

The Mackinac State Historic Parks complex is one of the most successful historic site complexes in North America. The Mackinac Island State Park Commission helps bring tourism to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and aids the local economy. This resolution commemorates the restoration and opening of Fort Mackinac to the public in 1958.

As a native Michigander, I have always enjoyed the beautiful and abundant natural resource that is Mackinac Island. All of my visits to Mackinac Island have been rewarding and fulfilling.

I join my fellow colleagues, in honoring the accomplishments and creation of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, and to commemorate the 50th anniversary by supporting this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cytec Carbon Fibers LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7139 Augusta Road, Piedmont, South Carolina 29673.

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$3,000,000 to conduct research and development aimed at producing a domestic source of cost effective, high performance carbon fiber used to manufacture efficient manned and unmanned air and space vehicles for the military. Approximately, \$250,000 (8%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through modified polymer chemistry; \$200,000 (7%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through carbon fiber surface science for improved property translation in composites; \$250,000 (8%) to produce (pilot scale) and test 12k versions of phase I defined advanced PAN-based carbon fibers; \$200,000 (7%) to establish testing protocols with Greenville and York Technical Colleges; \$350,000 (12%) to generate meaningful preliminary composite data for use by target program managers; \$150,000 (5%) to establish training parameters for manufacturing and use of high performance carbon fibers; \$300,000 (10%) to begin scale-up of production/commercial capability; \$350,000 (12%) to produce multiple production-scale carbon fiber lots of selected 12k versions of advanced fibers; \$600,000 (20%) to initiate qualification/design allowable database test programs based on key military applications, and \$350,000 (12%) for Air Force Research Laboratory project management.

In an effort to reduce the Department of Defense's fossil fuel dependence, the DoD has recently given significant attention to lightweighting manned and unmanned ground

and air vehicles through advanced materials, such as composite structures, which are currently only available from foreign suppliers. The military has demonstrated a need for access to a lower cost domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Cytec Carbon Fibers will provide a domestic solution and utilize its carbon fiber expertise to develop and manufacture high performance carbon fibers in its Greenville, South Carolina plant to be used for military applications including J-UCAS, UCAR, Global Hawk, Predator, F-18 E/F, JSF and V-22 as well as missile and satellite components. The ultimate goal would be for Cytec to work with local technical colleges, such as Greenville and York Technical Colleges to establish a knowledge base on the manufacturing, testing, repair and efficient use of advanced composite materials. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials Account. Since 2006, Cytec Carbon Fibers has invested \$7 million to upgrade its R&D facilities and pilot plan capabilities.

HONORING STEVE L. BUTTS OF HERNANDO, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Steve L. Butts, a veteran from Hernando, Florida who has recently been recognized with the Saint Martin Award, a tribute given under the authority of the U.S. Army Quartermaster General.

At the age of 17, Mr. Butts enlisted in the Army, and was sent to Quartermaster School in Ft. Lee, Virginia, eventually rising to the rank of sergeant. Assigned to the 1st LOG Command in Vietnam during 1969, Sgt Butts then served with the 2nd LOG Command in Okinawa in 1970. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Butts was appointed to warrant officer and was commissioned at West Point Academy. In addition to his service in Panama, Germany, Italy, France, England, Ireland, Turkey, Afghanistan, Korea, Japan, Spain, Netherlands and Greenland, Mr. Butts was sent to Lockerbie, Scotland as part of the team investigating the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103, for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal 5th OLC.

For his two decades of service to the Army Quartermasters, Mr. Butts was recently honored with the Saint Martin Award for distinguished service to the military. Martin was a Roman soldier who served during the time of Emperor Constantine and who during a campaign in Gaul kindly gave half of his warm cloak to a beggar who had been ignored by the rest of his troops. That evening Martin was visited by the Lord, who praised him for his kindness toward the poor beggar. Today, Saint Martin serves as the patron saint of the Quartermaster Regiment and lends his name to the award recently bestowed upon Steve Butts for his lifetime of service to the Army Quartermasters. The award recognized not just his years of military service, but also his continued commitment to the men and women

who serve today in the Army Quartermaster units throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, it is veterans like Steve Butts who have served our Nation with honor and distinction and who deserve our praise and recognition. Completing his service and retiring from the Army, Mr. Butts continued to work with the Quartermaster regiments around the world, serving as an example for all men and women seeking to serve our great Nation. I congratulate Steve on his well deserved recognition and hope that he continues his service to the Quartermasters for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 331 through No. 337. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 331 on H.R. 6081, The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 332, on H.R. 6074, Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 333, on H. Res. 1144. Expressing support for designation of a "Frank Sinatra Day" on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 334, on Adjournment Resolution, Providing for the Memorial Day Recess, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 335, on H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 336, on H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 337, on H.R. 2744, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act, I would have voted "aye."

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PILGRIM VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The church, which was organized in 1908 in a three-room house by Reverend James Hardeman, has grown and become a candescent light in the community.

The congregation, which was originally located on Orr Street, has several times outgrown their buildings and therefore several moves have been required. The church is now located on South Riverside Drive. For years,

Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church has had an open-door policy towards the entire community, which has surely led to its continual growth in membership.

The church has been a cornerstone of the African-American community, providing a comprehensive drug abuse prevention program called Pilgrim Valley People Against Drugs, or PAD. The church has also provided sustenance for the needy, mentoring programs for the local children of the community, clothing giveaways, and college scholarships to its members seeking higher education.

Through the difficult times and the good times, Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church has always been a welcoming home for many in Fort Worth. Those who sacrifice their own needs for others are of the utmost moral excellence, and this church and its congregation are the epitome of selfless.

Madam Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church and their continual outreach towards the community. I would also like to thank the recently retired Reverend W. G. Daniels for his 36-year devotion and service to the church. It is an honor to represent such a civic minded organization and individuals the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

CELEBRATING THE VISIT TO
WASHINGTON OF HIS EXCEL-
LENCY NECHIRVAN BARZANI,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE
KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERN-
MENT OF IRAQ

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome to Washington and to the U.S. Congress a close friend of the United States, Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq.

On the occasion of this important visit, I am also pleased that Congressman JOE WILSON of South Carolina has joined me to serve as co-chair and co-founder of the Kurdish-American Caucus.

America has no better friend in Iraq than Prime Minister Barzani and the country's Kurdish population. The Kurds have been among America's best allies in the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime and in supporting the transition to a democratic Iraq. Kurdish forces fight and die alongside U.S. troops in support of our mission in Iraq and are unambiguously grateful for America's many sacrifices in Iraq. They welcome a continued military presence in the Kurdistan Region as part of any redeployment of U.S. forces in the future, and offer their sincere friendship in the peace process. The Kurds are a model of stability and moderation in Iraq and have set themselves apart from the bloody sectarianism and factionalism that bedevils the political establishment in Baghdad today.

For those of my colleagues who have not visited the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, I would urge you to do so. My visit to Erbil earlier this year was an extraordinary lesson in how democracy can flourish in the Middle East. It is economically vibrant, peaceful and secure,

and pro-American. The Kurdistan Regional Government has seized the opportunity of liberation from Saddam Hussein to establish a government that is both a model for Iraq and a gateway to the rest of the country. This is not to say that there are no challenges ahead. However, with the inspired leadership of Prime Minister Barzani and his colleagues in the region, and his excellent representative in Washington, I am confident of a bright future. I invite my colleagues to join me in the Kurdish-American Caucus and to visit the Kurdistan Region of Iraq so they, too, can see how the ideals of a free and peaceful people can succeed even in war-torn nations of the Middle East.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, FY2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

Account: Research and Development, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Air Force Cyberspace Command (Provisional) which will administer funds to Louisiana Tech University, Ruston LA.

Address of Requesting Entity: Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City LA/Louisiana Tech University, Railroad Ave, Wylly Tower 1629, Ruston, LA 71272.

Description of Request: This \$4M authorization authorizes appropriations for continued research and development of the Remote Suspect Identification (RSI) initiative, a cyber security program that directly supports the Air Force's Cyberspace Command (Provisional) and the Eighth Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA. Funding will be utilized exclusively for research and development costs and well as associated administrative costs.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN E. TACKETT
WEST VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL
GUARD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to give my congratulations to the West Virginia Army National Guard, under Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett, for being the special category winner of the Army Chief of Staff Army Communities of Excellence.

The ACOE Awards are presented every year to recognize excellence in performance for installation management. The award recognizes installation improvement, innovation, groundbreaking initiatives, and dedication to efficiency, and effectiveness. The award also acknowledges support to soldiers, non-military employees, veterans, and military families who reside on Army installations.

The West Virginia Army National Guard, which has 32 units, is currently supporting

missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. It has been rated number one in readiness for the past 11 years.

The West Virginia Army National Guard has proven itself to be an elite, efficient military force. I am so proud that they have won recognition for their outstanding performance. Among their peer installations they have gained notoriety for their work in defending the homeland, and serving the American people at home and abroad.

I want to take this opportunity to thank and honor my fellow West Virginians who serve in the Army National Guard as well as all branches of the military. Their bravery and sacrifice exemplifies the best our country has to offer.

I encourage them to continue their hard work and am confident that they will continue to impress our Nation.

CLAY WALKER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it has been said that a real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune. Country music superstar Clay Walker has heard sour notes in his life before, but like a real leader he has stood strong and fought for what he believes is right. Because of his tireless dedication to fighting and finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis he has earned the title of Artist Humanitarian of the Year for 2008 by the Country Radio Broadcasters.

Clay was born in Beaumont, TX, where country music is king. He was given his first guitar at the age of 9. Only 7 short years later, he walked up to a local radio station with a tape of a song that he had written himself. The station went against its own policy of not playing self-submitted tapes because, as the DJ announced, it was "too good to pass up." After graduating high school he went on a tour of Texas and took a job as the house singer in a local bar where he was discovered by a record producer from a major label. The rest, as they say, is history. Walker has released 10 albums, with 4 having been certified platinum and two certified gold. He has placed more than 30 singles on the charts, including 6 number 1s.

Walker's musical career hit some unexpected turbulence in 1996 when he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, the leading cause of non-traumatic disability in young people throughout the world. Despite dealing with occasional side effects like tiredness and tingling in his hands, Clay has been able to live, work, and maintain his quality of life through daily treatments and a healthy lifestyle. He knows that everyone diagnosed with MS can not enjoy those comforts. So in 2003 he formed the Band Against MS Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to provide encouragement and education to those living with MS while also raising money to help find a cure for the disease. They have raised over a million dollars to fund research. He has also worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House, and Habitat for Humanity, among other charities. Walker was recently recognized for his selfless commitment