

and conservative viewpoint, but it never interfered with making friends.

Perhaps his outstanding record in Congress had been forged earlier by the many roles Everett played in other areas of achievement before launching his political career.

Terry Everett was born February 15, 1937, in Dothan but grew up in Midland City. After high school, Terry served in the U.S. Air Force as an intelligence analyst in Europe in 1955. After serving his country in the military, Everett returned to Dothan in 1959 to embark on the career that would dominate more than half of his life—journalism.

He began as a farm and police beat reporter and sports writer for *The Dothan Eagle*. He would later achieve success as editor, publisher and finally owner of a chain of hometown newspapers, which he sold in the late 1980's. Terry Everett's first elected position was not in public office, but rather as President and Chairman of the Board of the Alabama Press Association. While a local newspaper publisher, the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) at Fort Rucker twice nominated him for "Army Civilian of the Year." Yet many would say the greatest milestone was not related to journalism or politics.

On December 16, 1965, Terry Everett's life was about to take on a brand new dimension. A mutual friend, Jeanette Comstock, introduced Terry to a bright, energetic young woman named Barbara.

After the couple started dating, Barbara and her parents were surprised to learn that Terry had decided to leave his job at *The Dothan Eagle* and start his own newspaper business. Convinced he was making a huge mistake, Barbara admits that she was a little upset about his plans. "At that time," she says, "I didn't know Terry well enough to know that when he said he was going to do something, he already knew how he would do it." On October 18, 1969, the Everetts were married at Cloverdale Baptist Church in Dothan.

"Over the years, Terry has shocked me with several other total-change-of-life declarations, and for some reason, it has always been a surprise to me. I, at least, eventually learned to expect that he would be successful. He started the newspaper and I worked beside him, learning the newspaper business from scratch. During the long hours of work, I learned to trust, respect and eventually love this shy man of few words," says Barbara.

The two continued to work side by side until there was another event that again radically changed the direction of their lives.

Barbara explains, "One evening in early 1992, Terry and I were watching the six o'clock news when Congressman Bill Dickinson made the announcement that after holding Alabama's Second Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives for twenty-eight years, he was retiring. Afterwards, Terry turned the television off and looked at me and said, 'I am going to run for Congress.' Although I knew Terry was very knowledgeable about government, the history of politics, and current events from his years of newspaper experience, I had never heard him say he had any desire to run for office himself. Unfortunately, my first comment was, 'Who will vote for you?'"

Since both Terry and Barbara really were committed, first to each other, and second, to a deep love for our country, the first "Everett for Congress" campaign was begun. Terry's first political slogan was "Send a message not a politician!" Barbara believes it is still what he believes after all these years. It was late in the evening when Everett answered a phone call telling him all the votes were in and counted. Terry Everett

was declared the new Congressman for Congressional District Two.

Both Everetts admit that there are challenges and rewards every day for people involved in holding a public office. Barbara says with all the peaks and valleys, the rewards far outweigh the difficulties. Having the support of people from southeast Alabama who say they love and respect Terry Everett and that they are praying for him every day is truly appreciated.

In early 2000, Barbara was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because Terry wanted to be with her during her treatment, the couple decided to have her surgery at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, which was only forty-five minutes away from the Everett's home in Washington. In March of 2000, while undergoing all of her procedures, hundreds of cards, phone calls, letters and gifts poured in to support Congressman and Mrs. Everett. One obvious fact was that so much of the concern was expressed from the liberal side of the political spectrum, showing the positive impact the Everett's had on their colleagues in Congress.

When asked about her life with Terry Everett, Barbara confides, "From the day we met until today I don't think Terry has changed one bit. If he tells you something, he will keep his word. If you believe in something, he respects you for it whether he agrees or not. He is the personification of a true public servant and statesman. I hope that, more than anything else, this will be the legacy for which he will be remembered."

Four years ago this August, Terry Everett had a bad case of shingles. Because of this, the nerves in his foot have been severely damaged so that he has suffered difficulty in walking. Even though Everett admits he is in good health, traveling back and forth from D.C. is becoming more difficult for him since he has the problem with walking. After discussing it with his wife, Barbara, and his chief of staff Wade Heck, Everett made the decision not to seek re-election after his present term is completed.

