

guidance of its faculty. I know that the university will continue into its next century as it finished its first: a dynamic institution for education and research, and a true source of pride for Californians. I ask you to join me in thanking all the students, staff, administrators and faculty, past and present, for their accomplishments and continued hard work.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker. I support this resolution and encourage my colleagues to do the same. This resolution is important today as Americans are desirous of making America a better, safer place. This resolution recognizes the importance of community policing and crime prevention.

Because the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) Program at fiscal year have been severely cut in America, we must be vigilant and ensure that America and our neighborhoods remain safe. The Byrne-JAG monies are supposed to be used to make America a safer place.

Byrne-JAG allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system, which states and local governments have come to rely on to ensure public safety. They support: law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education, corrections and community programs, drug treatment, planning, evaluation, technology improvement programs, and crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation). In short, they are an indispensable resource that states use to combat crime.

Unfortunately, in fiscal year 2008 the Byrne-JAG program was cut by two-thirds. Although Congress authorized over \$1 billion, only \$520 million were appropriated for fiscal year 2007. The appropriation was then drastically reduced to \$170.4 million in fiscal year 2008, and the President has proposed further cuts for the fiscal year 2009 budget.

The continuing cuts seem to indicate that information regarding the success of the program has not been brought to the attention of members of Congress or to the Administration. Therefore, H. Res. 1324, recognizes that the President should focus on neighborhood crime prevention.

The trend to reduce the grant funding may result, in part, from instances where Byrne-JAG funding has been abused. For example, in 1999 Byrne-JAG funding was used in the infamous Tulia outrage in which a rogue police narcotics officer in Texas set up dozens of people, most of them African-American, in false cocaine trafficking charges. In other instances, jurisdictions used the funding to fund task forces focused solely on ineffective, low-level drug arrests, which has put the task force concept and the diminished standards of drug enforcement that it has come to represent in the national spotlight.

The most well-known Byrne-funded scandal occurred in Tulia, Texas where dozens of Afri-

can American residents (representing 16 percent of the town's black population) were arrested, prosecuted and sentenced to decades in prison, even though the only evidence against them was the uncorroborated testimony of one white undercover officer with a history of lying and racism. The undercover officer worked alone, and had no audiotapes, video surveillance, or eyewitnesses to collaborate his allegations. Suspicions eventually arose after two of the accused defendants were able to produce firm evidence showing they were out of state or at work at the time of the alleged drug buys. Texas Governor Rick Perry eventually pardoned the Tulia defendants (after four years of imprisonment), but these kinds of scandals continue to plague the Byrne grant program.

These scandals are not the result of a few "bad apples" in law enforcement; they are the result of a fundamentally flawed bureaucracy that is prone to corruption by its very structure. Byrne-funded regional anti-drug task forces are federally funded, state managed, and locally staffed, which means they do not really have to answer to anyone. In fact, their ability to perpetuate themselves through asset forfeiture and federal funding makes them unaccountable to local taxpayers and governing bodies.

But, reducing the funding is not the answer. Instead, we should encourage the President to invest in America and keep our neighborhoods safe. H. Res. 1324 does just that. I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING MARIAN MEDICAL
CENTER'S CO-GENERATION EN-
ERGY PLANT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marian Medical Center, located in Santa Maria, California, and in my congressional district, for the recent completion of a new Co-Generation Energy Plant. This truly is a win-win project that will benefit our community and the environment.

With skyrocketing energy costs, it's very important now that we develop alternative methods of generating electricity. The Marian Medical Center Co-Generation Energy Plant system works by capturing toxic methane gas run-off from the Santa Maria Municipal Landfill and piping it to an energy plant recently built on the hospital campus where it is converted to clean electrical energy.

Piping gas from the landfill to power the hospital will significantly reduce methane emissions and offset the use of non-renewable resources, such as natural gas and oil. The energy plant will also result in significant energy and cost savings for the hospital. It will supply all but 50 kilowatts of the energy necessary to power the medical center and is expected to achieve an annual electrical cost savings of nearly \$350,000. Finally, the cogeneration project will provide benefits to the City of Santa Maria, which will be able to make use of and receive revenue for an otherwise unused, potentially toxic resource.

