

Since 1998, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has had 5.4 million conflict-related deaths, making it the deadliest humanitarian crisis in the world since World War II. Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands of women and girls have been violently raped as a result of this ethnic conflict. These rapes have been exceptionally violent, often involving forced incest and mutilation of the female's genital organs. Victims' mouths were cut off following the raping to prevent them from reporting the crime, while many women and girls were simply killed after being subjected to sexual abuse.

With sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo at such tragically high rates, I strongly urge Congress to condemn the actions of the perpetrators of these rapes and to support measures to prevent the further escalation of this crisis. The Administration must act, in concert with the United Nations, to assure that the Congolese people have the resources needed to combat the situation. We need to work with other African leaders to assist the Congolese in preventing these violent sexual crimes from occurring.

The plight of women in Africa has for too long been ignored. I call upon my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution so that we can put an end to this deplorable situation that has been allowed to persist for over a decade. We cannot stand by any longer as such unspeakable acts continue to occur with impunity.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the record regarding H.R. 2638, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Project: Heuristic Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TechGuard Security, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 for Army, RDT&E, PE# 0305208A, Line # 177, Distributed Common Ground/Surface System solely for the research, development and test of Heuristic Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine (HIPPIE). The advanced concept HIPPIE technology can be rapidly prototyped and deployed in a filtering appliance that sits in front of an existing firewall or router and uses unique filtering algorithms to quickly classify large numbers of packets—i.e., the country of origin for an IP address—without using slow and CPU intensive rule sets. The objective of the program is to miniaturize the HIPPIE through the use of nanotechnology to the point where it can be placed on a chip and placed directly on a computer for offensive or defensive cyber warfare use.

Project: High Power, Ultra-Lightweight Zinc-Air Battery.

Account: RDT&E, Navy-Marine Corps Land-Ing Force Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 25225 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 for the continued development (Phase II) of a high-rate capability air electrode for a zinc air battery system. The objective is to increase the rate capability by an additional 65 percent so as to support the high power requirements for equipment used in military and commercial applications. The subject zinc-air battery will provide the same energy and power of the incumbent battery (lithium-sulfur dioxide) for about half the weight and in a 60 percent smaller package. Approximately 63 percent is for labor; and 37 percent is for materials and other allowable indirect costs.

On average, a U.S. soldier consumes the equivalent of 1 AA battery per hour in combat, and an infantry platoon, for a 3-day mission, will require approximately 2,500 batteries, weighing a total of almost 400 lbs. Carrying this added weight induces fatigue and ultimately limits their effectiveness and ability to carry out their missions. Thus, with our heavily armed and battery laden troops increasingly confronting light and irregular forces, issues of battery weight and equipment reliability are more important than ever. The total project cost is expected to be approximately \$14,000,000. Energizer will provide the balance of this funding and will continue to devote tens of millions of private R&D dollars to support the continued development of this technology for high power military and commercial applications.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (Hyper-IFP).

Account: Army RDT&E, (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 to complete the design, assembly, integration, test and evaluation of the Hyperspectral Integrated Force Protection sensor system (Hyper-IFP). Approximately 40 percent will be used for engineering development modeling and simulation; 20 percent will be used for subsystems assembly and testing; 15 percent will be used for system integration and ground testing; 15 percent will be used for a deployed full system field test and evaluation. The request is consistent with the Army NVESD Special Projects office mission to develop advanced sensor systems that provide an operational advantage or that increase survivability of the warfighter. Taxpayer value is substantially enhanced by dual/multi-use capacity to serve a number of Homeland Security (DHS) missions in addition to military force protection.