Mrs. Everett insists that she did not persuade her husband one way or the other in his decision. She adds, "The last sixteen years have literally been a journey of joy, and we are so honored and humbled to have been given this opportunity. But Terry is wise enough to know that life is made up of change and the time has come for our lives to change once again on a new journey. I can't wait to see what comes next. The only thing I can say with certainty is life with Terry has never been boring."

The Everetts have lived in a beautiful new Southern farm home on 400 acres of farmland near Rehobeth since 2001. According to Barbara, there are still so many things that need to be done around the house. Now, maybe they will have more time to actually do all their special projects. Barbara Everett herself stays busy working as Chairman of Governor Bob Riley's Task Force to Strengthen Alabama Families. It has the goal of restructuring the present Health and Human Service System in Alabama in order to do the best possible job of providing real help to Alabama's families.

Joe Williams, Congressman Everett's staff member in the Dothan office, says, "Mrs. Everett is the Congressman's best kept secret, though her dedicated work on so many community issues over the years is hardly a secret anymore. Not only is Mrs. Everett a capable leader in many causes, but she is driven by a passion for those initiatives."

Both of the Everetts have genuine compassion, strength of character, willingness to give of themselves in the service of others and the ability to get things done in a timely fashion. For all of that, Alabama's citizens of District Two will be forever grateful.

Here are some of Congressman Everett's key accomplishments in office:

First Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces (currently the Ranking Republican member)

Authored the current federal peanut title in 2002 Farm Bill

Secured \$250 million for new Fort Rucker construction since 1993, including the landmark new Soldier Service Center, Soldier Barracks, Post Headquarters, Base Family Housing Renovation, and Warrior Hall Flight Simulator Facility

Advocated Creation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Center of Excellence at Ft. Rucker and the funding for the U.S. Army Flight School XXI

Secured over \$40 million since 1993 for Dothan I-10 Connector project

Secured \$2.5 million in 2001 to modernize Dothan Regional Airport runway, taxiway, remove old terminal

Secured \$202,000 in federal funds in 2003 for Multi-Purpose Arena at National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds

Secured \$19.2 million in federal funding to rebuild the Elba and Geneva levees

Secured "Free Trade Zone" designations to reduce import-export costs for Dothan industrial areas, including the Sony plant.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. EHLERS. 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 of 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Rdte,A Research, Development, Test And Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Valley State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Michigan Street, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for the Midwest Traumatic Injury Rehabilitation Center at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in fiscal year 2009. The funding for this project will help Grand Valley State University partner with Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital to develop a specialized educational curriculum, and an integrated model of total patient care in order to help those servicemembers and veterans who suffer from a traumatic brain injury and/or limb loss. This bill provides \$1,460,000 for this project. Out of this amount, GVSU plans to spend \$400,000 on the educational design, \$985,000 for twenty veterans in treatment, and \$75,000 for evaluation and continuous improvement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Rdte,N Research, Development, Test And Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patterson Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for GE Aviation in fiscal year 2009 for the Micro-munitions Interface for Tactical Unmanned Systems (MITUS). The funding would be used to develop an interface between Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) and micro-munitions, which are defined as weapons weighing less than 100 pounds. Integration of micro-munitions onto UAS's requires a stores/weapons management interface that provides a safe and effective integration between the weapon and the unmanned system. This bill provides \$1,600,000 for this project. Out of this amount, GE Aviation plans to spend \$250,000 to complete the development of key technologies for the MITUS project to include: high-speed communication network, airborne weapon emulator, interface for micro-munitions, unmanned safety architecture, universal stores management system; \$200,000 to conduct lab demonstrations of these enabling technologies and validation of the SAE industry interface standard; \$400,000 for the integration of these capabilities into various unmanned systems leading up to a flight demonstration; and \$750,000 for flight demonstration in FY09/FY10 to test the interoperability of tactical unmanned systems integrating the MITUS technologies with various micro-munitions, which includes items necessary to support flight test including: Safety board reviews, range time, UAS operation, munitions and targets. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications, San Diego, CA; MBDA, Los Angeles, CA; Raytheon, Tucson, AZ; Boeing, St. Louis, MO.

