

In 1996, Foreman returned to Tokyo, scoring an easy win over the unrated Crawford Grimsley by a 12-round decision. In 1997, he faced fringe contender Lou Savarese, winning a close decision in a grueling, competitive encounter. Yet another opportunity came Foreman's way as the World Boxing Council decided to match him against Shannon Briggs in a 1998 "eliminator bout" for the right to face World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis. After 12 rounds, there was once again a controversial majority decision, but this time the victory went to Briggs. Foreman had fought for the last time, at the age of 48.

In January 2003, Foreman was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame, where he was inducted in June. That same year, he was named boxing's ninth greatest puncher of all time by Ring Magazine.

Foreman said he had no plans to resume his career as a boxer, but then announced in February 2004 that he was training for one more comeback fight to demonstrate that the age of 60, like 40, is not a "death sentence." The bout, against an unspecified opponent, never materialized. Having severed his relationship with HBO to pursue other opportunities, George Foreman and the sport of boxing finally went their separate ways.

Life has definitely gone on after boxing for "Big George Foreman." In addition to becoming the Heavyweight Champion of the World and an Olympic Medal Winner, Olympic Hall of Famer, he wears the titles of pastor, nationally recognized spokesperson, entrepreneur, author, reality television star, mentor and role model. He has been the face of Meineke Mufflers, and countless homes in the country have the George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine.

In 2004, Foreman began marketing the George Foreman brand of "Big and Tall" clothes through the retailer Casual Male. He has even appeared as a judge on the second season of the ABC reality television series American Inventor. Foreman has four books: The Autobiography of George Foreman; God in My Corner: A Spiritual Memoir; Going the Extra Smile; and Fatherhood by George: Hard-Won Advice on Being a Dad.

On May 22, 2007, it was announced that Foreman had become a partner in the Panther Racing Indy Car team, in the Indianapolis 500; and on July 16, 2008, TV Land premiered Family Foreman, a reality TV show, starring George and his family.

Big George Foreman continues to be extremely active in the community. He encourages young people through his George Foreman Youth Center in Houston, and he built The George Foreman Youth & Community Center in 1984 with money saved from his 8-year retirement. Foreman wanted to create a haven for kids to hang out.

I am proud to recognize my friend whom I admire greatly, Mr. George Foreman, for his accomplishments in and out of the boxing ring. He has repeatedly shown us all that you can overcome all odds and obstacles. He is a shining testament of hard work and determination, and I applaud all of his accomplishments and service to the community.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Representative LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART (FL-21).

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, Report 110-775.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Southern Command.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3511 NW 91st Ave., Miami, FL 33172-1217.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$81,600,000 for the second increment of funding for the construction of a new headquarters for the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in Doral, FL. The funding will continue the work of the first installment in which SOUTHCOM received \$100,000,000 in the FY08 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. The authorization for this funding was included in the H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, which passed the House of Representatives May 22, 2008. The total cost of the headquarters construction is estimated to be \$237,000,000.

Through the Department of Defense, this project has been undergone an open bid process and the planning, engineering and design phase is well underway. The funds would be used by the Department of Defense to build the new SOUTHCOM headquarters adjacent to the current SOUTHCOM facility in Doral, FL. The land for this facility is under long-term lease from the State of Florida.

RECOGNIZING VARALLO'S RESTAURANT AS IT CELEBRATES 101 YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Varallo's, Nashville's oldest continuously operated restaurant, and offer my heartfelt congratulations on its 101st anniversary.

Founded in 1907 by Frank Varallo, Sr., a former traveling musician who played for the likes of President Theodore Roosevelt, Varallo's Restaurant has been a gathering place for Tennessee's governors and legislators, Nashville's mayors and politicians, musicians and movie stars, athletes and artists, business leaders and students, and anyone who was hungry.