Project: Mission Execution Technology Implementation.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

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

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 Research Park Court, St. Charles MO 63304.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,200,000 for technology improvements urgently needed by combat units in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This program will result in significant increases in mission effectiveness and safety for our war-fight-

ers. Funding is required to continue development of enterprise-enabled, integrated Aviation tools and provide this ability to all Army Aviation systems to include UH-60 series, OH-58D, AH-64D, Fixed Wing, and UAS systems. The complete integrated aviation solution includes implementing the automated maintenance test flight tool, automated weight and balance software, and integration with current logistics and Aviation Mission Planning systems. The Aviation community has consistently requested an enhanced, fully Automated Maintenance Test Flight Tool for in-cockpit use, eliminating manual and repetitive Maintenance Test Pilot tasks and significantly reducing the labor required to return aircraft to full service. This solution would also fulfill the Army directive for a paperless system, storing the maintenance test flight check sheets into the Common Logistics Operating Environment, eliminating the paper form. Improved integration of automated weight and balance tools with the CLOE and the Aviation System of System infrastructure is critical, eliminating error-prone manual entries and expanding aircraft flight envelopes by eliminating manual lookup and interpolation of paper performance charts. The amount of time in calculating and recalculating loads during OPTEMPO will be greatly reduced from hours to mere minutes. This effort will include the application of commercial Aviation best practices to data and data processes in support of airworthiness, and the development of processes to support airworthiness assessments of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Airworthiness of UAS will improve safety in training and combat operations as well as permit the routine use of these critical capabilities within national airspace during natural disasters and homeland defense operations.

Project: Out of Autoclave Composite Processing.

Account: U.S. Navy ONR Industrial Preparedness 0708011N.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GKN Aerospace North America.

Address of Requesting Entity: 142 J.S. McDonnell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63042.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 to develop out of autoclave composite processing. Most composite lamination processes require the use of large, expensive autoclaves to cure lightweight composite structures for today's high technology military aircraft. The size of the parts fabricated is often limited by the size of the autoclave. This project will help develop composite curing processes that do not require an expensive or size limited autoclave for the manufacture of composite aircraft structures. This will result in lower cost aircraft structures and open additional opportunities outside of aerospace for high strength lightweight composites.

ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CARE CRISIS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in addressing our health care crisis. The facts are clear: too many Americans lack access to quality, affordable health care.

Today, more than 47 million Americans, including 9 million children, lack health insurance. Last year, nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults struggled to pay medical bills, went without needed care because of costs, or were uninsured. Nearly 9 million people have lost their health insurance since 2000. This is unacceptable. In fact, in the richest nation in the world, it's absolutely shameful.

Countless Americans lay awake at night trying to figure out how they will pay mounting medical bills, whether they should go to the doctor for that recurring pain, or wondering if their health insurance will actually cover tests their doctor recommended. With soaring gas and food prices, working families across the United States are forced to make tough financial choices, often sacrificing needed health care and health insurance.

It is reality for Laura T. whose son Christopher was diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma in 2003. Though this family had insurance, the insurer refused to cover the treatments proven to help Christopher. No mother should ever have to fight with an insurance company for the life of her child, but that's exactly what this brave woman did. Laura fought these insurance companies and won. Because he received the appropriate treatments, Christopher is alive today. However, months of fighting for her child's life took a tremendous toll on her family. Laura and her three children lost their home. Her credit is ruined. Unfortunately, Laura and her family are not alone. Even more unfortunate is the fact that these families don't always win. Families across America are dealing with these situations every day.

While there are several issues that we disagree on, I am confident that we can all agree that no parent should have to fight for the medical treatment necessary for her child's survival. No family should have to forego needed health care because of money. Health care should not be a privilege to be reserved for the wealthy few. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together and fix our Nation's broken health care system.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the AMT Relief Act of 2008 and urge my colleagues to do the same.

While I would prefer to eliminate the AMT entirely—and pay for it when we do—the fact of the matter is that failing to act on this legislation would subject over twenty-five million families—including nearly 335,000 in my congressional district—to an additional tax burden they were never intended to bear. Moreover, having recently visited with IRS Commissioner Shulman, there is no question that the IRS is better able to do its job and the taxpayers are best served when Congress completes its tax-related work in a timely fashion.