Description of Request: The Affordable Weapons System (AWS) program is an advanced technology initiative to design, develop, and produce an affordable precision guided weapon. Phase II to begin September 2008 will study best material approach, conops and system architecture refinement, and a comprehensive risk assessment leading to a preferred system concept with a flyaway cost of less than \$250 thousand. The results from the Phase I and Phase II study will support the development of an ICD leading to a new start program in 2010 with a 2016 first article delivery. An additional \$11.2 million will support the Phase II contracts.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Torrey Pines Logic.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12651 High Bluff Drive; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Navy's need for a secure non-RF alternative to radio communication is well known. The need arises from operational scenarios, such as Underway Replenishment, where vessels are unable to use radios due to RF jammers, EMCON conditions, the presence of IEDs, and the need for a secure communication system that has a low probability of interception and detection. \$400,000 to the IR LED Free Space Optics Communications Advancement program will allow the program to advance LightSpeed technology, which is a proven, tested and fielded technology based on IR LED Free Space Optics (FSO) concepts. The funding will enable the advancement of the technology's size, weight, power, distance and bandwidth for the Navy's use in Special Operations and general services communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Procurement, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Southwest Border Fence supports the President's border security initiative and makes for more efficient and effective use of the National Guardsmen deployed in support of Operation Jump Start. \$1.6 million will continue work on the 14-mile Border Infrastructure near San Diego, CA.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Information Systems Laboratories.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10140 Barnes Canyon Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Tactical E-Field Buoy program will develop an affordable ASW buoy that is capable of detecting challenging targets in acoustically difficult littoral environments and is compatible with existing Navy air-deployed systems. \$1.6 million in FY09 will fabricate and ocean test the performance of a cluster-type array of small E-sensors against a submarine target.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Allarmed Laboratories, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7203 Convoy Court; San Diego, CA 92111.

Description of Request: The Leishmania Skin Test will provide a tool for military physicians to screen service personnel prior to and after deployment to endemic regions, prevent contamination of the blood supply by identifying persons who should not become donors, and identify and provide definitive care to service members infected with the parasite. \$800,000 in FY09 funding will plan and execute a phase III clinical trial.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trex Enterprises.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7203 Convoy Court; San Diego, CA 92111.

Description of Request: An unacceptable number of aircraft accidents involving all category Army helicopters conducting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have been caused by the brownout phenomenon. \$1.6 million will continue development & testing of the Brownout Situational Awareness Sensor, specifically, to increase operating range and field of view; harden modular components; and, integrate the system platform.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IBM.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 La Jolla Village Drive #300; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: SSC-SD has developed algorithms that are extremely complex and computationally intensive on the High Performance Computing (HPC) nodes in the laboratory environment. This classified project related to IED detection has been an ongoing use of the HPC laboratory capability and with \$800,000 in supplemental funding, ready to be turned into an operational capability.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Diego DEFCOMM.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Cordell Court, Suite 208; El Cajon, CA 92020.

Description of Request: JIST-NET will provide the warfighter with an integrated and single pane-of-glass planning and situational awareness system for satellite communications (SATCOM) and network communications. \$800,000 will allow SATCOM to move forward and operationally field JIST-NET in next 6 to 9 months.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Telos Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19886 Ashburn Road; Ashburn, VA.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million will provide a communication system to the 147th Combat Communications Squadron in San Diego, CA, to improve wartime readiness levels and provide for a robust capability during a potential disaster.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SpaceDev, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13855 Stowe Drive; Poway, CA.

Description of Request: Hybrid Sounding Rocket will benefit the Nation's defense through the accomplishment of designing and fabricating a new propulsion design that provides safe and environmentally friendly launch services for small payloads. \$800,000 will complete flight article design, complete three heavy motor ground test firings, selection and