

with Medicaid, OPM for the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, Tricare, and Medicare, which all require DSM criteria for the submission of claims. All NIH grant submissions, FDA drug indications for treatment, and legal indications for mental competency require the use of DSM codes and guidelines.

Despite this status as a recognized authority, the DSM itself became the focal point for many heated debates during the parity negotiations, launched by opponents of parity. However, in the end, language to require the DSM as the basis for coverage was not included in this bill. The final bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to monitor and report to Congress on the extent to which health plans comply with the requirements of this Act to provide meaningful parity to the millions of families who experience mental health or substance abuse conditions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. 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, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: 3600F RDT & E, Air Force, Line 13, PE 0602601F.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aeroflex.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4350 Centennial Blvd. Colorado Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million is included in this bill for Radiation Hardened Non-Volatile Memory. This request is intended to aide in the development of radiation hardened non-volatile memory technology to be used in a variety of applications, principally satellites.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE, AF.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Goodrich Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1275 North Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80916.

Description of Request: \$5.6 million is included in this bill to fund ACES 5 ejection-seat development and testing for the Air Force-variant F-35 to enable insertion into F-35 LRIP to leverage the most capable and safest ejection seat ever developed and ensure that the U.S. preserves the domestic capability to produce vital life saving ejection seat systems for the Air Force.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Analytical Graphics, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7150 Campus Drive, Suite 260, Colorado Springs, CO.

Description of Request: \$800,000 is included in this bill to incorporate space object

data, improve navigation accuracy prediction (including jamming and weapons modeling), and integrate electronic warfare (EW) analysis into a common operational environment for Army support teams. The user friendly interface will couple real time data integration with currently deployed and supported data feeds, including imagery, terrain, GPS status, electronic warfare environment, and terrestrial weather.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Finmeccanica of North America.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1625 I Street, NW., Floor 12, Washington, DC 20006.

Description of Request: \$800,000 is included in this budget to demonstrate and qualify in a cold climate an innovative, energy efficient, alternative power technology, on an energy intensive Air Force installation. Utilizing tactical or readily available fuels, this first phase of qualifying will place a next generation power generator in a military environment while showcasing all the benefits (monetary, environmental, and technical) this technology can provide within various scenarios, such as "Silent Camp" or "Islanding".

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Wilson Blvd, Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209.

Description of Request: \$10 million is included in this budget for Missile Defense Integration & Operations Center (MDIOC) modeling and simulation. This ensures early Warfighter involvement and realistic BMDS operational concepts for the fielded system that will protect U.S. Homeland, our Allies, and U.S. troops from the threat of ballistic missile attack.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE CHIP PICKERING ON THE OCCA- SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of the Honorable CHARLES "CHIP" WILLIS PICKERING, JR. for his service to the people of Mississippi and United States House of Representatives. Congressman PICKERING has represented the 3rd Congressional District of the state of Mississippi for the past 12 years.

A native of Laurel, Mississippi, CHIP received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in business administration from Baylor University.

Before joining Congress, CHIP served as a Southern Baptist missionary in the communist region of Budapest, Hungary. Upon returning to the country, former President George H. W. Bush appointed him to the United States De-

partment of Agriculture as a liaison to bring reform to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Upon his return to the United States, CHIP went to work for the people of Mississippi as a staffer of former Mississippi Senator Trent Lott, where he served for nearly four years. At the age of 33, he ran as the Republican candidate for Mississippi's 3rd District in 1996.

Chip has taken the lead in passing FEMA and contracting reform legislation in the wake of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Chip has been an influential leader on issues such as telecommunications and technology concerning Mississippi's future.

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 five sons, Will, Ross, Jackson, Asher, and Harper; 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 Mississippi and the United States of America.

CHIP 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF AIDS AWARENESS HISTORY MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as we move into the month of October, I want to take a moment to recognize October as AIDS Awareness History Month. AIDS Awareness month provides an opportunity to focus on the fact that HIV/AIDS is a formidable problem across the country. The 2008 AIDS Awareness Month occurs at a time when we have learned that we are struggling in the fight against AIDS. In early August, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, released new statistics showing a 40 percent increase over previous estimates of new cases of HIV. The report found that that 53 percent of new HIV infections in 2006 were among gay and bisexual men, with almost one-third, 31 percent of new infections being among heterosexuals, which previous studies have shown have the greatest effect on African American women.

