

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, Division D, Title III.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Bill Section: Division D, Title III.

Account: FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation Fund.

Amount: \$850,000.

Legal Entities To Receive Funding: City of Mission Viejo, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, CA.

Funding Description:

Total Cost of Project: \$2,014,575. \$270,000 (estimated) for development of plans and specifications and construction oversight. \$1,744,575 (estimated) for construction of slope tie backs, soils nails, re-grading the slope, and new retaining wall.

Federal Appropriation: \$850,000. Cost Covered By city of Mission Viejo: \$1,164,575.

Description of Request: During the month of January 2005, a 67-foot-high engineered slope between Encorvado Lane and Ferrocarril experienced a massive failure as a result of the severe rainstorms. As a result, seven homes were yellow or red tagged. Approximately 22 residents were displaced from their homes, including two homes that serve as board and care facilities for 12 elderly and/or disabled residents. In addition, the public street Ferrocarril was damaged. This event was part of the presidential declaration for the State of California, Orange County in which the city received Public Assistance funding for emergency protective measures.

The city of Mission Viejo conducted an emergency temporary repair, which included the removal of vegetation and backyard structures, emergency grading to provide temporary stabilization of the slope, installation of 95 steel soldier beams at the base of the slope, and covering the slope to try to mitigate further slope erosion from water intrusion. These efforts have been paid for through Public Assistance funding administered by FEMA and the State of California. The city will now repair the slope to meet current code standards and protect the public right-of-way. This project is critical to remove a blight within the city of Mission Viejo and to protect the public right-of-way from further damage.

In addition to federal assistance, the city of Mission Viejo will cover all costs not covered by any federal funding received.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Earmark: Fort Chaffee Infantry Platoon Battle Course, \$204,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army National Guard.

Agency: Department of Defense.

Name/Address: Arkansas Army National Guard, Office of the Adjutant General, Building 6000, Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72119 (Infantry Platoon Battle Course will be located at Fort Chaffee).

Description: The funding will be used for the design of the Infantry Platoon Battle Course for support of training requirements of the Arkansas Army National Guard. Primary facilities include Stationary Infantry Targets (SIT), Stationary Armor Targets (SAT), Moving Armor Target (MAT), Moving Infantry Targets (MIT), Machine Gun Bunkers, Trench Obstacle, Assault/Defend House, Landing Zones, Small Range Ops Center/Control Tower/Ammo Breakdown, Storage, Bleacher, service roads, site improvements and associated support facilities including utilities and information systems.

Earmark: Future Combat Support Hospital, \$3,200,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: 145, Combat Support Medical.

Agency: Op,A, Other Procurement, Army.

Name/Address: EADS North America Integrated Shelter Systems, 300 Industrial Boulevard, Russellville, Arkansas 72802.

Description: The funding would be used for the continuation of EADS North America Integrated Shelter Systems. Future Combat Support Hospital (FCSH) is an advanced rigid and soft-walled shelter system for forward deployed healthcare providers. The FCSH program will replace the Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) tentage with an operating room (OR) ISO container and other modules that will be chemically/biologically hardened with quick erect/strike times and integrated medical packages. This effort will reduce the weight of comparable systems and enhance the transportability and deployability of forward medical care. FCSH will reduce the footprint of field hospitals by reducing the weight and number of airlift flights to deploy a field hospital and/or Forward Surgical Team, which is a major objective of the Army Transformation. The Future Combat Support Hospital will enhance forward care and reduce the footprint of medical organizations for greater mobility and easier sustainment. The Future Force concept places soldiers into a more austere environment with lengthened evacuation times (both arrival and transit). Supporting medics and first responders require greater lifesaving and extended stabilization capability to save lives. Reduction in weight, cube, and sustainment requirements allows medical units to increase mobility and maintain contact with their supported Units of Action.

Earmark: Center for Nanoscale Bio-sensors as a Defense against Biological Threats to America.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: 44, Dia 0603720S Microelectronics Technology Development and Support.

Agency: Rdte, Dw Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Name/Address: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and Pine Bluff Campuses located at 248 Physics Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Description: The funding would be used for the continuation of the Center for Nanoscale Bio-Sensors as a Defense against Biological Threat to America Programs and will mature previous investments in nanotechnology facilities and revolutionary materials to deliver new breakthroughs in biological threat detection and identification. These breakthroughs include (1) sensors, (2) communication between sensor and soldier, and (3) the ability to counter exposure to chemical weapons.

Earmark: Emergency Operations Center, Sebastian County, AR, \$750,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN (AR-03).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: DHS FEMA State and Local Programs.

Name/Address: Sebastian County, Arkansas, County Judge, David Hudson, 35 South 6th Street, Suite 106, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Description: Funding would be used for the remodel of the Courthouse to include dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC), physical security enhancements, and information technology (IT) enhancements for Continuity of Operations.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SPECIALIST JOSHUA HARRIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of a recent fallen soldier—Illinois National Guard Specialist Joshua Harris. Specialist Harris served with Battery B of the 2nd Battalion of the 122nd Field Artillery that provided security for police mentor teams in Afghanistan. Joshua was only 21, and he lived in Oak Park, Illinois. He deployed to Afghanistan in August of this year. On Wednesday, September 17, Joshua was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, along with Sergeant Jason Vazquez, 24, also of Chicago. Joshua was posthumously promoted to sergeant and Jason to staff sergeant.

