

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENWORTH, CALIFORNIA

## HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Allensworth—a small town in Tulare County, California, founded, financed and governed by African Americans. The town was created in 1908 by Col. Allen Allensworth, a visionary man with an extraordinary life.

Allen Allensworth was born a slave in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1842. At the age of 12, he was sold for trying to learn to read and write. He was taken to New Orleans and bought by a slaveholder to become a jockey.

When the Civil War started and Union forces neared Louisville, Allensworth seized the opportunity to gain his freedom by joining the Navy. Prior to being discharged, he had achieved the rank of first class petty officer. In 1871, he was ordained as a Baptist minister and entered the Baptist Theological Institute at Nashville. While serving at the Union Baptist Church in Cincinnati, he learned of the need for African American chaplains in the armed services and got an appointment as Chaplain of the 24th Infantry.

At the time of the Civil War, Allensworth saw many African Americans move west to escape discrimination. With four other men with a similar vision, he decided to establish a place where African Americans could live and thrive without oppression. On June 30, 1908, they formed the California Colony Home Promoting Association.

The town of Allensworth began with 20 acres in southwest Tulare County, and later grew to more than 80 acres. By 1914, the little town boasted 200 inhabitants.

That same year Allensworth became its own voting precinct, as well as its own judicial district. Tragically, Col. Allensworth was killed on September 14, 1914, when he was hit by a motorcycle while getting off a streetcar in Monrovia. After a funeral at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, he was buried with full military honors.

Over the years, the population dwindled in the small town. In 1970, there was an effort to save the town as an historic monument and park dedicated to the memory of Col. Allensworth and the achievements and contributions of African Americans to the history of California.

In 1974, California State Parks purchased land within the historical town site of Allensworth, and it became Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. A collection of restored early 20th-century buildings—including the Colonel's house, historic schoolhouse, Baptist church, and library—sit within the park.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the rich history of Allensworth and its lasting legacy as an inspirational art of the State of California.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mrs. JO ANN EMERSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE, N 14 0602782N Mine and Expedition Warfare Applied Research.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for Detection and Neutralization of Electronically Initiated Improvised Explosive Devices. It is my understanding that this funding will provide \$200,000 for Navy administrative costs, \$900,000 for instrumentation development, research and administrative costs with Missouri S&T partner General Dynamics, \$160,000 for faculty salary, \$80,000 for a technician, \$135,000 for graduate students, \$200,000 for equipment (including: instrumentation to develop a fieldable prototype to rapidly detect electronics associated IEDs, instrumentation to develop a fieldable prototype to neutralize electronics associated with IEDs, downmixing receivers, amplifiers, general lab supplies), \$235,000 for overhead.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE, A 28 0602787A Medical Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 for Consortium for Bone and Tissue Repair and Regeneration. It is my understanding that Missouri University of Science and Technology and the University of Missouri—Kansas City would use \$175,000 in funding for major equipment purchases including a digital x-ray machine; \$625,000 for research personnel and supplies.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force RDT&E, Line 23, Electronic Combat Technology, PE 0603270F.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brewer Science, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Brewer Drive, Rolla, MO 65401.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to develop Three-dimensional microstructures. Approximately, \$1,120,000 (70 percent) is for engineering, design and simulation work required to develop new 3-D microdevice manufacturing techniques for the microelectronics industry, where two-dimensional device fabrication is the norm; \$160,000 (10 percent) for outside engineering support; \$320,000 (20 percent) for materials and supplies necessary for the conduct of this development effort and for the construction of 3-D devices.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Battelle Memorial Institute, Fort Leonard Wood Operations.

Address of Requesting Entity: 571 VFW Memorial Drive, Ste. 5, St. Robert, MO 65584.

Account: OSD—Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise, RDT&E, Defense-wide, Line 40 PE 06030711D8Z Joint Robotics/Autonomous Systems.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 in the FY 09 Defense Budget to complete the prototyping and demonstration of a modeling, simulation and analysis capability for autonomous behaviors of robotic systems in an operational environment. Approximately, \$128,000 [or 16 percent] is for improvement of systems within the Maneuver Support Battle Laboratory; \$672,000 [or 84 percent] for two development teams working in the Government's Laboratory to develop the necessary applications and interfaces as well as the development of the Demonstration.

## CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I will vote for this appropriations measure—partly because of what it includes, but primarily because I have concluded it would be irresponsible and a dereliction of duty to do otherwise.

Nonetheless, I must express my unhappiness with the way in which the legislation was developed, especially the decision to accede to the Bush Administration's insistence that it not include anything that would impede their desire to rush toward full-scale commercial development of oil shale.

By this insistence, the White House has shown it is quite ready to disregard our Western Slope communities and put Colorado's water supplies at risk. They were prepared to shut down the entire Federal Government—at a moment when our economy is in crisis—rather than accept a careful, responsible approach to full-scale oil shale development. Such 'my way or the highway' tactics are deplorable, and while some may be tempted to respond in kind, I cannot in good conscience adopt the same approach by voting against this legislation.

I am also very disappointed that far too many of the measure's provisions have never previously been considered by the House or even approved by the full Appropriations Committee, meaning that they never have been and never will be the subject of detailed debate or possible revision.

I do not think this is the way the House of Representatives should exercise its serious constitutional responsibility for deciding how to spend the taxpayers' money.

However, while both the process through which the measure was developed and the details of its provisions could have been better, it includes many provisions that deserve enactment.

For example, it includes \$910 million to defray firefighting costs and emergency fire-prevention efforts, and to help recover lands devastated by recent fires.

This has been one of the worst wildfire seasons on record, and while Colorado has not been as hard hit we have not been immune. Nationally, nearly 5 million acres have burned, costing over \$1.8 billion for Federal wildfire suppression activities, which is \$700 million above the average suppression cost.

So, it is appropriate that that measure includes a total of \$610 million for wildfire suppression activities, including sufficient funds to fully repay all agency operating and construction funds which were previously borrowed to support emergency suppression activities earlier this summer. This repayment will allow the Forest Service and the Interior Department to use contractors and staff to revive important projects which were delayed by the budget shortfalls earlier this year.

In addition, this legislation includes a total of \$175 million for urgently needed hazardous fuels reduction projects all over the Nation, including extensive areas in Colorado and other parts of the mountain west which are suffering unprecedented tree die-off from infestations of bark beetles and some other insects. Of this total, some \$125 million is for state and private activities and \$50 million for projects on national forests. Another \$100 million will be used for rehabilitation of burned areas, including \$75 million for the Forest service and \$25 million for the Interior Department, and another \$25 million is provided for firefighter retention.

Responding to the problems associated with insect infestations in Colorado's forests has been a high priority for me. I have worked with other members of our state's delegation on legislative proposals and have joined in efforts to secure increased funding for that purpose—so these parts of the bill are particularly welcome.

Further, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, I am also particularly glad to note that the FY09 Defense Department Appropriations bill included in this package puts our troops first.

It provides funds for necessary weapons and equipment and training, boosting funds particularly for the National Guard and Reserve; makes critical investments in the health of our troops, including \$300 million for traumatic brain injury and mental health; provides more than the president's request to improve army barracks and military hospitals; and compensates troops for every month their terms of service are involuntarily extended, also known as "stop loss." The bill also includes funding for important weapons systems and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance needs.

This legislation also provides FY09 funding for Defense Department military construction, including \$474 million for military construction projects at Fort Carson, as well as \$65 million for construction at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, \$4.9 million for land acquisition at Peterson AFB, \$18 million for Colorado National Guard readiness centers in Denver and Grand Junction, \$3 million for a satellite pharmacy and \$4.2 million for Alert Crew Headquarters at Buckley Air Force Base, and \$18 million to upgrade academic facilities at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Finally, this legislation includes FY09 funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs—

providing \$47.6 billion for veterans' medical care, claims processors, and facility improvements, including \$20 million for the new Fitzsimons VA hospital. The bill makes substantial increases in mental health and substance abuse programs, provides veterans with advanced prosthetics, provides additional resources for veterans who live in places where the VA does not offer sufficient services, increase the gas mileage reimbursement rate to 41.5 cents per mile, and improves access to care for veterans in rural areas.

