

made of the House Armed Services Committee for inclusion in H.R. 5658, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Specifically, the project will be included in Title 1, Military Construction—Army.

H.R. 5658 includes \$10,791 million for Phase 1 of the Ballistic Evaluation Facility (66725) in the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Act. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the United States Army, specifically the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) located at Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, New Jersey, 07806-5000.

The actual design and construction will be executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding will be used for planning, design and construction of a state-of-the-art Ballistic Experimentation Facility (BEF) for Large Caliber Armaments at Picatinny Arsenal. This process will produce a one-of-kind research and testing facility which will reduce Army's operational overhead and maintenance costs and improve safety for Army employees. The use of U.S. taxpayer funding is justified because this construction will provide near-term and long-range benefits to the joint warfighter—Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force.

As this funding will be provided to the United States Army, the requirement of matching funds is not applicable.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Description of Request: \$7.5 million will be used to construct Phase II of the Pararescue Facility. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because The Francis Gabreski Air National Guard Base improves pararescue operations and survival equipment functions on Long Island.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Medical Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Notre Dame.

Address of Requesting Entity: 403 E. Madison, South Bend, IN 46617.

Description of Request: \$1 million will be used to improve the diagnosis, evidence based treatment, and prevention of depression and other mental disorders among members of the military. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because this project will implement programs recommended by the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health 2007 Report "An Achievable Vision."

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Medical Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York University Medical Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Description of Request: \$2 million will be used to expand the space capacity of the emergency department. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because it will enhance the ability for medical personnel to diagnose and treat patients during a national disaster, local emergency, or other public health crisis in Lower Manhattan.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy, University Research Initiatives.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Webb Institute.

Address of Requesting Entity: 298 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542.

Description of Request: \$7 million will be used to construct a ship model testing facility at Webb Institute. This use of taxpayer funds is justified because the Navy currently faces a shortage of graduates who are educated in the design of hulls and internal marine engineering systems. Webb Institute is one of only two civilian schools in the country to provide a naval architecture/marine engineering double degree program. Construction of a model test facility will provide undergraduate research applicable to new hull forms the Navy is developing or fielding. This will assist the Navy by increasing the number of graduating students who will be educated to work on Navy programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1966E Broadhollow Road, E. Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Description of Request: \$3 million will be used to sustain production and enable the timely installation of JP-5 Electric Valve Operators (EVOs) on CVN aircraft carrier aviation fueling systems. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because it will improve the safety and reliability of carrier fuel system operations.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy (Marine Corps), USMS Advanced Technology Demonstration.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Defense Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 230 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801.

Description of Request: \$1.5 million will be used to develop a new ballistic helmet for the warfighter, capable of defeating a standard AK-47, 7.62x39mm mild steel core round to replace the current helmet. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this new helmet will help to increase the safety of our troops by reducing the number of helmet penetrations caused by the most common theater round.

SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the gentlewoman from Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for her leadership on this issue and for bringing this bill to the floor.

I rise today to support the passage of H. Res. 1124, calling for the establishment of a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

Each year, more than 190,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with over 120 different types of brain tumors, representing the third leading cause of cancer-related death among those aged 20-39. However, since brain tumors are not as prevalent as breast, lung and other types of cancers, this devastating disease often doesn't get the attention and research dollars it deserves.

That's why I was so impressed when Linda Magiera of Des Plaines, IL, came to Congresswoman SCHAKOWSKY and me last year to bravely share the story of her daughter, Lori Arquilla Anderson's struggle with brain cancer. Each day Lori brought her good humor, cheerfulness and love of life to her battle with brain cancer, and remained a model for us all until the very end.

Linda's strength and compassion in not only fighting day by day alongside her daughter, but also in ultimately turning this tragedy into a blessing for others, is an inspiration.

I was similarly struck by the story of a young man from my Congressional District, Reid Colliander, who has worked so hard to turn his experience with a brain tumor into an opportunity to raise awareness, support research, and help others.

After being diagnosed and treated for a brain tumor at age 7, Reid started Reid's Lemon-AID stand with a group of his friends. Last year, they raised \$45,000 for the Brain Tumor Research Center at Children's Memorial Hospital. This year, they are well on their way to raising even more.

The work Linda Magiera, Reid Colliander and dozens of outstanding local and national advocacy groups are doing to raise awareness and support research for understanding and treating brain tumors brings hope and new energy to the families and individuals affected by this disease.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the individuals leading these efforts to eradicate brain tumors and resolving to renew our commitment and redouble our efforts in the battle with this devastating disease.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE # 0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Army Battle Command Battle Laboratory, Mr. Jason Denno, Deputy Director, Ft. Huachuca.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: (BRAMA-E) is a critical decision and training aid for commanders and operators to use in support of military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT). BRAMA is an integrated collection, planning, and course of action system. It integrates existing US Army developed blast modeling software with a state of the art 4D (Lat, Long, Alt, and Time) visualization front end. It is used by the Army to simulate blast analysis and vulnerability assessments.

BRAMA provides decision support for anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) and critical infrastructure protection (CIP). BRAMA is a royalty-free tool and requires minimal training. It leverages previous US Army and US Air Force—force/facility protection R&D efforts. Starting in 2007, the BRAMA capability—along with training—has been provided to active duty Army, Homeland Security and National Guard representatives from 7 states. The US Army CONOPS for Force Protection highlights the need for a Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA) tool. Additionally, user feedback post-delivery on BRAMA specifically asks for enhancements on the speed at which facility data can be generated and visualized. Research conducted by the Army in 2006 and 2007 has identified a candidate commercial technology that can be integrated into the BRAMA baseline to meet the CONOPS and speed up the collection process.

