

inspection and maintenance actions reducing unscheduled maintenance and overall operating costs. This plan will be adjusted accordingly to the final funding level provided for in the agreement.

#### HONORING VERA B. RISON

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2003 at the occasion of Vera Rison's retirement I asked the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her with the following:

... Vera Rison is one of my dearest friends. I treasure her wisdom, her common sense, and her ability to go to the heart of a dilemma and seek a solution. The many years she spent working at Genesee Memorial Hospital gave Vera insight into the problems faced by average families. She has never stopped working to ease the burdens faced by so many. Through the positions she held as chair of the Service Employees International Union Local 79, director of human resources at Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex, the Genesee County Community Mental Health Board, the Substance Abuse Services Board and the Jobs Central Workforce Development Board, Vera has always maintained her vision and commitment to a better future for everyone.

Through her work as a Genesee County Commissioner and a State Representative, Vera was able to see some of her ideas become concrete, working plans. She sponsored a bill to reduce the number of abandoned houses. She also was the driving force behind the renovation of the Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex. In addition, Vera worked tirelessly for individuals in trouble. She frequently advocated on behalf of persons sentenced to prison. She arranged for basic services to be provided for the handicapped and devoted many hours to ensuring the uninsured received health care.

The Genesee District Library paid Vera an awesome compliment when they named the Beecher branch of their library the "Vera B. Rison Library." It is a tremendous tribute that the library, where all persons of every age can come and improve their minds and lives through knowledge, is named for the woman who spent a lifetime witnessing the potential in all persons and pushed them to achieve their personal best.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a dear friend, Vera Rison. She is an inspiration to me and I wish her the best as she starts the next phase of her life.

These words are as true today as they were 5 years ago. Vera Rison has stood at the forefront in the fight for justice in our community. As a County Commissioner and as a State Representative she has worked for the welfare of the community as a whole and as individuals within that community. In her empathy for children, the homeless, workers, and the disenfranchised, Vera has given her time, energy and love to help each person achieve their life goals. The list of persons and organizations benefiting from Vera's help is extensive.

Madam Speaker, Vera Rison is one of the true giants of the Flint community. On October 3, Canaan Baptist Church will honor this remarkable woman at a reception in her honor.

As a member of Canaan Baptist Church, Vera lives her faith daily with enthusiasm, joy, and pride. I am grateful for her friendship and her leadership and I pray that she will continue her work for many years to come.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. DREIER. 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:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

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

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chang Industry.

Address of Requesting Entity: 968 West Palomares Avenue, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,200,000 to develop Fire Shield, an Active Protection System (APS) with the guidance of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Michigan. Fire Shield would be used to protect armored vehicles from the blast effects and the plasma jet of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) by detecting and destroying incoming projectiles. Approximately \$112,000 is for identifying and refining the operational requirement; \$2,120,000 is for system development; \$320,000 is for materials and equipment; \$648,000 is for testing and evaluation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

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

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tanner Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to complete development of a Dual-Mode Micro Seeker (radio frequency/electro-optical (RF/EO)) being developed with the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. This funding seeks to improve the accuracy of gun-launched and small missile interceptors used on current and emerging defensive weapons systems. Approximately 12 percent (\$192,000) will be used for RF signal processing development; 34 percent (\$544,000) for monolithic microwave integrated circuits and complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor integrated circuit development; 24 percent (\$384,000) for EO

avalanche photodiode (APD) circuit development; 18 percent (\$288,000) for RF seeker integration; and 12 percent (\$192,000) for EO seeker integration. The Dual-Mode (RF/EO) Micro Seeker will provide ground-based defensive systems with low-cost gun-launched and small missile interceptors with the accuracy needed to counter incoming rocket, artillery and mortar threats. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

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

Account: Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Projects Research, Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1925 McKinley Avenue, Suite B, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to continue testing and development of the Wavelength Agile Spectral Harmonic (WASH) Oxygen Sensor with the guidance of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The WASH Oxygen Sensor intends to measure oxygen concentration in military high-performance fuel tanks. This Cell Level Battery Controller monitors and controls charge and temperature at the cell level of military battery energy storage systems. Approximately \$76,800 will be used for project management; \$117,400 for engineering analysis; \$220,000 for engineering design; \$146,800 for hardware fabrication and assembly; \$176,000 for test engineering; \$9,500 for material and hardware; and \$53,500 for subcontracts. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air Force RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

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

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gentex Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11525 Sixth Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to supply Air National Guard aircrews with approximately 888 MBU-20A/P Oxygen Masks with Mask Lights. The oxygen mask's unit price is approximately \$900 per unit. The MBU-20A/P was approved for fleetwide implementation in an effort to standardize to a common enhanced oxygen mask. Approximately, 34 percent (\$272,000) of the funding is for manufacturing labor; 4 percent (\$32,000) is for sustainment and systems engineering support; 6 percent (\$48,000) is for inspections and tests; 20 percent (\$160,000) is for general and administrative; 35 percent (\$280,000) is for material; 1 percent (\$8,000) is for packaging handling shipping and transportation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

