending, with an additional \$850 million for this year in last week's supplemental. Our most powerful instrument, these dollars are administered by USAID every year to address global food needs. Yet in 2007, only 20 percent of this went to non-emergency development projects. The emergencies in countries like Haiti deserve an immediate response, but without longer-term diversified food production, conservation, and infrastructure projects, this crisis will only deepen, which is why this Congress mandated that no less than \$375 million a year be spent on these production, development, and security goals. The Farm Bill has implemented newer approaches, as well, including an authorization for a \$60 million pilot program for local and regional food purchases, avoiding deadly time lags in delivery and eliminating high transportation costs.

This crisis will not go away on its own, Madam Speaker, as every day more people are born into this world unable to eat. Let these programs in last week's Farm Bill be the launching-off point for our continued and deepened commitment to battling this crisis.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRISIS AND HAITI

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, rising food prices are fueling the global hunger crisis. The World Bank estimates that food prices have gone up by 83 percent globally over the last three years. This reality has hit home in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and oldest black sovereign state. It is sad to think of Haitians demonstrating and taking to the streets in order to call the world's attention to the fact ordinary people can not afford to buy food. As Haiti struggles to maintain its stability, rising food prices threaten the progress that has been made.

The recent removal of Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis is evident that Haiti's

political stability is in jeopardy. Also this month, 10 Senate seats in Haiti will be up for election. Originally scheduled for last fall, these elections had to be postponed after members of the country's electoral commission accused their leaders of embezzlement. In a country where political turnover has become the norm, President Préval's stability offers hope for Haiti. I urge the United States not to allow the current humanitarian crisis to become a political one as well.

Poverty is one of the greatest ills to plague mankind. Those who survive in poverty are under the constant threat of death. The debt forgiveness offered by the Jubilee Act will enable Haiti to address the issues of poverty, create opportunities for economic growth and establish sound governing practices. The Jubilee Act also promotes responsible development assistance by prioritizing grants over loans, which is an important measure to prevent poor nations from falling back into debt. Releasing Haiti from its onerous debt will allow the country to feed its own people and rebuild its struggling economy without the burden of diverting its scarce resources to fill the coffers of wealthy, multi-lateral financial institutions. The U.S. House of Representatives has gone on record supporting the immediate cancellation of Haiti's debt, it is now time for the President to make sure that this struggling nation is no longer held captive to its past and is put on a sustained path to development.

Haiti serves a wake up call to the potential looming global food crisis. It is taking an immense toll on the world's poorest people, who typically spend up to 80 percent of their income on food. After many years of working to end hunger and poverty, the United States and other developed nations must put forth bolder efforts to ensure progress is not lost in resolving global hunger.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

1. Project—Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) Clean-up at the Miamisburg Mound.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: DOE, Other.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg Mound.

Address of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg, OH.

Description of Request: \$10,000,000 is authorized for the Miamisburg Mound site in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miamisburg Mound site in Miamisburg, OH. The funding would be used by the Department of Energy for the Miamisburg Mound to complete the remaining clean up of Operable Unit I (OU-I).

2. Project—Integrated Electrical starter/Generator (IES/G).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,500,000 is authorized for an Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensor-less IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems.

3. Project—Security Forces Operations Facility.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, Mil Con.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,700,000 is authorized for a Security Forces Operations Facility in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base located at Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to house the operations of the 88th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron (88 SFS), which provides security and police services for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dearborn, MI.

Description of Request: \$6,300,000 is authorized for the Tactical Metal Fabrication System in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center in Dearborn, MI. The funding being requested will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System.

5. Project—Open Source Research Centers.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 is authorized for Open Source Research Centers in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the National Air and Space Intelligence Center located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. This funding will provide support to government agencies that are over-burdened with classified research requirements and do not have resources to meet the open source requirements. In addition, the program will support the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the Ohio Department of Homeland Security with Open Source Requirements as well as support Open Source requirements for the new Department of Defense Africa Command and the US State Department.

6. Project—Metals Affordability Initiative.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,000,000 is authorized for the Metals Affordability Initiative (MAI) in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. This funding will enable MAI to maintain leadership in the strategic aerospace metals industrial sector by using technology innovation to maintain global competitiveness while improving performance and increasing affordability of weapons systems.

#### A TRIBUTE TO KARL AND LINDA BENNETT

### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karl and Linda Bennett of Calabash, North Carolina, for their twelve years of service to the Calabash Fire Department as they plan to retire on June 30th. Mr. Bennett serves as the Calabash Fire Chief while his wife serves as Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary for the department.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bennett first settled in North Carolina twelve years ago, they were retiring from their positions as fire volunteers with the Ravena, New York Fire Department, where they met and eventually married. Gradually, however, they became involved in another full time profession with the Calabash Fire Department. Now, after twelve years of dedication, they are retiring from their posts and will serve simply on a voluntary basis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett truly are examples of enduring public service and hard work. I have worked with them through the years on several federal projects and programs to help the Calabash Fire Department, and I know personally the absolute devotion, admirable dedication, and awesome determination that they have demonstrated in their commitment. I stand today to express my appreciation for their active efforts to protect their fellow citizens. Madam Speaker, let us honor this couple's honorable dedication as their official service to the Town of Calabash comes to a close.

#### IN HONOR OF DEREK OLSON, FINALIST FOR MINNESOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Derek Olson of Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, a finalist for the prestigious Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. A sixth-grade teacher in the Stillwater School District, Mr. Olson's contributions to our children's education and our nation's future deserve the utmost recognition and respect.