

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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> Absorbent Production Capacity. The Department of Defense is working with Micropore to establish a domestic production capability for reactive plastic CO<sub>2</sub> 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/

or wet weather. By reducing personal discomfort during inclement weather conditions, these systems give the soldier the capability to operate at his or her most effective readiness level. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Combat Desert Jacket.

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, MC.

Project Description: \$4 million for Combat Desert Jacket. The President's FY 09 Budget requested funding for the U.S. Marines to purchase the Combat Desert Jacket from W.L. Gore. This is a lightweight, two layer barrier garment that is comfortable to wear during periods of prolonged activity. In need of a tough, resilient outer garment for use during combat operations in the demanding desert environment, the Marines worked with W.L. Gore to develop a highly effective jacket that provides exceptional protection across a wide spectrum of elements. The Marines are in a 5 year fielding plan to provide this garment to all Marines. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Phoenix Quad-band Satellite Receiver.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware Army National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: First Regiment Rd., Wilmington, DE.

Account: OP, A.

Project Description: \$4 million for Phoenix Quad-band Satellite Receiver. The Delaware Army National Guard's 261st Signal Brigade has requested funds to purchase a mobile satellite communications receiver to provide high data rate exchanges between various satellites and ground communications systems in secure digital formats. This system will improve the Delaware Guard's domestic support and combat capability, while maintaining critical communication interoperability between the Guard and Active Component Army signal units. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: UD Center for Composite Materials Projects.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware.

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Hullihen Hall, Newark, DE.

Account: RDTE, A / RDTE, N.

Project Description: \$9 million (4 separate projects) for UD Center for Composite Materials. The Department of Defense has asked the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials to develop ultra-lightweight, durable armor to protect soldiers against mine blast, ballistic, IED and EFP threats. Current metallic armor for combat and tactical vehicle protection is too heavy and is rapidly wearing out vehicles with maintenance and replace-

ment costs estimated in the billions. The University of Delaware's modeling and simulation of composite armor is essential to accelerate the insertion of new composite solutions into the battlefield. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Garment-Based Physiological Monitoring Systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textronics Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3825 Lancaster Pike, Suite 201, Wilmington, DE

Account: RDTE, A.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for Garment-Based Physiological Monitoring Systems. The U.S. Army is working with Textronics to develop a new generation of wearable physiological monitoring systems that will enable the accurate and real-time remote monitoring of a U.S. soldier's heart rate, respiration, and other physiological parameters. These systems will integrate technology improvements that work under prolonged harsh conditions to satisfy the expressed needs and preferences of the troops. The project will help the military improve the safety, security, health, well-being, and performance of U.S. soldiers. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Optimized M-25 Soldier Fuel Cell System.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DuPont Fuel Cells.

Address of Requesting Entity: Chestnut Run Plaza, P.O. Box 80701, Wilmington, DE.

Account: RDTE, A.

Project Description: \$2 million for Optimized M-25 Soldier Fuel Cell System. The U.S. Army has asked DuPont to develop a lightweight and reliable individual power source for U.S. soldiers operating in combat. Currently, U.S. soldiers carry heavy batteries to charge individual equipment, including communications equipment. DuPont's Soldier Fuel Cell System will be smaller, more durable, more economical, and last up to 10 times longer than today's batteries. It will provide new on-soldier and standalone charging capability, reducing the overall load carried by soldiers for military operations. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller (VTDP) Compound Helicopter Advanced Technology Flight Demonstration Program.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Piasecki Aircraft Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2nd Street West, P.O. Box 360, Essington, PA.

Account: RDTE, A.

Project Description: \$5 million for Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller (VTDP) Compound Helicopter Advanced Technology Flight Demonstration Program. The U.S. Army has asked Piasecki Aircraft to increase the rotorcraft speed, range, and survivability of the Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller Compound Helicopter.

The flight testing, which will be conducted at New Castle County Airport, is being initiated to expand the helicopter's air assault and combat logistics support capabilities at higher altitudes. This development will allow for improved reliability and rapid MEDEVAC of victims from combat to critical care facilities. Combat experience in Afghanistan and Iraq has highlighted the need for these capabilities. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Joint Services Aircrew Mask (JSAM) Don/Doff Inflight Upgrade.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ILC Dover LP.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Moonwalker Road, Frederica, DE.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for Joint Services Aircrew Mask (JSAM) Don/Doff Inflight Upgrade. The Department of Defense has asked ILC Dover to develop an aircrew mask that provides above the neck Chemical-Biological and Anti-G protection to aircrew personnel. This product will enhance soldiers' ability to survive in the case of chemical or biological weapons attacks and it will allow aircrews to be at a state of high level Chemical-Biological threat preparedness for extended periods, both on the ground and in the air. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: NIDS Improved Handheld Biological Agent Detector.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ANP Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 824 Interchange Blvd., Newark, DE.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for NIDS Improved Handheld Biological Agent Detector. The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps have asked ANP Technologies to develop a light, reliable, and easy-to-use handheld tool for soldiers in the battlefield to test for biological weapons. The handheld detector will be water sealed, have an explosion free battery compartment, dual rechargeable/disposable battery options, and wireless connection capabilities. This system will be better able to protect U.S. soldiers serving in combat and the American people in the homeland in case of biological warfare agent attacks, at lower costs. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Army Plant Vaccine Development Program.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fraunhofer USA Center for Molecular Biotechnology.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Innovation Way, Suite 200, Newark, DE.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for Army Plant Vaccine Development Program. The Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency is working with Fraunhofer USA in