BRAMA has demonstrated its usefulness to commanders, planners, and security forces by employing full-dimensional display technology to visualize, analyze and remediate blast effects generated by DoD-approved blast models. BRAMA-E will extend that capability by simplifying the case of use and helping the Army meet its goal to field a unit level Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA) tool.

Description of matching funds: Not Applicable.

Authorized Amount: \$4,000,000.

Project Name: Blast and Damage Assessment Risk Analysis and Mitigation Application—Enhancements (BRAMA-E).

Funding Source: Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE # 0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Detailed Finance Plan: \$200,000 Systems Engineering; \$200,000 Immersive Camera Systems; \$400,000 Automate Dense Urban Environment Creation from Immersive Media; \$600,000 GIS Database and Blast Analysis Integration; \$500,000 Develop User Interface Workflow for Plume Modeling with GIS; \$1,000,000 Plume Dispersion Model Integration and Plume Analysis; \$600,000 Advanced Blast Analysis support for DoD and Homeland Security; \$250,000 Base Data Collection and Delivery; \$250,000 Training Sessions, Support, and Webinars.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING OHIO'S "THINK OUTSIDE THE STIGMA CAM- PAIGN"

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, mental health and substance abuse are an unfortunate reality in my home State of Ohio. Studies suggest that nearly 1 in 5 Ohioans experience some mental illness or emotional disturbance each year, while another 910,000 suffered from substance abuse problems in 2006. Given that these afflictions hurt not only those who suffer from them but their friends and family, these numbers are truly a grave challenge for my state.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of these illnesses to combat is the stigma of mental illness. A lack of understanding of these illnesses perpetrates deep into many of our communities, preventing those who need help the most from seeking it out of fear of losing their family and loved ones. As a result, 236,000 Ohioans failed to seek treatment for mental illness in 2006, and 695,000 opted not to seek support for alcohol use.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, I introduced a resolution commemorating the work of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addition Services for its work in combating the negative stigma of mental illness. In October 2007, ODMH and ODADAS launched the "Think Outside the Stigma" campaign, which was designed to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness and substance abuse. This innovative campaign is an important initiative that will help encourage more Ohioans to seek the treatment they need.

The battle against mental health disorders and drug and alcohol addiction will be a lengthy one. I am pleased that my home state is taking important steps to battle the stigma attached with these challenges.

## THE DEDICATION OF HARVEY MILK STATUE

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Ms. PELOSI. Today, a statue of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk will be unveiled at City Hall in San Francisco. It is fitting that on the occasion of his 78th birthday, San Franciscans will gather to pay tribute to Harvey Milk's life and work at City Hall, where he served San Francisco and so tragically lost his life 30 years ago.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to any significant political office in our history. This memorial will be the first such tribute to an LGBT leader to be placed in a seat of government in the United States.

Harvey Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. A year later, in one of the darkest weeks of San Francisco's history, Supervisor Milk and our beloved Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by Supervisor Dan White.

Harvey Milk was a San Francisco hero, a champion of human rights and symbol to the world for LGBT civil rights. His political career was dedicated to shattering the silence of gay America. He firmly believed that the only way for gays to break down homophobia was to increase their visibility and irrevocably enter the consciousness of our Nation.

A popular neighborhood merchant and activist, Harvey Milk became a great progressive leader who transformed San Francisco political life and social culture for all time. He pioneered an open, participatory government accessible to all, especially those who had never before been engaged. For the first time, neighborhood and ethnic community activists and openly gay men and lesbians were appointed to positions of power and authority. He was a passionate advocate for seniors, and his populist agenda encompassed the needs of all of San Francisco's minorities.

Last week's California Supreme Court decision to strike the ban on gay marriage is a testament to Harvey Milk's enduring legacy. It is a significant milestone for which all Californians can take pride, and one we would not have reached without the courage and dedication of Harvey Milk and many LGBT leaders after him.

Harvey Milk did not live to see the immeasurable and global ramifications of his life. He continues to inspire us to strive for a society that honors his values of unlimited and equal opportunities for all our citizens. His legacy helps bring our country closer to the ideal of equality that is both our heritage and our hope.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MAR- RIAGE—AND EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE—FOR ED AND JAN SLEVIN

### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am joining together with my friend and colleague, KEN CALVERT, in celebrating the lives of some truly remarkable people.

Fifty years ago, their life decisions seemed simple.

The couple was planning their marriage. It was 1957 and a year away from their wedding—June 21, 1958—at the San Luis Obispo Catholic Mission de Tolosa.

They talked about the family they would have; the careers—she in health; he in public affairs; how the San Francisco area—the City—would be their habitat—history, family, relatives. Where else would one want to settle?

Now—50 years later, looking back—it was simple, but different. Janet Amelia Janolis and Edward Joseph Slevin—Jan and Ed—lived, worked or traveled in over 50 countries; worked in each of California's 58 counties, and lived for 15 years in Washington, DC., Los Angeles, and San Francisco, before returning home—to Novato, California.

The series of adventures and challenges focused on commitment and dedication to their ideals while giving birth to five children. Together they raised four wonderful, loving daughters and suffered the loss of their final newborn, Peter, to heart disease.