

protective characteristics. This technology is at hand, and THY's early prototypes have been field tested and found to resolve several of the shortcomings highlighted by troops from cold weather training exercises in Montana, and from the current combat theaters of operation.

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers (Alabama).

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

Account: RDTE, Air Force.

Legal Name of Entity: Davidson Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 530 Discovery Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35806

Description of Request: The earmark provides for \$1,600,000. The funding is for the continued development and accreditation of Space Control Test Capabilities to support the Air Force's requirement to integrate offensive and defensive space control elements into a single System-of-Systems counterspace system approach; specifically, to address the optimization of C² processes and resources, and to develop a cost assessment tool for the government to test space control systems in a simulated environment before costly hardware development begins. Space Control Test Capabilities supports the Air Force Space Control mission areas and mission support as outlined in the Air Force's "Strategic Master Plan for FY 2006 and beyond", the "Joint Doctrine for Space Operations (JP 3-14)", and the "Counterspace Operations (JP 2-2.1)". The SCTC software suite allows the warfighters the capability to develop net-centric System-of-Systems architecture-based C² models.

Warfighters also have the ability to model Friend or Foe C² structures yielding the analysis of vulnerabilities and/or strengths. Based on funding of \$2,000,000, the spending plan would have been as follows, and will be adjusted to meet the final amount mentioned above. Engineering Salaries (including Software Engineering, Systems Engineering, Design, Requirements and Documentation, Test Engineering, and Configuration Management): 1,780,000; Software Licensing (Goes toward software accreditation process): \$10,000; Travel to Colorado Springs, AF Space Command: \$10,000; Government Pass-through Costs: \$200,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers (Alabama)

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

Account: RDTE, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westar Aerospace & Defense Group, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 890 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35806.

Description of Request: The earmark provides for \$1,200,000 which provides the digital modeling and simulation infrastructure for systems to defend high priority assets from attack by missiles (cruise and tactical). The funding will be used for salaries of engineers and analysts working on the project. The future Integrated Air and Missile Defense system will provide a lethal net-ready force with an increased span of control and a smaller deployment footprint. The smaller footprint will make sustainment in the field less expensive. The use of networked battle command and improved capabilities for situational awareness and soldier training will dramatically increase

overall system effectiveness, survivability and force protection.

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers (Alabama).

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Account: RDTE, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Torch Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4035 Chris Dr. Suite C, Huntsville, AL 35802.

Description of Request: The earmark is for \$800,000 for Army Aviation Weapon Technology. This funding provides for transferring armed US Navy Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) weapons interoperability technology to both unmanned and manned Army aviation. The resources will (1) transition technology from the Navy to the Army, and (2) establish a means for certifying the resulting interoperability that would be available for the industry base. It is leveraging technology shown to be feasible though a Navy Unmanned Aircraft Systems Small Business Innovative Research Program and transitions the technology to the Army. Analysis conducted by the Army has shown that the benefit from this investment will be a more interoperable approach to weapons integration which is expected to (1) provide as much as 50 percent in cost avoidance for future integration costs for weapons onto manned and unmanned aircraft, and (2) provide a means to provide accredited tools to the weapon and platform originating equipment manufacturers increasing probability for on time and on cost delivery of their products for use with Army Aviation. No matching funds are anticipated from the Army, however, this investment in the FY09 budget sets Army Aviation up for future cost avoidance of the anticipated weapon integration requirements of the Joint Air to Ground Missile (JAGM) and the Aviation Multipurpose Missile System (AMPM).

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers (Alabama).

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

Account: RDTE, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Frontier Technology, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 75 Aero Camino Suite A, Goleta, CA 93117.

Description of Request: The earmark is for \$1,600,000. The funding will be used for Army Aviation Weapon Technology the Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System Demonstration Project with Anniston Army Depot and Auburn University. This project identifies difficult to detect failure modes that must be serviced while the vehicle is undergoing maintenance. It models vehicle conditions to ensure that the vehicle is restored to an optimum state of operation prior to return to service. This cost effective technology can be modified for various military vehicles to detect problems not typically reported using threshold or trend systems. It can detect problems before they happen, preventing breakdowns in battlefield environments. The system will successfully verify that vehicles repaired at the Depot have been restored to an optimum state of operation prior to redeployment. The Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System provides the cutting edge, cost effective technology that can help ensure more rapid and reliable de-

ployment of critical military vehicles during this period when our equipment is under extreme and extended use.

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers of Alabama.

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Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Domestic Preparedness (Federal Training Facility).

Address of Requesting Entity: Anniston, Alabama.

Description of Request: The earmark is for \$62.5 million. The Center for Domestic Preparedness is located in Anniston, Alabama. It is a key training Federal facility operated by the Department of Homeland Security. It is the only weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training facility that provides hands-on training to civilian emergency responders which includes live chemical agents. The Center is a leading member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium. For Fiscal Year 2008, Congress provided \$62.5 million for the Center for Domestic Preparedness. In addition, the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act of 2007, which the President signed into law on August 3, 2007, included language that authorized increases in funding for the Center over a period of four years. (Sec. 1204, P.L. 110-53). The House Appropriations Committee bill recommended a funding level consistent with the president's budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended last year's funding level of \$62.5 million. This bill contains the Senate amount.

HONORING PEGGY TORTORICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Peggy Tortorice as she retires from the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education. A reception honoring Peggy will be held on October 8th in Flint, Michigan.

Peggy has served on the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education since July 1, 1977. During this time she spent 8 years as the board's president. Prior to her service with the Genesee Intermediate School District, Peggy served on the Clio Board of Education from 1967 to 1976. During her tenure, Peggy worked tirelessly to achieve a productive educational environment for students throughout Genesee County. She was influential in the development of Mott Middle College, Genesee County's Network for Education Telecommunications, the Health, Safety and Nutrition Service Department, and the Genesee Early College on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint.

Peggy is a member and president of the Genesee County Education Foundation. She is a member of the Genesee County Association of School Board Members, a member of the Michigan Association of School Boards, and the National School Boards Association. The Michigan Association of School Boards

has bestowed their Award of Merit, Award of Distinction, Master Board Member Award, Master Diamond Award, Master Platinum Award and the President's Award of Recognition on Peggy.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of Peggy Tortorice. The students of Genesee County owe her a debt of gratitude for her vision, commitment, and dedication to improve the climate of learning. She has provided an example and inspiration to educators everywhere and I wish her the best as she enters this next phase of her life.

RECOGNIZING EUROPE'S BLACK POPULATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing Europe's Black population and expressing solidarity with their struggle.

On April 29, 2008, I chaired the U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, "The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics" which focused on the more than 7 million people who make up Europe's Black or Afro-descendant population.

Despite their numerous contributions to European society, like African-Americans here, many Black Europeans face the daily challenges of racism and discrimination.

This includes being the targets of violent hate crimes, many of which have resulted in death. Existing inequalities in education, housing, and employment remain a problem and racial profiling is a norm. Few Black Europeans are in leadership positions and political participation is also limited for many, providing obstacles for addressing these problems.

In an effort to raise public awareness of these issues at the national and international level, the Black European Women's Council, BEWC, was launched on September 9, 2008 at the European Union's headquarters. More than 130 Black women from across Europe came to "insist on the recognition and inclusion of Black Europeans economically, politically, and culturally."

This resolution supports BEWC's fight for equality and urges European governments to implement recently introduced anti-discrimination legislation and other plans of action, including a fund for victims incapacitated as a result of a hate crime.

Given the history of our own country, an increase in transatlantic cooperative efforts between our government and European governments, U.S. and European based civil rights groups, and within the private sector would also provide useful partnerships and assistance in combating racism and discrimination abroad and at home.

This resolution therefore also calls on the U.S. government to increase support for public and private sector initiatives focused on combating racism and discrimination in Europe as part of our efforts to support global human rights.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this Resolution Recognizing Black Europeans and encourage them to review the

statements and submissions from the Helsinki Commission's Black Europe Hearing at www.csce.gov. Additionally, I would like to submit the following background materials on Black Europeans for the official record.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, and in addition to the projects I have already listed in the record for the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Funding for these requests was contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTDE, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Printpack, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Printpack, Inc. 2800 Overlook Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30345–2024.

Description of Request: The budget request includes \$21.9M in PE62786A for Applied Research of new warfighter technologies of which \$5.3M is allocated for Joint Service Combat Feeding Technology. The \$1,680,000 added to this account will be used to develop new and innovative packaging and processing technologies for the Warfighter's combat rations. These funds will result in the ability to provide greater variety and more nutritional rations with longer shelf-life and reduced production costs.

The objective of this effort is to develop advanced thermal processing techniques based on the utilization of non-foil materials for military ration packaging. The importance of developing non-foil packaging materials will serve as a precursor to the next stage of the R&D effort which will investigate new and enhanced thermal processing techniques; specifically, Enhanced High Pressure Processing (EHPP) and Microwave Sterilization (MW) technologies. The EHPP and MW processing technologies have numerous advantages over conventional thermal processing; however, these processes cannot be used on current foil packaging because they cause blistering and flex cracking of the foil packaging material. Therefore, to achieve the advantages of advanced EHPP and MW processing, it is essential to use state-of-the-art, non-foil packaging materials. The development of advanced, non-foil packaging materials and utilization of innovative EHPP and MW processing techniques will result in the provision of rations with the following beneficial and enhanced qualities: greater variety, better taste, more nutrition, longer shelf-life, lower overall production costs, environmentally friendly, less volume and waste. The FY09, effort will consist of three stages and is budgeted as follows: Stage 1: Blistering (\$0.14M), Stage 2: Flex Crack Resistance (\$0.26M), Stage 3: EHPP & MW Trials (\$1.7M).

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTDE, Defense Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Institute of Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: Georgia Institute of Technology, GTRI Cobb County Research Facility, 7220 Richardson Road, Smyrna, GA 30080.

Description of Request: The \$5,000,000 appropriated for Advanced Surface-to-Air-Missile (SAM) Hardware Simulator Development will reinvigorate the simulator development process and provide a simulator that can be used for electronic warfare (EW) development and testing while the simulator community revives its ability to develop and field SAM simulators. The funding will be used for research and charged to the Department of Defense at pre-negotiated rates. The overall initiative would be conducted in two phases. Funding is appropriated for an initial 18–24 month effort termed Integrated Technical Evaluation and Assessment of Multiple Sources (ITEAMS) and Simulator Design. Managing the effort will be the CTEIP arm of the Defense Resource Management Center (DTRMC), while DIA/MSIC will execute the program as part of their responsibility for advanced SAM systems. Subsequent phase will develop the actual simulator device for use in DoD-wide testing of Aircraft Countermeasures.

One of the by-products of the collapse of the Soviet Union is that Russian SAM systems became available for purchase through FME/FMA programs. This has been a boon for the EW and test communities (DTE & OTE) in that they have been able to use actual SAM systems, as opposed to SAM simulators, to develop and test EW equipment and tactics against Russian SAM systems. While providing the aforementioned benefit, the availability of actual Russian SAM systems has had the negative effect of curtailing development of SAM simulators. At the same time, the Russians have continued to develop advanced SAM systems. Further, the Chinese have continued their development of advanced SAM systems, and other, third-world countries have been purchasing and modifying Russian SAM systems. Intelligence estimates are that these advanced and modified SAM systems will not be available for purchase by the U.S. in the foreseeable future.

The result of the above is that the U.S. EW and test communities are hampered in their development of EW equipment and tactics against advanced Russian and Chinese SAM systems, or against modified, third-world, SAM systems. This is particularly troubling because these threats are critical requirements drivers for many U.S. acquisition and upgrade programs including the JSF, AWACS, EF–18G, AARGM, J-UCAS, F–22, and JASSM. While it is believed that the simulator development community will recover its ability to field simulators of advanced SAM systems, such recovery will take a long time. Also, unless action is taken soon, the recovery will be hampered by the fact that the corporate knowledge needed to develop threat-representative simulator designs is being lost through retirement and personnel shifts.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTDE, Defense Wide.