Newark to develop a combined multivalent one-shot vaccine that protects the Armed Forces and civilian communities against plague and anthrax. A quick response to a potential bioterrorist attack requires the immediate availability of reagents for mass therapeutic treatment or for mass vaccination. Fraunhofer USA's system has shown to be highly efficient and flexible for the rapid, large-scale production of a wide variety of vaccine antigens and other recombinant proteins, and has the potential to provide a quick response in providing massive amounts of reagents in a short period of time. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Integrated Warfighter Bio-defense Program.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Quantum Leap Innovations, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3 Innovation Way, Suite 100, Newark, DE.

Account: RDTE, N.

Project Description: \$3 million for Integrated Warfighter Biodefense Program. The U.S. Navy is working with Quantum Leap Innovations to develop technologies to protect sailors and marines from asymmetric threats such as biological weapons attacks and pandemic influenza. This project will develop solutions for the Navy to monitor these emergent threats and provide early detection and casualty reduction for U.S. forces. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: Millimeter Wave Imaging.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware.

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Hullihen Hall, Newark, DE.

Account: RDTE, N.

Project Description: \$1.6 million for Millimeter Wave Imaging. The U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research is working with the University of Delaware to develop a millimeter wave imaging system based on the use of visible wavelength lasers. Through this project, the Navy is developing depleted aperture imaging systems that are based on up-converting millimeter wave signals to optical signals for the purposes of imaging. From a national defense perspective, the applications of the University's millimeter wave imaging system are far-reaching in that U.S. soldiers will be able to image behind bunkers and through dust, fog, and sandstorms, thus improving their situational awareness in combat. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

Name of Project: High Power Voice and Siren System in the boundaries of the city of Newark.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Newark, DE.

Address of Requesting Entity: 220 Elkton Rd., P.O. Box 0390, Newark, DE.

Account: FEMA Predisaster Mitigation.

Project Description: \$300,000 for High Power Voice and Siren System in the bound-

aries of the city of Newark. The project is part of the FEMA pre-disaster mitigation program, and the goal is to implement an effective option for warning the public of threatening situations including attacks and dangerous weather. The system will provide an initial alert followed by a detailed message that will serve to reduce confusion and panic and assist in saving lives and restoring order. Funding for this project may be adjusted when the House considers the final spending package.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

The account: Defense, Procurement of Ammunition, Army, Account 042, Provision of Industrial Facilities.

Requesting Entity: General Dynamics, 6650 Route 148, Marion Illinois.

This program will establish a flexible small caliber trace charging and bullet/cartridge assembly production line adjacent to the medium caliber lines at GD-OTS' Marion, Illinois ammunition production facility. This cost effective approach builds upon the existing manufacturing base and infrastructure at this plant and it capitalizes on the resident talent and expertise at Marion. This capability will be established on a noninterference basis without interrupting current 2nd Source small caliber deliveries.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

I am requesting language to ensure that until such time as preliminary flood insurance rate maps in the city of St. Louis, St. Charles, and St. Louis, counties in Missouri and Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois initiated prior to October 1, 2008 are completed and released for public review, preliminary base flood elevations are published in the Federal Register, and the second required local newspaper publication of such base flood elevations is made that the Administrator shall not begin the statutory appeals process required under section 1363 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I requested and were included in H. Res. 1488, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2638) making ap-

propriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this earmark: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (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; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Member: Congressman JOHN E. PETERSON. Bill Number: H. Res. 1488 (H.R. 2638).

Provision: RDTE, N, Line# 183, PE# 0205633N.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Impact Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2571 Park Center Blvd., State College, PA 16801.

Description of Project: This project provides \$2.4 million for FY09 in the DoD RDTE account for F/A-18 Avionics. The entity to receive funding for this project is Impact Technologies, 2571 Park Center Blvd., State College, PA 16801. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for a ground support system for the F/A-18 Avionics. The system would be developed to enable cost effective avionics and flight control fault isolation, repair, and management at different support levels.

Member: Congressman JOHN E. PETERSON. Bill Number: H. Res. 1488 (H.R. 2638).

Provision: RDTE, Z, Line# 139, PE# 0605790DBZ.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TRS Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2820 East College Ave., State College, PA 16801.

Description of Project: This project provides \$1.2 million for FY09 in the DoD RDTE account for Ferroelectric Component Technologies. The entity to receive funding for this project is TRS Technologies Inc., 2820 East College Ave, State College, PA 16801. It is my understanding that the funding will be new ferroelectric components. These components are used as power sources for electromagnetic munitions designed to remotely and non-lethally disrupt electronics in targeted threats and IEDs.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Member: Congressman JOHN E. PETERSON

Bill Number: H. Res. 1488 (H.R. 2638)

Provision: RDTE, A, Line# 28, PE# 0602787A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: KCF Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 112 West Foster Ave, State College, PA 16801

Description of Project: This project provides \$2.4 million for FY09 in the DoD RDTE account for self-powered prosthetic limb technology. The entity to receive funding for this project is KCF Technologies, 112 West Foster Ave, State College, PA 16801. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for