

The Club's philanthropic programs in the late 1950's were the installation of lights on the High School athletic field and organizing the Fall Festival with the profits going to the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

In the 1960's the Club turned its attention toward a community center which became a reality in 1979 with John Owens turning the first spade of soil representing the King George Ruritans.

The Club's main fundraiser in the 1970's was hauling manure from Hopyard Farm with the primary benefactor being the first community service group supporting the establishment of the King George Rescue Squad telemetry system. The Club also donated flag poles to the American Legion and King George Fire House, followed by the creation of a memorial scholarship in honor of J. Grafton McGinniss.

The Club's support for the Boy Scouts began with the Charter in 1938. In 1954 the Club chartered Boy Scout Troop 191, which by the 1980s had grown to include the Cubs, Webelos and Explorer Scouts, which the Club still charters.

In the late 1980s, the Club relied on its Chicken Barbeque as its primary fundraiser in addition to other food service activities. In 1989 the Club started the Rudy Ruritan Bear Program with 10 bears given to the Sheriff's Department and 10 to the Rescue Squad and this program still continues.

The King George Ruritan Club reached several significant milestones in the last decade. In 1999 the Club added its first female member who joined to carry on her husband's work and by 2000 there were a total of 6 women in the Club. The first female President was elected in 2003. In 2004, King George Ruritan Club had its first Tom Downing Fellow recipient, Aubrey Mitchell. In 2008, the Club had its first District Governor, Roy Maloy.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commemorating the King George Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and its record of service to the community.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. 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 the House amendments to Senate amendments to H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Name of Requesting Member: GRESHAM BARRETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account Number: 050 Field Medical Equipment.

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is North American Rescue Products, located at 481 Garlington Road, Suite A, Greenville, South Carolina 29615.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$3.2 mil-

lion of funding for Combat Casualty Care Equipment Upgrade. The funding would be used for developing equipment for navy surface ships to improve field medical equipment to meet the stringent requirements of today's counter-insurgency combat operations and littoral warfare. The state-of-the-art lifesaving medical capabilities of this program will equip navy Medical Corpsman and USMC tactical units such items as lightweight NATO compatible litters, vehicle on-board lifesaving kits, individual combat lifesaving kits, and high threat extraction kits. This program benefits U.S. military personnel through unique lifesaving and trauma-mitigating field medical equipment. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE DEBORAH PRYCE ON THE OCCA- SION OF HER RETIREMENT

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of Congresswoman DEBORAH PRYCE for her service to the people of Ohio and the United States House of Representatives. Congresswoman PRYCE has represented the 15th Congressional District of the State of Ohio for 16 years.

DEBORAH was elected to Congress in 1993 after serving as a Franklin County Municipal Court Judge and city prosecutor. She quickly made history as she rose to leadership positions in the House. Her election to House Republican conference chairman, the number four position in leadership, made DEBORAH the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in the House Republican leadership. She also served as conference vice-chair in 2000 and was elected president of her freshman class. DEBORAH has also served as a deputy whip since 1996.

A hallmark of DEBORAH'S term in office has been her support for children and families. She has worked tirelessly to make adoption more affordable and has been a leader in reforming the welfare system.

DEBORAH has also endured unimaginable loss. In 1999, her nine year old daughter, Caroline, died of cancer. In the wake of her daughter's death, she and her ex-husband founded Hope Street Kids, a program to support cancer research.

In the 109th Congress, DEBORAH introduced legislation to provide grants to promote pain management and end-of-life care for children with life threatening conditions. She is also the co-founder of the House Cancer Caucus.

DEBORAH'S tireless work on behalf of children living with cancer has not gone unnoticed. In 2006, she was the recipient of the American Cancer Society's highest honor, the Distinguished Advocacy Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know her family, her daughter, Mia, and her many friends and colleagues join me in praising her accomplishments and extending thanks for her service over the years on behalf of the State of Ohio and the United States of America.

DEBORAH will surely enjoy the well-deserved time she now has to spend with her family and loved ones. I wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

ALEX J. LUKE

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Luke, 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Alex has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Alex is a recipient of Ad Altare Dei Religious Award Warrior in the Tribe of Mic O' Say with his troop. He has held the post of Senior Patrol Leader with the Troop.

Alex's Eagle Scout service project consisted of constructing planter boxes for WheelChair Bound at Living Community Health Care Center in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

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

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Name of Requesting Member: GRESHAM BARRETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account Number: 33 Cbdp 0603384Bp Chemical And Biological Defense Program, Advanced Development,

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Graniteville Specialty Fabrics, located at 511 Leitner Street Graniteville, South Carolina.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$2.4 million of funding for Chemical and Biological Threat Protection Coating. The objective of this program is to develop self-decontaminating chemical and biological fabric with a comfort profile necessary to maintain extended protection during pandemics. This new and advanced material can be deployed either as an individual protective garment, respiratory mask, or protective shelter. The technology

will adhere to the US DOD requirements for the Joint Chemical Agent Detector (JCAD). This program will ultimately develop advanced chemical technology for coating suits, tents, and other equipment for military and first responder personnel. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

ORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COMPANY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Oreland Volunteer Fire Company on the celebration of their 100th anniversary. Chartered in 1908 with the help of just a handful of volunteers, the Oreland Fire Company has developed into a modern, professional fire company.

