

sites. These funds will achieve compliance with the Design Basis Threat Policy.

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activity.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Y-12 National Security Complex.

Address: Oak Ridge, TN.

Description of Request: \$2,000,000 in the Readiness in Technical Base and Facilities Program Storage Account for Y-12 National Security Complex, a Department of Energy nuclear weapons manufacturing plant. Y-12 is transitioning to the new Highly Enriched Uranium Manufacturing Facility and following Congressional direction to transform and modernize the nuclear weapons complex.

TAIWAN'S PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Taiwan's proposed membership in the World Health Organization, WHO.

In today's global community, health is a shared responsibility, as the whole world is vulnerable to transnational diseases. Given the tremendous volume of international travel and global trade, the transmission of communicable diseases between borders has been heightened. This reality necessitates both global collaboration and a global response to prevent and control the spread of these diseases.

The World Health Organization is the organization tasked with this duty. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.

Currently, there are over 190 participants in the WHO. Taiwan is not one of them, however, which means that the 23 million citizens of Taiwan do not have access to the critical health service and information the WHO provides.

As a strong democracy and one of the world's most robust economies, Taiwan should be allowed to benefit from the health services and medical protections offered by the WHO, including direct and immediate access to up-to-date disease information. Taiwan's exclusion from the WHO also prevents the country from taking part in the WHO mechanism for the allocation of vaccines and other disease control supplies. Taiwan's inability to make use of these allocation mechanisms during international outbreaks hampers its disease control efforts and has a strong negative impact on the health of the people in Taiwan.

Taiwan's membership in the WHO is not only in the interest of the people of Taiwan, it is in the interest of the international community and the WHO itself: as the WHO stands to benefit significantly from the financial and

technological contributions that Taiwan has to offer.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENT REBECCA SMITH

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of Rebecca Smith who has received the Congressional Certificate of Merit award at Hutto High School in Hutto, Texas. Rebecca has shown exceptional leadership qualities through her involvement in numerous activities which makes her a great candidate for this award.

Rebecca is a class officer, FCCLA officer, a member of the varsity track and cross country team, and is involved in numerous activities in her community. She is also in the top ten percent of her graduating class and has received the academic award for biology, world geography, and health.

I congratulate Rebecca Smith for her achievements in school and in her community and am proud to represent such talented and dedicated people in the 31st District of Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for two individual project authorization requests that I made and which were included within the text of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Bill Number: H.R. 5658—"The Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

1. Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Project Amount: \$2.5 Million.

Account: Operations and Maintenance, Army PE# 423012.

Receiving Entity: Army Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program (MTAPP).

Address: U.S. Army TACOM, Industrial Base Office, AMSTA-LC-110 6501 E. Eleven Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48397.

Description of Request: MTAPP focuses on solving supply chain problems that impact the Army and Department of Defense. MTAPP solves the above-mentioned problems using small manufacturing businesses. The problems that are solved by MTAPP lead to improvement in mission capability and availability rates of Army/DoD combat and tactical vehicles. In addition, the small manufacturing busi-

nesses provide a sustainable industrial base of suppliers to support the maintenance of weapons platforms. The small businesses also provide the Defense commercial sector with a viable pool of small businesses to meet the Federal Government mandated socio-economic goals.

Matching Funds: Not applicable (Federal entity).

2. Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Project Amount: \$2 Million.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy, PE # 0602123N.

Receiving Entity: Autonomous Superconducting Fault Current Limiting Systems.

Address: Office of Naval Research One Liberty Center 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1425 Arlington, VA 22203-1995.

Description of Request: Modern shipboard power systems are susceptible to catastrophic high current surges (i.e. fault currents) that may result in permanent equipment damage and total power system shutdown. Efficient, reliable, and reconfigurable shipboard power systems are critical to the operation of present and future naval surface combatants, such as the DDG-1000 next-generation destroyer. High power Fault Current Limiters (FCLs) enable the integration of shipboard propulsion and distribution power systems, thus allowing propulsion power to be used for other loads under the most adverse conditions of warfare. High Temperature Superconductor-Superconductor/Metal Matrix Composite Fault Current Limiter can effectively meet the needs of the DDG-1000 and enable the integration of the shipboard propulsion/distribution power system.

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

HONORING THE LIMA COMPANY

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Memorial Day upon us to honor and remember the 22 Marines and Navy Corpsman from the Lima Company who lost their lives while serving in Iraq in 2005.

The Lima Company is a Marine reserve unit based in Columbus, Ohio, whose members span 7 states. The Company is part of the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, that was first activated on May 1, 1943.

The Battalion fought in several battles in World War II, including the Battle of Iwo Jima, where the unit helped capture a key airfield.

Throughout its deployment to Iraq in 2005, Lima Company served the United States with great dignity and pride. Fifty-nine of its members were awarded purple hearts.

The company was once known as "Lucky Lima." Unfortunately, the fates of the battlefield in Iraq were not kind to these men. The Lima Company is one of the hardest hit single units that has fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the course of a single week in the summer of 2005, Lima lost 21 of its own. During the course of its seven-month deployment, 23 men out of 189 men were lost.

I would like to read the list of the fallen so that we take the time to honor each individual lost and remember the tremendous losses their families and communities have suffered:

Lance Corporal Timothy M. Bell, Jr.; Lance Corporal Eric J. Bernholtz; Corporal Dustin A. Derga; Lance Corporal Nicholas B. Erdy; Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids; Sergeant David N. Wimberg; Lance Corporal Michael J. Cifuentes; Lance Corporal Christopher J. Dyer; Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Grant; Sergeant David Kenneth J. Kreuter; Lance Corporal Jourdan L. Grez; Private First Class Christopher R. Dixon.

Lance Corporal Christopher P. Lyons; Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Goodwin; Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis Youngblood; Sergeant Justin F. Hoffman; Staff Sergeant Kendall H. Ivy III; Lance Corporal Nicholas William B. Bloem; Corporal Andre L. Williams; Lance Corporal Grant B. Fraser; Lance Corporal Aaron H. Reed; Lance Corporal Edward A. Schroeder II; and Lance Corporal William B. Wightman.

These men have touched the hearts of people around Ohio as we have collectively grieved their passing. One such person who has exhibited her sincere dedication to the sacrifices of these men is Anita Miller, a liturgical artist who resides in Columbus.

Like everyone in Ohio, Anita knew the devastating losses that the Lima Company family has endured during the Iraq War and the impact that these losses have had on our communities.

Anita awoke one morning in October of 2005 with the idea of creating a lasting memorial to honor the Lima Company. She has used her immense talents to create an octagon Memorial, consisting of eight panels that depict each of the fallen Marines and Corpsman, with a candle and bronzed combat boots in front of each portrait. A shelf at the bottom of the panel will allow for flowers or mementos to be left by the public.

The memorial will be unveiled in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse on Friday and thereafter be a mobile memorial similar to the traveling Vietnam Memorial so that people around Ohio and the United States have an opportunity to pay tribute to Lima Company.

I know that every American joins me in remembering our men and women in uniform not just on Memorial Day, but every day, for what they have sacrificed and fought for in giving us the freedoms we hold so dear.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, I hope that memorials such as the Lima Company Traveling Memorial and services and parades around the country allow us to pay tribute to all of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country.

HONORING STEVE MILLER

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Miller, an outstanding community leader in Kentucky's Fourth District. After 22 years as the Executive Director of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Steve is retiring to pursue other interests and spend time with family.

After obtaining a degree in Urban Planning at Murray State University in 1977, Steve

began his career with the Buffalo Trace Area Development District as a Transportation Planner. While completing a graduate degree in Economic Development, Steve became Associate Director, a title that he held from 1980 to 1986. Since 1986, Steve has been the Executive Director of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District.

Over the course of his 31 year career with the Buffalo Trace ADD, Steve has assisted in the development of six industrial parks, the construction of hundreds of miles of water lines, the fulfillment of several downtown revitalization projects, the inception of groundbreaking workforce development programs and many other initiatives. Steve's contributions to Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason and Robertson counties are innumerable, and the families of this region live a better life today because of him. I would like to thank Mr. Stephen Miller for his extraordinary service to the entire Buffalo Trace region and to wish him the very best in his next adventure.

HONORING ELWOOD A.D. "WOODY" LECHAUSSE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor Elwood A.D. "Woody" Lechause of Enfield, Connecticut, who passed away over the weekend at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

For nearly 35 years, Connecticut veterans could rely on Woody to be their staunchest advocate in the state house and here in Congress. A veteran himself, Woody served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1965, during which he served as a Sergeant in Izmir, Turkey, in Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division, and Quin Huon, South Vietnam with the 178th Signal (Spt) 39th Signal Battalion. He returned home to Connecticut and, fueled with his desire to improve the lives of all those who have served our nation, began a long and storied career as a rigorous and unyielding voice for improving our nation's treatment of our veterans.

As a member of several veterans service organizations, such as the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 82nd Airborne Division Association and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 120, Woody served in countless leadership roles on both the state and national levels. Although a fighter on behalf of all those who wore our nation's uniform, Woody was especially dedicated to addressing the difficulties faced by our disabled veterans and those who returned home with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other mental health challenges from their combat experience.

Woody served on numerous government agencies, boards and taskforces that helped make tangible improvements in the health care, support and commemoration of all our veterans. And for his work, he was continually honored at all levels, most recently by being permanently inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

I was honored to meet with Woody on numerous occasions both in Washington and Connecticut, and work with him closely on ef-

forts to improve the quality of life for veterans in Connecticut and across the Nation. He was a trusted advisor to the members and staff of Connecticut's congressional delegation, and could always be relied on to help inform us of the needs of our veterans and help "get the word out" through his dialogue with veterans organizations and updates to his diverse and wide-ranging email list.

Madam Speaker, all of us in Connecticut have lost a friend, a mentor and an unmatched voice on behalf of our veterans. I ask all my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere condolence to Woody's wife Kathryn, his sons James and Ralph, and all his friends and families during this difficult time. And, I urge all my colleagues to honor Woody's service to our nation and lifetime of advocacy on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS IN THE WAR AGAINST ALS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, as you know, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a devastating disease, affecting as many as 30,000 Americans. What you may not know is that military veterans are at greater risk of ALS than those who have never served in the military.

A study by the Department of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Administration (VA) found that those who served in the 1991 Gulf War are approximately twice as likely to die from ALS as those who did not serve in the Gulf. Harvard University researchers found that, regardless of where or when they served, veterans are more likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general public. Current research shows that ALS is occurring at greater rates in those who are serving in the current conflict in Iraq.

The Department of Defense recognized this risk by establishing the ALS Research Program (ALSRP) last year and provided \$5 million to conduct research into new treatments and a deeper understanding of the disease. The ALSRP will benefit those who served our country with better medical care, and will also give hope to all whose lives have been touched by the disease, regardless of military service.

Congress should send a clear message of support to our men and women serving in the military and continue funding for this important medical initiative. I urge my colleagues to provide funding in the 2009 Defense Appropriations Act to continue this innovative research partnership, which leverages DOD resources with scientific expertise in the private sector and at universities. This research will enable us to take action to protect our soldiers and veterans by determining why they are at greater risk, and will give us tools to treat all those who suffer from this disease.

We need to continue to wage a war against ALS, the disease that took the life of baseball greats Lou Gehrig and North Carolina's own Jim "Catfish" Hunter, as well as many other American heroes great and small. I knew "Catfish" and he was a good man, and he would be proud of the work that our local ALS