In conclusion, I have decided the bill's merits—which include the fact that it will allow all federal agencies to continue their work until the next Congress can complete action on funding legislation for the remainder of this fiscal year—outweigh its defects, and I will vote for it.

#### TRIBUTE TO DENNIS OLEJNICZAK AND GENE SCHULTZ

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gene Schultz of Lansing, Iowa and Dennis Olejniczak of Decorah, Iowa for their service and dedication to their schools' baseball teams.

Together, their record is astounding: more than 2,500 wins, 12 state championships and 24 tournament appearances in a combined 79 years of high school baseball. But what is more interesting and incredible is that Gene Schultz and Dennis Olejniczak coach at rival high schools 35 miles apart.

Although Iowa has multiple seasons of high school baseball, which is one of the reasons for the high numbers, it truly comes down to their coaching philosophies. North Fayette's Dan Hovden, said this of Schultz and Olejniczak, "They both have a high regard for the game. They put the team above themselves and obviously it shows up in the end."

I thank and congratulate both Gene Schultz and Dennis Olejniczak for their hard work and commitment to coaching high school baseball. It is a great honor to represent Gene and Dennis in the United States Congress, and I wish them the best.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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.

A. Rivet Joint ISR Network Integration (0305207F 192 MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS.) The entity to receive funding for this project is L-3 Integrated Systems, located at 10001 Jack Finney Blvd., Greenville, TX 75402. The funding would be

used to provide networking upgrades that will enable it to fully collaborate with a variety of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) nodes so that more effective projections of threat environments can be made.

B. PrePreg Thickness Variability Reduction Program (0603680F 29 MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.) The entity to receive funding for this project is Cytec Engineered Materials, located at 4300 Jackson Street, Greenville, TX 78402. The funding would be used to reduce the variability of prepreg thickness to  $\pm 1$  percent, which is a substantial improvement over even foreign prepreg capabilities. Reducing variation significantly complements and enhances the advancements expected to be made in the areas of tooling and manufacturing. These achievements are crucial for Cytec's military and commercial partners.

C. Stryker Common Active Protection System (APS) Radar (0603653A 62 ADVANCED TANK ARMAMENT SYSTEMS (ATAS).) The entity to receive funding for this project is Raytheon Network Centric Systems, located at 2501 West University, McKinney, TX 75070. APS is an externally mounted vehicle protection system that identifies, discriminates and intercepts RPGs, mortars, antitank guided missiles and artillery projectiles after they are launched toward a combat vehicle. The system consists of the Multi-Function Radio Frequency (MFRF) radar, launchers, fire control processors and countermeasures.

Please see attached for financial plan of each project. Neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in these projects.

#### FINANCE PLAN

Requesting Member: Rep. RALPH M. HALL.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E, Line 192, PE 0305207F, Manned Reconnaissance Systems. Project Name: Rivet Joint ISR Network Integration.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Integrated Systems.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10001 Jack Finney Boulevard, Greenville, TX 75403.

Anticipated sources of funding for the duration of the project: Additional funding would be provided by the Air Force to procure this capability after successful demonstration of the developmental prototype, in their future years budget requests.

Percent and source of required matching funds: N/A, this program is providing a good or service to the Department of Defense.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The RIVET JOINT will provide networking upgrades that will enable it to fully collaborate with a variety of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) nodes so that more effective projections of threat environments can be made. Detailed analysis of RIVET JOINT operations shows that full integration of networked capabilities will result in a 25 percent improvement in critical Threat Analysis Measures of Effectiveness for priority dual-use commercial communication threat environments. The specific threats that will be addressed by this system upgrade are the highest priority threats to ongoing military operations.

Detailed finance plan: \$750,000 is for Non-Recurring Engineering Design and Development; \$750,000 is for Manufacture Design and Production of Networked Speech, Geo-Location, and Reach-back Processing and Data