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

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hope.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, California.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Advanced Molecular Medicine Initiative (AMMI), which is being developed under the guidance of the Naval Medical Research Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. This funding will be used for AMMI, an innovative molecular-targeted therapy that allows for a more effective and less toxic treatment of cancer at the molecular level by targeting drugs specifically to the affected cells, rather than the conventional entire body approach. Approximately 25 percent (\$500,000) is for research; 18.75 percent (\$375,000) is for genotyping; 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for microarrays; 18.75 percent (\$375,000) is for proteomics; 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for X-ray crystallography and 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for computing. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Navy, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES  
NAVY LIEUTENANT DAN CODER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of United States Navy Lieutenant Dan Coder, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

For the past 24 years, Lt. Coder has served faithfully and honorably. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Ogden High School in 1981. He was stationed onboard the USS KITTY HAWK from 1981 to 1985. He worked in the Deck Department, Operations Department and was promoted to Yeoman 2nd Class Petty Officer. In 1985 he returned to school and left the Navy. In 1987, while serving in the Iowa National Guard, Lt. Coder decided to return to the Navy and make a career out of it. During the same year, he also married his wife, Lisa, and the couple welcomed their first of four children.

During his career, Lt. Coder was promoted numerous times, from Yeoman First Class Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer, Limited Duty Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade and Lieutenant. He also earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Bronze Star), and Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals.

I commend Lt. Dan Coder for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation and the State of Iowa. It is an immense honor to represent Lt. Coder in the United States Congress, and I wish him, his wife Lisa, and their four children many more happy and healthy years together.

HONORING JEFFREY ROBERT  
COOK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey Robert Cook of Missouri. Jeffrey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey Robert Cook for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE HONORING MIDDLE-  
WEIGHT BOXER SHAWN  
ESTRADA FROM EAST LOS AN-  
GELES AS HE COMPETES AT THE  
SUMMER OLYMPICS IN BEIJING

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend an extraordinary athlete from East Los Angeles in the 34th District who is currently in Beijing, China as a member of the United States Olympic Boxing Team competing in the Games of the XXIXth Olympiad.

Weighing in at 165 pounds, Shawn Estrada is a middleweight boxer who became the ninth member of the U.S. Olympic boxing team after winning at the Americas Qualifier in Guatemala City, Guatemala in April.

The 23-year-old trains at the Eddie Heredia Boxing Club in East Los Angeles under the skilled direction of three dedicated coaches, his father, Juan, and Rodrigo Mosquera and Hector Aguilar.

Shawn says his fascination with boxing started when he was a young boy. This is not a surprise considering Shawn is carrying on a proud and distinguished family legacy. His father was a member of Mexico's Olympic team and his uncle, Adan Estrada, was a pro boxer. While his father refused to take Shawn to the gym with him when he was young, Shawn said that changed one day when he and his brother snuck into his dad's car one day and rode along with him anyway. He's been boxing ever since.

Shawn says his goal to "bring home the gold" is motivated as much by his daughter, Alyssa, as it is for his country and hometown. He told USA Boxing—the national governing body of amateur, Olympic-style boxing—that in addition to being a boxing "champion," he also strives to "be a good role model" for his daughter.

In this regard, Shawn's tremendous drive to achieve and serve as a role model extends

well beyond the boxing ring. He is furthering his education at East Los Angeles College and looks forward to one day helping to save lives as a firefighter.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 34th Congressional District and the State of California, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Shawn on his remarkable achievements and extending to him and his teammates our best wishes for a victorious trip to the Beijing Olympics. I can assure you, regardless of how he performs, Shawn will always be a role model and a champion to his many devoted fans in East Los Angeles. He is among our hometown heroes, and we are very proud of him—in and out of the boxing ring.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JIM MCCRERY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. MCCRERY. 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: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

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

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Tech University.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 10348, Ruston, LA 71272.

Description of Request: Cyber Security Laboratory—This \$3 million appropriation provides funding for equipping a new Cyber Security Laboratory to support research and educational efforts in cyber security at the Center for Secure Cyberspace (CSC), a collaboration between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University. Research will focus on the early prediction, detection, and control of anomalous behavior in cyberspace. The CSC has built strategic collaborative relationships between national and international academic and industrial partners, and with the Air Force's Cyberspace Command at Barksdale Air Force Base. Funding for the Cyber Security Laboratory will be appropriately allocated to specialized laboratory equipment, lab modifications, and staff support.

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

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

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Description of Request: Remote Suspect Identification—\$3.2 million.

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

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

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.