One hundred years ago, dedicated officers chartered the Oreland Fire Company. In 1911, the Oreland Fire Company held its first meeting, with 5 officers and 11 members present. Today, the organization is comprised of 35 members who are committed to protecting their community's people, homes and businesses. It is with great pride that the Oreland Fire Company continues to operate as an all volunteer fire company.

At the time of the organization's inception, the fire company owned a fire wagon and a horse drawn wagon, without a horse—manpower provided their strength when a fire struck. The company held their meetings at Aiman's Hall on the 100 block of Plymouth Avenue, until they were able to construct their first Fire House in 1913.

Today, the company continues their proud tradition of providing the best service to the community. These firefighters, just like those described by Benjamin Franklin, still "apply themselves with all vigilance and resolution," as well as dedication and courage, to the protection of their community in times of fire crises and as promoters of fire safety and prevention.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate the members of the Oreland Fire Company for their service, commitment, and sacrifice. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone and wish these dedicated firefighters another 100 years of success and safety.

CALLAN J. KNEIB

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Callan Kneib, 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Callan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Jordan

has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Callan is a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic O' Say and held the post of Senior Patrol Leader with his troop.

Callan's Eagle Scout service project consisted of repair and restoration of grave markers at Mt. Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

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

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
TOM REYNOLDS ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Congressman TOM REYNOLDS for his service to the people of New York and the United States House of Representatives. Congressman REYNOLDS has represented the 26th Congressional District of the State of New York for 10 years.

TOM has dedicated his entire adult life to public service. He began in the New York Air National Guard where he served from 1970 until 1976 attaining the rank of sergeant. While in the Guard, TOM was elected to the Concord Town Council at the age of 23. He served on the town council for eight years before he was elected to the Erie County legislature. In 1988, TOM was elected to the New York State Assembly and became minority leader just seven years later. In 1998, TOM was elected to succeed his friend, Congressman Bill Paxon, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Known for his political acumen, TOM was chosen by former House Speaker Dennis Hastert to co-chair Battleground 2000, an unprecedented effort of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) to raise money for incumbents, challengers, and open-seat candidates. Due in large part to the overwhelming success of Battleground 2000, TOM was tapped by his Republican colleagues to serve two terms as chairman of the RNC where he raised substantially more money than his counterpart on the other side of aisle.

In describing TOM, The Washington Post stated, "Reynolds has quietly become one of the most influential Republicans in the House." He served on the influential Rules Committee before relinquishing his seat to become a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, where he has served for two terms.

TOM has received a number of awards and honors throughout his career. He was named a "Champion of the Dairy Farmers" and "Hero of the Taxpayer." He was awarded the U.S. Apple Association's "Golden Apple Award," the "Guardian Eagle" award for his efforts on behalf of senior citizens, and the "Silver Helmet" for his support of veterans' issues. He was named to the New York State Farm Bureau's Circle of Friends. The New York State Sheriff's Association named TOM a "Friend of

Law Enforcement." He was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Shooters Committee of Political Education, and he was inducted into the Kids Escaping Drugs Hall of Fame. In 1996, TOM's hometown Chamber of Commerce awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know his family—his wife, Donna and his four children—as well as his many friends and colleagues join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the State of New York and the United States of America.

TOM will surely enjoy the well-deserved time he now has to spend with his family and loved ones. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SPIRIT  
OF JOHNNY HAYES

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague Mr. Lincoln Davis of Tennessee, rise today to honor the life of Johnny H. Hayes, a lifelong community leader and a public servant of the people of Tennessee and the United States. Johnny was a friend to many. Tragically, he passed away last week on his farm in Sumner County, Tennessee after a courageous battle with cancer.

A graduate of Tennessee Technological University in 1961, Johnny moved to Hendersonville, Tennessee where he built a successful insurance business. He later moved to the Sideview Community. Always keeping himself busy, Johnny operated a livestock operation, breeding and raising grand champion red Angus cattle.

Johnny served in the cabinet of Governor Ned McWherter and was a trusted advisor to former Vice President Al Gore. Johnny also was a close friend and loyal counselor of Phil Bredesen, the current governor of Tennessee.

In 1993, Johnny was nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve on the board of directors for the Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA. His calm nature, good humor, and ability to take on challenging issues helped strengthen TVA's relationships in the seven-state region, and his work left a lasting legacy.

For Johnny, any person in need was a worthy cause. As a member of the Bethpage United Methodist Church, Johnny served on the Administrative Board and as Sunday School Superintendent for 18 years. He used his fundraising skills to finance a new playground and chapel, and was always there to address the needs of his neighbors.

Despite all of his success in business and politics, Johnny always remained humble and loyal to his friends and family. Johnny Hayes will be sorely missed by all those who were lucky enough to know him. We close by offering our deepest condolences to his wife Mary Howard Reese Hayes; three children, Craig, Amy, and Mary Kate; and three grandchildren, Austin, Ashley, and Miller.