

We must continue to impress upon our children and grandchildren the sacrifices that our armed services have provided this country. We must be diligent in reminding all Americans, young and old, that the price of freedom is paid for everyday, through the blood, sweat and tears of our brave men and women of the Armed Forces and the sacrifices made by their family members.

Additionally, our Education System has the duty and the responsibility to continue to highlight the historical impact of the military throughout the last 230 years. Americans must never forget the historical impact of the military in United States history and the role they played in ensuring the American way of life. Events like the American Revolution, the Civil War, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, and World War I and II, must always be remembered for the important role they played in making the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

Finally, while we understand and praise the personal sacrifices our brave men and women make in defending our great Nation, we frequently forget that duty is a 24–7, 365-day commitment for the soldiers and their families. As we continue our Global War on Terror, military members of the Armed Forces will continue to shoulder the burden of freedom and independence. A month-long dedication to their tireless efforts is the cast we can do as Americans.

Americans, during the National Military Appreciation Month, should go out of their way to shake the hand of a military member, say a special thank-you, and continually pray for our soldiers and their families.

The Armed Forces of the United States of America continue to play a vital role in the defense of this country. Their contributions and sacrifices have not gone unnoticed and designating May as National Military Appreciation Month is a perfect opportunity for us as a Nation to pay great tribute to their tremendous sacrifices.

I encourage my colleagues to support this important resolution and am pleased that today the House recognizes the valuable contributions of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CANNON. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Conference standards established earlier this year, I submit the following information regarding the Metals Affordability Initiative that I support.

Bill: H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization.

Account: Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

Legal name of receiving entity: Metals Affordability Initiative Consortium.

Address: MAI Program Management Office, Pratt & Whitney, c/o Thomas Rupprecht, Mail Stop 114–45, 400 Main Street, E. Hartford CN.

Anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project: MAI operates under a Technical Information Agreement (TIA) with a

total project cost cap of \$75,000,000 through FY 13. AFRL has budgeted approximately \$13.5 mil through FY 2011 from limited discretionary funds for developing advanced structural metals technology.

Percent and source of required matching fund: MAI participants cost share 10 percent on AFRL-directed Type I projects and at least 25 percent on industry-directed Type II projects, funded by congressional directions.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars:

The mission of MAI is to maintain U.S. 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. This sector includes the entire domestic specialty aerospace metals industrial manufacturing base, representing all elements of the supply chain, which produce aluminum, beryllium, nickel-base superalloys, and titanium.

MAI is a model for government/industry collaboration. MAI programs have already accomplished 47 current or planned technology insertions into military systems.

MAI provides innovation, rapid development and implementation of new metals technology. Many of the MAI programs impact sustainability of the aging Air Force fleet. The authorization provided for in this bill will allow for the initiation of 6 new programs, as well as sustaining ongoing programs, directed at sustainment and life extension, fuel savings/energy management and access to space.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 343, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 6049 with Instructions, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 344, on Passage of H.R. 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

On rollcall No. 345, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1771, the Crane Conservation Act of 2008, as Amended, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

On rollcall No. 346, on Passage of H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act, Objections of the President Not Withstanding, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 347, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3819, the Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008 as Amended, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 348, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5826, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

On rollcall No. 349, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5856, the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act, I was unavoidably absent due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure and transparency as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. I hereby submit the following information on a project I requested and the House Armed Services Committee included in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Air Force; Research, Development, Test & Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Oregon (on behalf of the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnology Institute (ONAMI) which consists of the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Portland State University).

Address of Requesting Entity: Attn: Rich Linton, Vice President for Research, 203 Johnson Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

Description of Project: H.R. 5658 has authorized \$1,000,000 for the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnology Institute (ONAMI) Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Initiative. 26 percent of the funds will be used for equipment and 74 percent will be used for project expenses associated with personnel, including: salary, benefits, travel, and tuition off sets for research assistants.

The ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Initiative develops inherently safer and greener nanomaterials and nanomanufacturing methods, which directly impact the military's need for high performance materials that do not emit unintended wastestreams or material hazards. Three general areas of activity included within the Initiative are: (1) rational design of safer and greener materials based upon unique properties found at the nanoscale, (2) systematic assessment of the biological impacts of engineered nanomaterials, and (3) development of technology for high volume manufacturing and application of high-performance nanomaterials. Examples of nanomaterials and manufacturing of importance for military technology include nanoelectronics and nanophotonics, thermoelectric coolers, medical diagnostics and therapeutics, drinking water purification and

environmental monitoring & remediation systems.

The ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Safer Nanomanufacturing Initiative cost share includes: state funding of approximately \$2.23 million for research activities; private funding of over \$2 million (cash and in-kind) from Hewlett-Packard, Invitrogen, FEI, and companies involved in related research efforts; and peer-reviewed federal awards and competitive awards from foundations, including the Keck Foundation, worth several million dollars.

