

of Kentucky and the United States House of Representatives. Congressman LEWIS has represented the 2nd Congressional District of the state of Kentucky for the past 14 years.

RON was born and raised in South Shore, Kentucky. He graduated from McKell High School and worked his way through Morehead State University before transferring to the University of Kentucky, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science. Following graduation, he worked as a salesman and then taught at a business college in Louisiana. He returned to Morehead State and earned a Master of Arts in Higher Education and then attended Southern Baptist Seminary and became an ordained Baptist minister.

RON has long been an ardent supporter of our national defense. In 2005, he and the entire Kentucky delegation successfully fought the closing of Fort Knox, one of our nation's premier military installations employing nearly 9,000 personnel. Due in large part to RON's leadership during this most recent round of base realignment, Fort Knox was designated to remain open and to keep the majority of our nation's gold reserves.

From his post on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, RON has been a champion for farmers in his heartland district. He sponsored the Rural Communities Investment Act, which provides tax incentives to make interest income on farm real estate and certain rural housing loans exempt from federal taxation. He has also worked to develop alternative fuels made from crops grown in his district, sponsoring legislation to promote increased use of ethanol and biodiesel, made from corn and soybeans.

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, Kayi; his two children, Ronald Brent and Allison Faye; and his many friends and colleagues join me in honoring his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America.

RON 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 MISS ALLISON SCHMITT UPON HER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2008 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Miss Allison Schmitt upon her achievement of the Bronze Medal in the Women's 4x200 Meter Freestyle Relay in the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Allison Schmitt was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 7, 1990. At the age of 9, she began her swimming career with the Plymouth Canton Cruiser in Canton, MI. Allison then went on to join the Ann Arbor Swim Club at the age of 12. During her high school career, Allison swam Varsity all four years she attended Canton High, and was also acknowledged by her team as the MVP all four years.

During her time at Canton High School, Allison was named All-State a total of eight times, two per year of attendance, and was named Michigan High School Swimmer of the Year in 2006. In her senior year, Allison was Canton High's Swim Team Captain. Allison is a ten time All-American athlete and holds two Michigan State High School records.

In December of 2007, Allison began training with Club Wolverine's High Performance Group, under Coach Bob Bowman. In January 2008, Allison graduated from Canton High School to train for the Olympic trials. On July 2, 2008, Allison made the USA Olympic team and subsequently achieved a national age group record in the 200 meter freestyle.

On August 14, 2008, the United States Women's 4x200 meter Freestyle Relay team consisting of Allison Schmitt, Natalie Coughlin, Caroline Burkle, and Katie Hoff broke the American record and swam the relay in 7:46.33, achieving a third place finish and a bronze medal.

Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Allison every success as she attends the University of Georgia, where she will continue her swimming career during the fall of 2008; and in congratulating and thanking Miss Allison Schmitt upon her winning the bronze medal as a member of the United States Women's 4x200 Freestyle Relay Team for making us all so proud.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Homeland Security.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, VA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Road, Chesterfield, VA, 23832, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 to enhance perimeter security at the Chesterfield, VA Emergency Operations Center to assure the safety of personnel during response efforts, as well as the protection of our emergency response critical infrastructure. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a highly sensitive public safety agency. The function of the EOC is to provide information to public safety providers and citizens on a range of items to include criminal activity, terrorist activity or natural disasters. In the event of a terrorist or an individual(s) who may want to hinder or interrupt the public safety system in the County, the logical place to strike is the EOC. In order to mitigate the risk of sabotage or criminal activity, providing physical security to our facility is necessary.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$9,990,000 to make Industrial Access Improvements at Main Gate 15 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mandatory vehicle access control at military installations is a Department of Defense (DoD) requirement per DoD Directives 5200.8 and 5200.8R. Based on a Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment conducted in October 2006, the entrance and guardhouse configuration at Gate 15 are inadequate for both industrial access and from a security/safety standpoint and require upgrading. This project provides for industrial access improvements of Gate 15 including the truck and private automobile inspection area, Pass Office Renovations and counter terrorism measures at Gate 15.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Pickett.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Pickett, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$2,950,000 to be used to construct a Multipurpose Machine Gun Range for training purposes with a variety of firearms and weapons for the Virginia National Guard and other Army and Guard units along the East Coast. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$90,000,00 to construct a standard-design training barracks complex for advanced initial training for Army soldiers. This project supports the increase in trainee requirements at Fort Lee as part of the increase in permanent end strength of the Army. The estimated and intended use is 1200 soldiers. All existing adequate facilities are being fully utilized to support current operations. If this project is not provided, there will not be sufficient adequate permanent facilities to support the Grow the Force initiative and soldiers will continue to work out of temporary and/or relocatable buildings which have limited operational capabilities and limited useful life expectancies. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$10,300,000 to provide a dining facility to support an increase in the number of soldiers who will receive Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee. This project supports the Grow the Force initiative. It will enable the Army to meet the greater training throughput requirement that will result from the increased size of the

Army. All existing adequate facilities are being fully utilized to support current operations as well as Army Modularity and Global Defense Posture Realignment (GDPR) initiatives. If this project is not provided, there will not be sufficient adequate dining facilities to support the training requirement as a result of the Grow the Force initiative. All physical security measures and antiterrorism protection measures are included. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) certifies that this project has been considered for joint use potential. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, 1030 University Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$640,000 for research and development effort that will bring together the Modeling and Simulation community to define, implement, and utilize a set of standards that will guide the development of M&S capability for the foreseeable future. Standards will provide a more cost effective way to ensure simulation compatibility and reuse among the Services and the many types of simulations being developed to address their problems. This action provides funding for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University to develop a set of modeling and simulation standards that will guide all aspects of DoD modeling and simulation design and development.

OFFICER RICKY ANTOINE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Port Arthur police officer, Rickey Antoine for his commitment to law enforcement and traffic safety.

On August 21, 2008, Officer Antoine was awarded 2008 Traffic Officer of the Year by Texas Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) that offers grants for police officers to target a specific area of enforcement during overtime. The Texas Department of Transportation acknowledged Officer Antoine for his "outstanding achievements and extraordinary efforts to save lives on Texas streets and highways." Being the first time a police department east of Houston has been recognized for its efforts, this is a great accomplishment for Officer Antoine and the Port Arthur Police Department.

Despite issuing traffic tickets not being pleasant for him and hearing many complaints, Officer Antoine has dedicated his service to enforcing the law. He has issued hundreds of traffic tickets in the two years he has served on the Department's traffic unit. He has even ticketed motorists driving 5 miles over the speed limit, which appears to be absurd to violators, but Officer Antoine sticks by the law to ensure traffic safety.

While Officer Antoine would rather not write traffic tickets, he follows the principle that drivers must take responsibility for their actions. Driving over the speed limit increases the risk of death in an automobile accident. Officer Antoine has devoted his career to limiting that risk for drivers by enforcing the speed limit to as many people possible.

Before Officer Antoine came onto the area stretching across Ninth Avenue, speed limits were almost always violated.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Officer Rickey Antoine for his accomplishments and applaud his dedication to traffic safety and making Southeast Texas a better place to drive.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican rules on earmarks, I wish to place these eight declarations in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for earmarks secured in H.R. 2638—the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Rep. RALPH REGULA (OH-16).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Seaman Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Venture Blvd, Wooster, OH 44691.

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$1.6 million to develop and test improved collapsible urethane fuel storage tanks. Specifically, the money will be spent on 16 tanks of varying sizes, rental and site preparation of two test locations, site operations, disposal and clean-up costs, and the rental cost of JP-8 fuel with which to carry out the testing.

A wide range of critical military, national security, and natural disaster response activities depend on collapsible storage tanks for fuel and water distribution. In recent years, the Government has purchased fuel tanks that have not consistently performed well. The development and testing of better manufacturing processes will ensure extended life and performance dependability to meet the increasing fundamental infrastructure needs of all branches of our military service and national security agencies.

Requesting Member: Rep. RALPH REGULA (OH-16).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Will-Burt Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: 169 Main St., Orrville, OH 44667.

Description of Request: To provide an earmark for \$2,400,000 to develop a rugged, telescoping, fast-erecting/retracting, and locking mast for use in elevating heavy payloads on ground vehicles. Often, mission requirements dictate a powered payload to be extended

from a vehicle in either the horizontal or vertical direction. LOS radio communications, for example, are significantly enhanced by elevating optical sensors and antennae above ground level. The development of this mast technology will significantly enhance mission flexibility, enable on-the-move engagement of urban and field targets above ground level, and enhance manned and unmanned ground vehicle survivability by allowing "ahead" vision/sensing of IEDs and enemy combatants.

Requesting Member: Rep. RALPH REGULA (OH-16).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Engineering & Manufacturing.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4622 French Creek Road, Sheffield, OH 44054.

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$2,400,000 for the Advanced Materials & Processes for Armament Structures, AMPAS. This is a public/private partnership that will leverage up to \$50,000,000 private and \$20,000,000 public investment with the goal of increasing the availability of low cost titanium for government and commercial manufacturing.

This program was initiated to provide significantly lighter components for military equipment resulting in ease of use and transport of equipment. This program implements research using native Ohio titanium production facilities for low-cost titanium products used in U.S. Army applications. The ability to successfully transfer commercial developed metal-forming technologies to Federal agencies is a key contributor to United States readiness and economic competitiveness. As the U.S. Army undertakes transformation implementation with lighter-weight equipment, the use of titanium in armament and ground vehicles is becoming more and more important.

Requesting Member: Rep. RALPH REGULA (OH-16).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Contained Energy, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: c/o Wright Fuel Cell Group, 1819 E. 101st St., Cleveland, OH 44106.

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$800,000 to continue work on developing advanced applications of direct carbon fuel cells. The Army spends \$1 billion annually on energy, of which \$750 million is energy for facilities. Further development of fuel cell technologies could significantly reduce the cost of energy for facilities, while simultaneously reducing Army reliance on fossil fuels and increasing the use of renewable energy.

Requesting Member: Rep. Ralph Regula (OH-16).

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Akron.

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Buchtel Mall, Akron, OH 44325.

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$800,000 to establish the first undergraduate corrosion engineering program to offer corrosion-specific, accredited engineering degrees at the associate and baccalaureate