

our next generation of government, community, business, and civic leaders and I want to commend Irene Weiss and the members of the Board of Directors of the Florida Holocaust Museum for their exceptional work to recognize the talent that we have developing at such an early age.

DECRYING THE SHOOTING OF
SOUTH KOREAN TOURIST WANG-
JA PARK BY COMMUNIST NORTH
KOREA

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, this week we commemorate the 55th anniversary of the armistice which theoretically ended the armed hostilities in the Korean War. I say "theoretically" because it appears communist North Korea periodically forgets it is the party to the permanent ceasefire. For instance, in July 2003, soldiers in the DMZ exchanged machine-gun fire, with the first shots coming from communist North Korea. This particular attack was not timed arbitrarily. It occurred on the 55th anniversary of the enactment of South Korea's constitution. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Similarly, less than a year ago last August, there was an unprovoked gunfire shot from a communist North Korean guard post toward a South Korean guard post in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) which separates the free Republic of Korea from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Again, fortunately, in that incident, nobody was injured.

Most recently, on July 11, 2008, a South Korean citizen, Mrs. Wang-Ja Park, was shot dead by a communist North Korean soldier while visiting a beach at Mount Keumgang, a resort that is popular with South Korean tourists who visit communist North Korea. The killing of Mrs. Park is a serious matter that deserves worldwide scrutiny. Even without the context of previous exchanges of military gunfire between North and South Korea, this event should not be considered in isolation from larger policy questions. The unfortunate and regrettable killing of Wang-Ja Park offers illumination to my view, which is shared by others, that the current administration's decision and notification to Congress to remove communist North Korea from the list of state sponsors of terrorism was premature and ill-considered. This incident lays bare the brutality of the communist North Korean regime and suggests we should continue to be vigilant. Madam Speaker, in the wake of Mrs. Park's death, we should all be concerned about the lack of cooperation by communist North Korean authorities in the investigation of the incident. South Korean investigators have been refused access to the scene of the crime by communist North Korean authorities, and there are serious discrepancies in accounts made by eyewitnesses and by the communist North Korean government.

I strongly urge communist North Korea to cooperate fully with South Korea on a joint investigation into this terrible tragedy. The South Korean government has rightly suspended tours to Mount Keumgang and the suspension should continue until a joint investigation has been completed and North Korea's communist

government assures this will not happen again. To do otherwise would simply whitewash the incident.

Apart from the very serious foreign policy ramifications of this tragic event, I wish to convey my sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Park and to all South Korean citizens who have been shocked and dismayed by her death, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

The people of South Korea should know Americans are thinking about them, about their safety and security, and we remain committed to the shared verities of ordered liberty and democracy which make our nations—the Republic of Korea and the United States of America—prosperous, free, and compassionate.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF U.S.
DISTRICT JUDGE THOMAS G. HULL

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday July 30, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull, who passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2008.

Judge Hull lived a life of public service and truly embodied the Tennessee Volunteer spirit. He was known by all for his compassion, integrity and dedication to public service throughout his 82 years of life.

Judge Hull served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, was a Tennessee State Representative, and a state and federal judge. Judge Hull's passion was evidenced in everything he did whether it was serving as Chief Clerk of the Tennessee General Assembly or as campaign manager for James H. Quillen's first campaign for U.S. Congress.

Judge Hull was appointed as U.S. District Judge by President Ronald Reagan and at times handled the entire caseload for the Eastern District of Tennessee because of judgeship vacancies. He served 23 years with the federal branch of government including 7 years as Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Judge Hull played a major role in the construction of the James H. Quillen United States District Courthouse to replace the old and overcrowded courthouse in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Judge Hull was active in the business and banking communities and was active in the Republican Party of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me today in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull. He was a family man, a compassionate public servant and true friend of the First District of Tennessee.

His service is greatly treasured, and he will be deeply missed.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY WAYSIDE
RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today in celebration of the 90th birthday of a well-known Vermont establishment, the Wayside Restaurant and Bakery.

Located on the town line of Berlin and the city of Montpelier, the Wayside was built and opened in the summer of 1918 by the Ballou family. Located on Route 302, the Wayside has offered a convenient stopping place for travelers and locals alike for generations.

When the Wayside was first opened, it did not offer a dine-in service, but rather functioned as a take-out restaurant. The size of the Wayside has grown considerably since 1918, and the restaurant now boasts a 160-seat dining room and a kitchen of equal size.

Nearly all of the Wayside's food—including its renowned breads and desserts—are homemade, and produce from local farms is frequently used. The menu features traditional Vermont dishes like salt pork and chicken pie, and a wide-range of other country favorites.

Serving an average of 1,000 customers each day, the Wayside caters to a diverse clientele. Primarily a place for local Vermonters to enjoy good company and food at affordable prices, the Wayside also attracts legislators, state employees, and tourists. The parking lot is always full, and for weekend brunch, the line runs out the door. Yet despite its incredible popularity, the restaurant maintains a relaxed and authentic atmosphere.

Though recognized nationally by publications such as the New York Times and Gourmet Magazine, the Wayside remains a locally-oriented restaurant, embracing the surrounding community. When the Red Sox won the 2004 World Series, the Wayside's current owners, Karen and Brian Zecchinelli, joined in the local celebration by hosting a rally and rolling back prices to 1918. More than 3,000 customers visited the Wayside for the festivities. It is a true fixture in Central Vermont.

I would like to thank Karen and Brian Zecchinelli for continuing to provide the Vermont community with exceptional food, service, and atmosphere. The Wayside is a wonderful Vermont institution. Congratulations to the Wayside on its 90th birthday. May it continue to serve our community for another 90 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 6599, The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs FY09 Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 6599
Account: Army Reserve
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Reserve, 89th Regional Readiness Command

Address of Requesting Entity: 2120 G. Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS 67210

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8,100,000 to support the Department of Defense's request to construct a U.S. Army Reserve Center at Dodge City, KS. This project will provide land and facilities with adequate administrative, training, assembly, and supply/storage areas to support the assigned units' requirements and operations. A new organizational maintenance shop (OMS) will provide space for training and to conduct vehicle maintenance activities and operations. A military equipment park (MEP) is included to accommodate vehicles and equipment for the assigned units. A privately owned vehicle (POV) parking area is also included to accommodate the drilling population.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding requests I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009

Account: Military Construction, Additional Defense Access Roads funding for Fort Bragg Access Roads, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc. Fort Bragg, NC and the President's FY09 Budget Request.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request supports the President's FY09 Budget request level of \$13.24 million for additional Defense Access Roads Funding for Fort Bragg, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road). The increase is due to revisions to the original project necessitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I-295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Additional Defense Access Roads funding for Fort Bragg Access Roads, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc. Fort Bragg, NC and the President's FY09 Budget Request.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request increases the Department of Defense funding authorization from the President's FY09 Budget level of \$13.24 million by an additional authorization for \$8.56 million. The increase is due to revisions to the original project necessitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I-295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009

Account: New Elementary School (DoDEA)
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg and the Department of the Army.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request supports the \$28.17 million requested in the President's FY09 Budget for a new elementary school on Fort Bragg. This funding is required to accommodate enrollment increases due to new housing being built for the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program. The Family Housing Construction program will construct 446 new housing units at Ft. Bragg, resulting in an influx of approximately 714 students (PK through 5th grade) above present capacity. The community schools at Fort Bragg have a current enrollment of 4,517 students. As a result of new housing being added to the main cantonment area, the schools are projected to be filled to capacity. The additional 446 family housing units being constructed in the Northern Training Area will require a 714 student elementary school to be constructed to serve the housing area. Existing schools in the main cantonment area were constructed based on outdated Department of Education and state standards, resulting in undersized classrooms, administrative, and other areas. Adding additional students beyond maximum capacity will adversely affect the quality of the educational programs and greatly limit the number of educational programs offered to students. The influx of students resulting from the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program cannot be supported within current district capacity. New construction is

the only method of obtaining the space needed to accommodate the enrollment projected to arrive within the next 3 years. Without this additional capacity, the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program and student education at Fort Bragg would be adversely affected.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Utilities Upgrade for Camp MACKALL (Fort Bragg).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$3.2 million for a Utilities Upgrade at Camp MACKALL (Fort Bragg) and this project is necessary to support the expansion of Camp Mackall, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Rowe Training Facility (RTF) at Camp Mackall is being expanded to support an increase in its mission of providing Special Forces (SF) qualified soldiers from a current level of 350 per year to 950 per year. The number of all students passing through the Rowe Training Facility annually will increase from 1,000 trainees to 2,700 annually. The Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training course at Camp Mackall will increase from 350 per year to 950 per year. New water, sewage, storm drainage, gas, electric and communications lines will have to be run to support the rapidly expanding training activities at the base.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, New Intermediate School (Irwin) (DoDEA) Fort Bragg, NC

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Bragg.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

This request is in support of the FY09 President's Budget Request for \$27.945 million for a new DoDEA intermediate school at Fort Bragg, NC. This school is needed to accommodate 725 students and support present curriculums selected for that age group. Most of the current school facility was constructed in 1962 with seven additions built in various years starting in 1964. The Extended Facilities Condition Index (EFCI—current facility maintenance or repair requirement/replacement cost) is 72%. An EFCI of this value indicates replacement is more cost effective than continuing to address facility maintenance and repair needs. Many of the school's programs are conducted in twelve re-locatable, temporary buildings which are all old, undersized and not suitable for the programs. Space limitations also require many programs to share the same classrooms. The school has force protection issues that will be resolved by this project. Significant health and safety issues exist to include non-fire rated transom windows in all corridors, no fire sprinkler system