At this time of loss and sorrow, I am reminded of the words of two famous poets. Kahlil Gibran once said, "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." Henry Longfellow reflected, "He spake well who said that

graves are the footprints of angels." These words capture what we know about Joshua—he was both an angel and delight to those around him. His death brings comfort to no one, but his life spread comfort to many. His friends and family have recounted that he worked for the betterment of his community and displayed kindness to all. From the time he was just a boy, Joshua wanted to serve in the military; a child who initiated saluting when he was just 9 years old. With hard work and dedication, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2005. This is an impressive accomplishment that reflects a strong, dedicated character that Joshua applied to his life and military service. I also understand that his death steals from us a potential political leader—someone who loved history, particularly the civil war, and who demonstrated leadership on issues small and large.

Joshua died serving his country in the uniform of the Illinois National Guard. Therefore I send my condolences to the friends and family of Sergeant Harris during their time of grief, and I pay tribute to a true hero whose courage and sacrifice will always be honored and cherished in this country. We are grateful for all that he did for so many in Chicago, the United States, and the world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RIC KELLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: The Honorable Ric KELLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army National Guard Operations and Maintenance, Operating Forces, Budget Activity #1 to acquire and field the Weapon Skills Trainer (WST).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cubic Defense Applications.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2001 W. Oak Ridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 to the Florida National Guard to purchase new WSTs in order to train and prepare Florida National Guard service men and women to be combat ready upon deployment.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army/Army National Guard, Other Procurement, Line #169, Training Devices, Nonsystem, for the Mobile Virtual Training Capability (MVTC) for the Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Coalescent Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 731 North Garland Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 to the Florida National Guard to purchase new MVTC programs, which provide required training and a highly realistic training environment,

with photo-realistic models, real-world maps, and accurately simulated weapons systems.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air Force, Other Procurement (Air Force), Budget Line #308F, Procurement Line #9, PE #41214F, for the Halvorsen 25K Loader.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: FMC Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7300 Presidents Drive, MD11, Orlando, FL 32801.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 that will be used by the United States Air Force (USAF) to purchase new Halvorsen Loaders, which have been requested by the President and authorized by the Armed Services Committee. The Halvorsen Loader Program provides the USAF with critical support for aerial posts worldwide and specifically, operations in theater.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of H.R. 5244, the Credit Card Holder Bill of Rights.

I want to applaud Congresswoman MALONEY for introducing this timely and commonsense legislation that will help our constituents and will protect hard working families. It is critical that during this time of financial crisis in America, that we do more to help households who are increasingly burdened by rising gas prices, falling home values and rising credit card interest rates and fees.

As we discuss a massive \$700 billion bailout of lenders and banks, I believe that taking this small step to protect credit card consumers is the least that we can do.

This bill seeks to protect consumers by putting very reasonable and fair limits on some of the most unfair practices of the credit card industry. It will require a fair notice to consumers before an interest rate can be arbitrarily raised. It doesn't stop them from raising their rates, it just requires that consumers be notified in advance.

It will stop the unfair practice of billing customers for interest and fees on balances that they have already paid. It will require that payments be split fairly between higher rate balances and any lower rate balances so that families have some chance to reduce their debt's principal instead of companies reducing only the debts that carry the lowest interest rates first.

Frankly, I wish that this bill were even stronger and that we were talking about requiring just the opposite. We should be requiring that all payments are applied to the highest interest rate balances first, but this is a strong step in the right direction.

I urge my colleagues to support protecting minors from predatory credit card companies, I urge my colleagues to limit so called sub prime credit cards with huge annual fees tacked automatically onto the debt on the cards, I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 5244.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

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

Name of Project: Replacement of C-130 Aircraft Maintenance Shops.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware Air National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2600 Spruance Dr., Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE.

Account: ANG.

Project Description: \$11.6 million for Replacement of C-130 Aircraft Maintenance Shops. The project is part of a multi-phased construction program to replace an aged hangar and shops, which support the 166th Airlift Wing's flying mission for its 8 C-130 aircraft. An improved aircraft maintenance facility will ensure a ready force that can meet both State and Federal requirements. Over 100 personnel will work and train in this facility. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Reactive Plastic CO₂ Absorbent Production Capacity.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Micropore, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 350F Pencader Drive, Newark, DE.

Account: DPA.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for Reactive Plastic CO₂ Absorbent Production Capacity. The Department of Defense is working with Micropore to establish a domestic production capability for reactive plastic CO₂ absorbent to ensure sufficient quantities are available to meet a wide range of military and national security needs and to bring the per unit cost down. Micropore produces an absorbent cartridge used by the Department of Defense in rebreathing and life support systems for military SCUBA, on submarines, in medical oxygen delivery, and for chemical and biological weapons protection. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: 2nd Generation Extended Cold Weather Clothing System.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WL Gore & Associates.

Address of Requesting Entity: 551 Paper Mill Rd., Newark, DE.

Account: OM, ARNG.

Project Description: \$3.2 million for 2nd Generation Extended Cold Weather Clothing System. The President's FY 09 Budget requested funding for the U.S. Army National Guard to purchase the Second Generation Extended Cold Weather Clothing System from W.L. Gore. This is a set of GORE-TEX® outerwear (parka, liner and trousers) designed specifically to provide protection during cold and/