HONORING STORK MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, as the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces protect our freedom and liberty, it is my belief that the rest of us have a responsibility to show our support for their sacrifices in spirit and in deed. With this in mind, I acknowledge and thank Stork Medical and Community Blood Services in Columbus, GA, for their generous gift to our military.

Attempting to make cord blood stem cell storage affordable to all of our soldiers is praiseworthy. I share their hope, prayer and expectation that the cord blood stem cells saved from a soldier's newborn will one day serve to repair the wounds a soldier has sustained in battle. I know that these stem cells will immediately add a layer of protection for a soldier's family given their proven ability to fight leukemia, cancer and many other diseases. It is indeed ironic that a soldier's helpless newborn may offer the ultimate protection of a soldier's family. This innovative and selfless program designed by Stork Medical and enthusiastically supported by Community Blood Services is a wonderful example of private enterprise sharing the burden of our troops and not spending a single tax dollar.

This innovative program offers our wounded heroes the hope of future medical miracles that may one day restore what was taken from them by bullets and bombs. It also offers peace of mind for young families that an added layer of protection is now available. Stork Medical's program in Georgia's third Congressional District is a shining example of how soldier and civilian alike can stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, In accordance with the earmark standards of the House of Representatives, I am submitting the following financial statements for each of my requested projects funded in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Project Name: LPD-17.

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Multiple Locations.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget for the LPD by \$1,800,000,000. In 2007 Congressional testimony, USMC leaders testified that a force structure less than 10 LPD class ships would put the USMC at significant risk in meeting commitments for global presence and to the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The \$1.8 billion in FY 2009 funding is for LPD 26 as requested on the Navy's and Marine Corps' FY 2009 Unfunded Priority Lists.

Project Name: Deployed ASW Sustainment Training: P-3 Air Crew Tactical Team Trainer (PACT3).

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alion Science & Technology—BMH Operations.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5365 Robin Hood Road, Norfolk, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$4,000,000 over the President's FY09 budget request to develop a PC-based simulation environment for the P-3 aircrew. The funding will increase forward deployed P-3 anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities in direct response to warfighter requirements resulting in enhanced readiness for current and future contingencies.

Project Name: Analytics for Shipboard Monitoring Systems (ASMS).

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entities: Oceana Sensor Technologies and ESRG LLC.

Address of Requesting Entities: Oceana Sensor Technologies—1632 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA, USA; ESRG LLC—1209 Independence Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$1,000,000 to integrate remote monitoring technologies with legacy ship systems. This Project will enable reduced manning and provide crucial ship-to-shore interaction for remote diagnostic decision technology to support ship operators globally.

Project Name: Automated Fiber Optic Manufacturing Initiative.

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: KITCO Fiber Optics.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5269 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$4,500,000 over the President's FY09 budget request to insert automated fiber optic technologies in small, portable, maintenance equipment that can be used by ship construction and ship's force personnel in the harsh shipboard environment. The funding will assist

in deploying fiber optics as the primary communication system components for tactical shipboard applications on almost every current and future ship platform.

Project Name: Fire and Emergency Services Station.

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Representative THELMA DRAKE.

Address of Requesting Entity: Naval Station Norfolk, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Accelerate funding of \$10,360,000 for a Fire and Emergency Services station located at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Burnham Institute for Medical Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10901 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Description of Request: Recent world events have made abundantly clear the need for a deeper understanding of the molecular and cellular mechanisms employed by bacterial and viral pathogens that would facilitate the design of countermeasures to weaponized biological agents such as anthrax, ricin, smallpox virus, botulinum toxin or plague bacteria. Additionally, as evidenced by the ever-present threat of viral pandemics and the relentless rise of antibiotic-resistance, there is a clear and urgent need for the development of new families of therapeutic agents—antibiotics, vaccines, antitoxins and antivirals. Given the large and growing number of recalcitrant pathogens, the most useful new therapeutics are likely to have broad-spectrum efficacy; to target immutable elements of the pathogen or host; to be rapidly adaptable in the face of natural or engineered variants; and to be physically robust.

To assist the United States Army in protecting our soldiers against these growing threats, the Infectious & Inflammatory Disease Center (IIDC) at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research will build on its studies of diseases that result from a broad range of human pathogens. The work will define and characterize host responses to infection, including innate and adaptive immunity and inflammation, providing a molecular understanding of host-pathogen interactions. Over the next ten years, many antibiotics currently prescribed to treat bacterial infections will no longer be effective owing to microbial resistance. Drug-resistant strains of some pathogens, such as the bacteria that cause tuberculosis, and MRSA, have already appeared. Several deadly viral agents have also emerged, threatening both our soldiers in the battlefield as well as large civilian populations;