I am so proud that Marian Medical Center is one of only a handful of healthcare facilities in

the nation to be powered by co-generated energy. This project is the result of a unique partnership and I want to commend Marian Medical Center and the City of Santa Maria for serving as a role model for other organizations in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL
OLYMPICS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1279, "Recognizing the Special Olympics 40th anniversary". First, I would like to thank my distinguished colleague, LEE TERRY of Nebraska, for introducing this important piece of legislation. This resolution will recognize the significance of the Special Olympics in establish lasting competitive bonds and teaching the world that all people possess the same courage and profound joy in the face of athletic competition. Through its 40 years the Special Olympics has dedicated itself to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this act.

The Special Olympics currently serves over 2,500,000 people with intellectual disabilities in more than 200 programs in over 180 countries. The organization has over 700,000 volunteers and 500,000 coaches worldwide. Indeed, every four years the Special Olympics requires a massive undertaking of athletes, volunteers and coaches. Throughout all this the organization has stood true to its oath "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt". Indeed, the bravery of the Special Olympics and its intellectually disabled athletes is inspiring, and well worth this commendation.

This bill recognizes not only the importance of an organization such as the Special Olympics, but also its effects. Children and adults with intellectual disabilities who participate in Special Olympics develop improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence and a more positive self-image. These competitors grow not only physically, but mentally, and emotionally. In the process new powerful ties are made between individuals and between nations regardless of the barriers of language and geography.

This legislation will express the desire of Congress to recognize the tireless compassion of those volunteers and coaches working with the Special Olympics, as well as the unshakeable bravery of its athletes. Through its 40 years of service the Special Olympics has helped millions of intellectually disabled children and adults to find their true voice.

Whether it is through their 40 years of international competition, or their work regionally, where chapters such as Special Olympics Texas work to bring out both athleticism and joy from the intellectually disabled in 21 sports, this organization has shown a commitment to bringing out the best in both volunteer and competitor alike. To think that from a small summer day camp for intellectually challenged children and adults could evolve into a

world-wide organization, is a testament to the lasting vision of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, its founder, and the commitment of volunteers, such as the 40,000 from Texas, to this dream.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SPAAMFAA

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation for Motorized Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA).

In 1958, SPAAMFAA was founded in Syracuse, New York by Dick Horstmann to serve as a way to preserve antique fire apparatus and promote an appreciation for fire service history. Since its conception the society has grown to include more than 3,000 members in over 50 chapters across the globe and it is still going strong today.

On behalf of the people of the 25th district of New York I congratulate Dick Horstmann and all the members of SPAAMFAA for a successful 50 years and wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE F. ROZELLE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George F. Rozelle III. Mr. Rozelle recently left this earth and joined his Heavenly Father.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Rozelle was a proud Texan and Longhorn fan even when life took him to other parts of the country. After growing up in Arlington and attending Arlington High School he went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington. The business degree he earned at UT—Arlington served him well as he quickly started his career with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and began to climb the Chamber ladder.

After moving to Arizona and marrying Marty, he joined the Fiesta Bowl Committee in 1979. He played a critical role in turning the Fiesta Bowl into one of the premier sporting events in the world; he served on the Board of Directors for six years.

Mr. Rozelle's lifelong passion was serving others and his community. Besides his time with the Fiesta Bowl, he was the President of the Arizona Club, Executive Director of the Arizona chapter of the American Roads and Transportation Builder's Association and spent time with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Mr. Rozelle was best known for his smile, easy going sense of humor, and his ability to make everyone feel comfortable. His friends and family will also miss his skill in the kitchen; a true gourmet, he was written up in the Arizona Republic for his ability and participation in a local gourmet cooking group.

George is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 31 years, Dr. Martha Rozelle, their

daughters, Deborah and Vicki; son George; granddaughters Brooke, Janessa, Joni, Julie, Katy; and grandsons, Chris and Braydn.

Madam Speaker, I thank the House of Representatives and America for joining me in honoring the life of George F. Rozelle III and offering our prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

McCUTCHEON HIGH SCHOOL SOFT-
BALL TEAM—INDIANA STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 the McCutcheon High School Softball team won the Indiana 4A softball state title. The Mavericks of McCutcheon narrowly defeated Franklin Central High School 2–1.

This was McCutcheon's first state championship in any girls sport though this year marked their third state finals and second championship game in four years.

This victory did not come easy for McCutcheon. Mother Nature intervened in their path to the championship. On Friday, June 6, 2008 lightning forced the semifinal game to be postponed. The next day, rain washed the game out. Finally, on Sunday they were able to start their semifinal game against LaPorte only to have it suspended after 4 innings. When the game was suspended, the Mavs had the lead.

Due to the weather, the Lady Mavs were forced to play a doubleheader on Tuesday. They finished their semifinal game against LaPorte, and then carried that momentum into the State Championship game against Franklin Central.

It is difficult to play a doubleheader under any circumstances, much less a championship atmosphere, but McCutcheon was up for the challenge. They were trailing in the bottom of the fourth inning when junior Tristan Wilcox knocked in the tying run with an RBI single, and then Maggie Tull scored the go-ahead run.

Pitcher Tori Collins was able to secure the victory by holding Franklin Central off to 5 hits and struck out 11 batters the whole game. These young ladies showed amazing determination against adversity and drive. After three years of almost achieving the ultimate victory, the Mavs achieved their ultimate goal.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the McCutcheon High School softball team and coaching staff:

Seniors: Tori Collins, Kristen Garza, Kendra Julian and Maggie Tull. Juniors: Maggie House, Brittany Keller, Megan Millikan, Angel Neal, Kelsey Rummel, Kaylee Smith, Meg Teller and Tristan Wilcox. Sophomores: Sarah Copley, Megan Gray and Stephanie Martin. Freshmen: Cassie Leuck and Dani Owens. Head Coach: Jim Bates. Assistant Coaches: Dan Bowsher, Larry Clark, Kayla Doyle, Kathryn Madary and Sarah Haggerty.

CONGRATULATING ARMSTRONG
ATLANTIC STATE UNIVERSITY'S
PIRATES

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise along with the city of Savannah in congratulating the Armstrong Atlantic State University's men's and women's tennis teams. Both squads were named National Champions in the 2008 NCAA Division II Tennis Tournament held on May 17th in Houston, Texas.

It is rare for one university to obtain two national titles in the same season much less the same sport, but the Pirates managed to accomplish this feat. Brigham Young University was the last school to achieve such success in 2003.

The Lady Pirates beat Lynn University of Boca Raton, Florida, to achieve their fourth National Championship. The undefeated Men's team swept Barry University of Miami Shores, Florida, earning the University its first ever NCAA title in Men's athletics.

Both teams are coached by Simon Earnshaw.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Armstrong Atlantic State University's Men and Women's Tennis Teams for their remarkable accomplishments, and Go Pirates!

Women's 2007–2008 Roster:

Martina Beckmann, Sophomore, Bonn, Germany; Johanna Dahlback, Senior, Hasselby, Sweden; Sofia Haggstrom, Senior, Taby, Sweden; Alisa Kagukina, Sophomore, Nikolayev, Ukraine; Gabriella Kovacs, Sophomore, Szazhalombatta, Hungary; Alida Mueller-Wehlau, Freshman, Flensburg, Germany; Iuliia Stupak, Senior, Kiev, Ukraine.

Assistant Coach—David Secker, Volunteer Assistant Coach—Zsafia Golopencza.

Men's 2007–2008 Roster:

Rafael Array, Freshman, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain; Christian Bergh, Sophomore, Oslo, Norway; Paul Bishop, Junior, Whitwell, England; Robert Jendelund, Senior, Huddinge, Sweden; Tim Johannsen, Freshman, Hohenlockstedt, Germany; Kevin Sijmons, Junior, Beligneux, France; Davor Zink, Senior, Santiago, Chile.

Assistant Coach—David Secker.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

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

Account: Military Construction, Navy
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Air Station Jacksonville

Address of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville, Florida

Description of Request: I have secured \$12,890,000 in funding in H.R. 6599 in the