I am especially pleased that H.R. 7005 also includes legislation I introduced on a bipartisan basis with Congressmen RICHARD NEAL (D-MA), SAM JOHNSON (R-TX) and JIM RAMSTAD (R-MN) to correct the equally unin-

tended and all too frequently devastating treatment of incentive stock options under the Alternative Minimum tax. The AMT Credit Fairness and Relief Act will end the ISO AMT crisis once and for all by allowing affected taxpayers to claim the entirety of their unused credits over the next two years and abating all penalties and interest arising from this particularly egregious part of the code.

Madam Speaker, the AMT Relief Act of 2008 is vital middle class tax relief designed to correct several widely acknowledged defects in our tax law. I look forward to its passage and encourage its prompt consideration in the Senate so that it can be signed by the President without delay.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JED AND JOYCE ROBERTSON

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my constituents, Jed and Joyce Robertson, who this Sunday will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Jed Robertson moved to Omaha in 1958 after attending trade school. Joyce followed him, and that same year they married and moved to Valley as newlyweds.

Jed and Joyce represent the hardworking stability of good Midwesterners. The same year they were married they hosted their first Thanksgiving dinner for their extended family. Jed and Joyce have continued that tradition by hosting Thanksgiving dinner every year since, and this November they will follow their 50th wedding anniversary with their 50th Thanksgiving dinner.

In their years together, Jed and Joyce raised two children, Kim and Kirk, and are blessed with four grandchildren: Meghan, Matt, Jeremy and JC.

Today I want to honor this great accomplishment that represents not only their love together but the values of Nebraska I'm proud to represent in Congress.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. COBLE. 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, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009.

1. Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDTE), Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF Micro Devices (RFMD).

Address of Requesting Entity: 7628 Thorn-dike Road, Greensboro, NC 27409-9421.

Description of Request: Original request for additional funding of \$3 million for Air Force RDT&E account for Gallium Nitride, GaN, Microelectronics & Materials research and development. Gallium Nitride-based microelectronics is the next generation of semiconductor technology and is of critical importance to the development of many advanced defense systems. RFMD Aerospace and Defense Business Unit will be the recipient of the funding and use the funds to accelerate development and adoption of RFMD GaN technology. RFMD originally budgeted \$18 million over 3 years to complete this research project; RFMD will invest far more of its own money in Gallium Nitride-related research than it is seeking from the Federal Government—investing more than \$100 million on the research and development of Gallium Nitride technology, and is continuing to invest.

2. Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDTE), Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF Micro Devices (RFMD).

Address of Requesting Entity: 7628 Thorn-dike Road, Greensboro, NC 27409-9421.

Description of Request: Original request for additional funding of \$3 million for Navy RDT&E account for Gallium Nitride, GaN, Microelectronics & Materials research and development. Gallium Nitride-based microelectronics is the next generation of semiconductor technology and is of critical importance to the development of many advanced defense systems. RFMD Aerospace and Defense Business Unit will be the recipient of the funding and use the funds to accelerate development and adoption of RFMD GaN technology. RFMD originally budgeted \$18 million over 3 years to complete this research project; RFMD will invest far more of its own money in Gallium Nitride-related research than it is seeking from the Federal Government—investing more than \$100 million on the research and development of Gallium Nitride technology, and is continuing to invest.

3. Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDTE), Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5440 Millstream Road, McLeansville, NC 27301.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to support the Autonomous Anti-Submarine Vertical Beam Array developed by General Dynamics Information Systems, Inc. These funds will be used to develop a vertical acoustic array small enough to launch from a nuclear guided missile submarine, SSGN, that will operate for 3 months as an antisubmarine warfare, ASW, detection system and transmit data over a secure radio frequency data link. Specifically, \$514,000 is for design and development labor; \$185,000 is for materials; \$4,000 is for ODC and travel; \$55,000 is for the subcontract; \$726,000 is for manufacturing; and \$116,000 is for program management. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Navy's RDTE account.

4. Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE.