

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, I was not present for two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 626—"yea" Roll No. 627—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. PATRICK M.
GRACZYK

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk, Principal of Grandview Elementary School in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Mr. Graczyk was recently honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals as one of the recipients of the 2008 National Distinguished Principals Award. The award recognizes principals who establish high standards for character, teaching, and student accomplishment.

Mr. Graczyk was first nominated by his peers in Pennsylvania and then was chosen for the award by the NAESP Pennsylvania affiliate. In being chosen for the award, Mr. Graczyk has demonstrated his commitment to excellence, has implemented programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students, and has established firm ties with his community.

Mr. Graczyk works hard on behalf of the students, teachers, and families in his school district. He became principal of Grandview Elementary in 2002 and had previously taught for 5 years. During his tenure, the school has seen a rise in scoring on Pennsylvania's academic tests, including among students from low-income families. In addition to directly serving the needs of his school, Mr. Graczyk also helps to train novice teachers in addressing the needs of students from low-income families. Madam Speaker, Mr. Patrick M. Graczyk is truly deserving of the National Distinguished Principals Award and Pennsylvania is fortunate to have him among its fine educators.

RECOGNIZING THE DOUGLAS ODOM
FAMILY AS THE SANTA ROSA
COUNTY, FLORIDA FARM FAM-
ILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Douglas Odom family for being selected as the Santa Rosa County 2008 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. Over four generations of involvement in agriculture has led this farm family to serve as a model of stewardship to society through a vitally important industry.

The Odom family is more than deserving of this year's award. Mr. Odom has been farming for 40 years and is a fourth generation farmer. He has passed on this invaluable knowledge to his children and grandchildren who help farm the 825 acres of cotton, peanuts, and wheat that make up the Odom's farm. The Odom family also owns and operates the Douglas Odom Flying Service which services crops in Northwest Florida and South Alabama. The company is one of the oldest and most active in the Southeast.

Every year, the North Florida Fair Association honors farm families in counties throughout North Florida that display leadership through farming techniques and agricultural production. The Farm Family of the Year award conveys the importance of farm families' contributions to some of society's largest needs including food, clothing, and building supplies. Recognition of their work, as conveyed by this award, encourages others in the community to become involved and support local agriculture.

On behalf of all residents of Northwest Florida, I hope this family tradition continues for many future generations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. 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, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Florida.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, Florida 33620.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,500,000 to fund the Health Informatics Initiative. "Health Informatics" has been defined as a discipline that focuses on the use of information and information technology to support clinical care, health services administration, research and education. The University of South Florida (USF) has three graduate level schools that have been working together to develop a Health Informatics Initiative, including the College of Medicine, College of Nursing and College of Public Health. USF's inter-disciplinary efforts also include working with community organizations, including the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and Tampa General Hospital, to provide the most advanced educational opportunities for both its medical, graduate and students and postdoctoral trainees.

This initiative is an extension of the research, education and patient care missions of these colleges at USF and their clinical affiliates. Funds for this initiative will be used to enhance collaborative development of the program, stimulate employment of research faculty and staff, and expand common areas of

research interest in Health Informatics. These funds will also be used for research programs in Medical Imaging development; Software applications and database administration; Analyses of professional and consumer evaluations of current health informatics models; and Development of advanced training programs in Health Informatics.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in S. 3001.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8.4 million for the construction of Phase I of a two phase Operations and Training Facility for the 177th Fighter Wing at the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The Facility will house key wing administrative functions to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University; (2) Waterfront Technology Center

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4.0 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Crozenville Road, Aston, PA 19014-0425

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.0 million for Improved Corrosion Protection for the ElectroMagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for the CVN-21 class of carriers. The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS configuration and the materials which will be used to construct it, in a catapult-like environment. This funding will continue the program from FY08 to develop design-specific

corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

Account: Navy—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Wilson Blvd. North Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Operational Funding. The program is focused upon development of youth ages 11–17, serving almost 9,000 Sea Cadets managed by adult volunteers. It promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation and instills qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment. Funds will be utilized to “buy down” the out-of-pocket expenses for training to \$85/week. A significant percent of Cadets join the Armed Services often receiving accelerated advancement, or obtain commissions. The program has significance in assisting to promote the Navy and Coast Guard, particularly in those areas of the U.S. where these Services have little presence. Accessions related to this program are a significant asset to the Services: Over 2,000 ex-Sea Cadets enlist annually and an average of over 10 percent of Naval Academy Midshipmen are ex-Cadets.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture
Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: S. 3001

Account: Army—Other Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Corp—East

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.0 million for Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS). BAIS is the U.S. Army's type standard tactical Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) system for physical security/force protection. The system uses Seismic/Acoustic Sensors (SAS) to detect and classify potential threats for forward intelligence collection or perimeter self-protection. To date, 773 systems plus spares have been fielded representing less than 10 percent of the Army's

Acquisition Objective, yet approved fielding requirements for small unit protection and perimeter security exceed 8,933 systems. This \$6.0 million will provide 270 additional BAIS units to the Army

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I wish to make the following disclosure in accordance with the new Republican Earmark Transparency Standards requiring Members to place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for a bill that includes earmarks they have requested, describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING.

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

Account: Rdt, DW; 75 Cbdt 0603884Bp, Chemical And Biological Defense Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hematech, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4401 South Technology Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Description of Request: U.S. warfighters and civilians may potentially face numerous biological threats, including anthrax, requiring development of broad-based therapeutics with adequate long-term storage options. The military needs U.S. companies to produce large quantities of therapeutics as countermeasures for many different biological agents, such as bacteria, viruses and biotoxins. Accordingly, the \$1.6 million allocated for Biological Threat Antibody Research will be used by the grantee, Hematech, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD and its partner, Trans Ova Genetics, LLC of Sioux Center, Iowa for a project involving preclinical evaluation of a novel human anti-anthrax polyclonal therapeutic. Hematech has developed a novel system for production of high potency human polyclonal antibodies which can be used to develop therapeutics to address many biological threats including bacteria, viruses, toxins and, importantly, combinations of agents. The companies believe that this polyclonal production system could be broadly applicable for protecting soldiers and civilians against biological weapons. I am advised that various federal agencies have shown interest in Hematech's novel system and have provided ongoing partial support, technical assistance and expert guidance. I am further advised that their collaborations with agencies in both the DOD and HHS have been extraordinarily successful and the company is now prepared to move to the next level of product development. The funds will help the companies perform preclinical studies during Fiscal Year 2009, evaluating whether the human polyclonal production platform is functioning effectively and setting the stage for submissions to governmental authorities such as the Food and Drug Administration. The companies have already contributed several million dollars of their own resources to get this promising technology to this point and the requested DOD funds will permit the advanced development process to begin.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING.

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

Account: Op, A—Other Procurement, Army; 027—Navstar Global Positioning System (Space)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rockwell Collins, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Collins Rd, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52498

Description of Request: The Defense Advanced GPS Receiver (DAGR) is the most sophisticated and capable GPS receiver of its class in the world. Most importantly, in addition to enhanced anti jam capabilities, the DAGR also has a new Maps feature allowing the Warfighter to download and display Maps for improved battlefield situation awareness. There is an urgent need to deploy these totally new capabilities within Army to enhance the war fighter's support of the global war on terrorism. The DAGR's capability allows the user to display relative position (blue force versus red force) on the battlefield with other DAGR networked receivers. The basic need is for the U.S. war fighter to fully participate in military operations where orders, intelligence, and other combat information are distributed in digital form. In addition, a situational awareness capability will make the dismounted soldier a more lethal and survivable entity on the battlefield, and will make the entire force more proactive. Integrating all of these capabilities provides the below battalion level soldier with unprecedented tactical awareness and makes the war-fighter extremely proactive. Now that the DAGR is currently being fielded, there is no need for the DoD to purchase jamming susceptible commercial GPS receivers. In addition, the DAGR is fully backwards-compatible with the PLGR and is fully functional with existing vehicle or other platform Army critical interfaces. Also, the enhanced mapping feature functionality has been fully developed to interface with both DoD and commercial map databases including images viewing from satellites or other such images. In addition, to date over 180,000 DAGR units have been successfully delivered to the U.S. Army. However, additionally funding is needed to improve and develop a existing DAGR radio communication link software toward a situation awareness point solution for the war-fighter.

It is recognized that there is a need for more DAGRs to supplement the ones that our war fighters have in the field and also the need for situational awareness capability for the individual soldier in order to harness battlefield information and operate the radios and position/navigation system (DAGR), thereby enabling the soldier to be more efficient and effective in combat. The funding I requested added an additional \$2 Million to the FY 09 budget request for this line, NAVSTAR GPS, for the procurement of an additional 1,200 DAGRs. With these funds, which provide for the additional number of fielded DAGRs, the war-fighter will get an unprecedented low-cost situational awareness solution that's greater than the sum of its parts at battalion and below levels.