Four generations of the Varallo family have served their world famous "chile"—a special recipe acquired by Frank Varallo, Sr., during his travels in South America. At the age of 14, Frank Varallo, Jr., took over the business upon the death of his father. For more than 70 years, Frank, Jr., served the restaurant's

unique three-way "chile" combination to generations of Tennesseans and made a reputation for himself by providing inspirational messages that came to be known as "Thoughts from The Bottom of a Chili Bowl."

Today, great-grandson Todd Varallo, who joined the business shortly after he graduated from high school, operates the restaurant and continues to serve up the "chile" that launched the restaurant's "century of success." The restaurant also continues to be the scene of many negotiations, meetings, conferences and consultations that shape the course of Nashville and Tennessee history.

Madam Speaker, I join everyone in Tennessee's Fifth District in applauding Varallo's Restaurant, and I commend the entire Varallo family for their century-long service to the citizens of Nashville and middle Tennessee.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

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

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, United States Air Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, 29404.

Description of Project: Provide \$4.5 million for construction of an addition to C-17 flight simulator complex at Charleston AFB. This addition, which was included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, will allow the facility to accommodate a new six-axis flight simulator and loadmaster trainer with space for computers, briefing rooms, component and facility storage and other needed space. Training needs of the aircrews have exceeded the capabilities of the existing three simulators. If this new simulator space is not provided, established training goals will not be achieved at an airbase that currently houses two wings of C-17s currently meeting the needs of our troops deployed abroad.

HONORING SAM BOVA FOR HIS LONGTIME CIVIC EFFORTS IN SUNSET BAY, NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a longtime businessman and civic leader in the great community of Sunset Bay, New York. Sam Bova has owned and operated the Sunset Bay Beach since the mid 1990s, consisting of two prime waterfront attractions: the Sunset Bay Beach Club, and Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay Grill.

As a businessman, Sam's business provides seasonal work to more than 150 people, and is the source of a tremendous amount of

seasonal fun in the area of northwestern Chautauqua County. His management of the Beach provides a tremendously enjoyable atmosphere for local residents as well as those who choose Sunset Bay as their summertime vacation destination.

More than just as a businessman, however, Sam Bova has been a dedicated member of the community in northern Chautauqua County, tirelessly dedicating his time and resources to dozens of local and regional charities. Of particular note is an issue very close to my own heart, Sam has a particular affinity for charities associated with the fight against cancer, and has devoted tremendous efforts in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Carly's Crossing for Childhood Cancer, the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Leukemia Society. Moreover, Sam's support of our men and women in uniform is well known throughout the community; he has been a consistent supporter of local, regional and state police efforts, local fire and emergency services personnel, and is particularly interested in helping returning veterans to find jobs and opportunities back home in Western New York.

While summertime is always a special time in Sunset Bay, the summer of 2008 is a special time for Sam Bova. Sam celebrated his 50th birthday recently, once again in the company of his faithful employees, close friends, and uniformed members of our local police, fire and emergency services agencies. As I said before, Sam holds a very close connection to men and women in uniform, and he seeks to honor their service to our country every day. That is why I have requested that a United States Flag will fly over the United States Capitol in Sam's honor, and I plan to present that flag to him, to be flown at Sunset Bay, so that he and all those who visit Sunset Bay may continue to honor the brave men and women who serve our community and our nation so well.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in honoring a great Western New Yorker and a great friend of the community in northern Chautauqua County. Here is hoping that Sam Bova will put another 50 great years into his business and supporting the many charities he helps each day.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RON DUNHAM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Dr. Ron Dunham, a chiropractor at Dunham-Fritz Chiropractic in Marshalltown, Iowa.

For 40 years, Dr. Dunham has served Central Iowa as a chiropractor. He became interested in being a chiropractor when he hurt his back doing construction work after he returned from serving in the Army. His attraction to the profession led him to chiropractic college and back to Marshalltown where he has worked ever since. Dr. Dunham is known for being highly dedicated to his patients while having a sense of humor that lifts the spirits in the office each day. Dr. Dunham's practice successfully quadrupled in size during his time as a chiropractor, and the many years of excep-

tional service to his customers and the town of Marshalltown will be missed.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Dr. Ron Dunham for his service to Central Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. Dunham in Congress, and I wish him and his wife Sue, a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING JOSE AND FELICE ZAMORA FOR THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of two great Americans, Jose and Felice Zamora, beloved parents, grandparents, and friends on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Jose and Felice—known to all as Tony and Phyllis—first met in the spring of 1958. They met at a Los Amigos dance at Barstow High School. After dating for only four months, they were married on August 29, 1958. Tony proposed to Phyllis in between innings of a baseball game he was playing in. She happily accepted. The two were married in a small private ceremony attended by close friends and family.

After renting a house for a year, Tony and Phyllis bought a house in Barstow, the same house they still reside in today. Tony started work as a bus boy at the Bun Boy restaurant in Barstow. He eventually worked his way up to chef, while Phyllis was a homemaker. In 1967, Tony started working as a warehouseman at the Marine Corps Logistics Base and stayed there until retiring in 1996. Phyllis began working as a housekeeper at a local hotel, and would continue for 20 years.

On July 16, 1959, the Zamoras were blessed with their son, Victor Anthony. On October 10, 1967, the Zamoras celebrated the birth of their daughter Donna Lynn. On October 19, 1981, Tony and Phyllis had their second daughter, Crystal Ann.

Family has always been the focus of the Zamora's life. And they have been blessed with six grandchildren. They have four granddaughters—Kristina Victoria Zamora, Heather Marie Zamora, Ciera Ariel Taylor, and Cienna Faith Davis. They also have two grandsons, Sebastian Antonio Taylor and Simon Antonio Taylor. In addition, they now have three great-grandsons and a fourth on the way. Children have always been a big part of Tony and Phyllis' lives, and since 1959, the sound of kids at play has filled their house in Barstow.

Growing up with Tony, we played fastpitch softball together for many years. He was a great second baseman and I feel fortunate to have such wonderful memories of our days together, all of the great tournaments we used to play in as part of the same team and our young days spent in the sun.

Having known the Zamoras nearly all of my life, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On behalf of my wife Barbara, my family and I, felicidades, and may you have many more years of happiness. God bless you.

HONORING THE CITY OF ELKHART ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Elkhart, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The Second District of Indiana is proud to have cities like Elkhart with its Hoosier values and entrepreneurial spirit. From RVs to musical instruments, Elkhart manufactures goods that reach across the country. This entrepreneurial spirit started early and helped Elkhart become the strong city it is today, a city of 52,000 residents that has been named as one of the nation's most livable.

Founded in 1831 by Dr. Havilah Beardsley, the city was incorporated in 1858. It grew quickly and created the first hydroelectric dam on the St. Joseph River; a dam still in use today. Elkhart was also the second city in the world to use an electric streetcar system. However, today Elkhart is probably best known for being the largest producer of recreational vehicles, earning it the nickname "RV Capital of the World."

Elkhart has a rich cultural life as well. The Elkhart Jazz Festival is considered one of America's premiere jazz festivals. Several museums and theaters also contribute to the Elkhart community. And Elkhart is planning ahead in order to maintain its vibrancy. It is building a wi-fi system that will be accessible to people along River Way.

I am proud today to pay tribute to the City of Elkhart, Indiana and its residents for 150 years of impressive history and wish them an equally prosperous future.

CONGRATULATING HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER TIM TEBOW

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to not only a great athlete but an excellent student and role model for today's youth.

Tim Tebow exploits on the field are well documented. In addition to being the first sophomore to win the prestigious Heisman Trophy in 2007, he also received the Davey O'Brien and Maxwell Awards for his athletic achievements.

However, his off the field accomplishments warrant praise as well. Tim Tebow is a member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll as well being an ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-American first team selection. Tim is just the fourth sophomore to ever receive first team Academic All-American honors at the University of Florida.

While majoring in Family, Youth, and Community Services, Tim Tebow has shown his dedication not only to his local community but to the entire world. He is a SEC Community Service Team Honoree as well as a member of the Goodwill Gators. Through the Goodwill Gators, he has worked to improve lives in his