HIV/AIDS is a public health problem in our country and an emergency situation within the African American community. African Americans make up 13 percent of the United States population, but they account for 49 percent of the estimated AIDS cases diagnosed since the epidemic began. Since the beginning of the epidemic, African Americans have accounted for 42 percent of the estimated 950,000 AIDS cases diagnosed in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Not only are African Americans more likely to get AIDS, they are more likely to die from it, with more than half of all AIDS-related deaths being among African Americans. The statistics in Illinois resemble those nationally. African Americans aged 13-24 have the highest average annual HIV rates. African American males aged 13-24 had an average annual HIV rate was 2.5 times higher than the rate in White males, and almost 4

times higher than the rate in Hispanic men. In Chicago, African American women represent 75 percent of all women living with HIV/AIDS, yet they account for only 37 percent of the general female population aged 13 and over. This disparity is unacceptable. HIV / AIDS is plaguing and destroying African American communities, robbing our community of its fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters.

We must do more to address this problem. We must increase funding for both prevention and treatment. We cannot rely on the failed policies of this administration to ignore strategies proven to decrease risky behavior and lower transmission rates and embrace strategies that do nothing. We must emphasize prevention, not restrict the CDC's prevention budget by 19 percent. We must support the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative and expand Ryan White. This is a public health problem that mandates a comprehensive, intensive public health strategic response. I commend the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health, the State of Illinois Department of Public Health, and all of the organizations who actively are working to put at least a dent in this problem. I try to do my part to focus attention on this public health problem. A few weeks ago, I chaired an AIDS walk in Chicago that raised money for awareness and the fight for the cure. I also helped launch the "Quality of Life" Illinois Lottery game called Red Ribbon Cash. Proceeds gathered from the game will fund grants to public and private entities with HIV/AIDS prevention programs in Illinois. In terms of promoting prevention, I myself, have been publicly tested multiple times to convince the African-American community of the importance of being tested. America has within it the resources to address this issue; our political leadership must take action to do so. My fellow colleagues and I and all Americans need to do much more about this problem.

HONORING NORMA FISHER-DOIRON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator from my district, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Principal of Southeast Elementary School in Mansfield, Connecticut. This year, Norma has been recognized by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) with the 2008 National Distinguished Principals award.

Since 1984, the National Distinguished Principals Program has recognized educators from communities across this nation and abroad who are committed to academic excellence. To be eligible for this award, educators must incorporate of communal and parental involvement in student curriculum. Educators must also display the use of tailored educational programs that facilitate academic success for all students.

For 15 years, Norma has served as the Principal of Southeast Elementary School in Mansfield Center, Connecticut. Although the Southeast Elementary School community is widespread, Norma was successful in reaching out to all corners of the area to win sup-

port from parents and community leaders to reinforce personal and academic success from Southeast Elementary students.

During her tenure, Norma has also prioritized with her students character building—including appreciation and respect of others—a positive attitude, and coping skills.

On October 16th and 17th, Norma will join 61 other honorees from across this nation and abroad, in Washington, D.C. to celebrate this recognition. While in Washington, the honorees will participate in a U.S. Department of State reception and a White House briefing.

Madam Speaker, the success of our education systems relies on the strength and passion of our academic leaders. Norma has exemplified these characteristics, and I remain confident that she will continue to contribute to successes in our public education system. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing Norma's contributions and celebrating her award.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPIA COLLEGE SOLAR CAR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Principia College Solar Car Team. Since 1995, students and advisors have worked on perfecting their solar car model. This year, they came very close to that goal by finishing second in the 2008 North American Solar Challenge.

The Challenge is a 2,400-mile race from Plano, Texas to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This year, fifteen cars began the race; only five finished. Principia College is a small liberal arts college in Elmhurst, Illinois that does not even have an engineering program. The Principia solar car team beat out much larger schools to finish second in the exhausting ten day event.

On the second to last day of the race, Principia's car experienced electrical trouble and stalled for seventy-five minutes. The team electricians were able to remedy the problem and put the car back on the road. Advisor Joe Ritter and his team remained calm throughout the race, especially during the electrical complications.

The pioneering spirit of the young people on the Principia College Solar Car Team deserves recognition and thanks. These students are the ones who will carry our country forward. I stand with my colleagues today to honor the Principia College Solar Car Team for an outstanding second place finish in the North American Solar Challenge.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE MIKE McNULTY

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize and salute the contribution

of MIKE McNULTY as he prepares to retire as one of our best.

Since I arrived in the House, I have been proud to stand with MIKE, as he fights for New York's working families.

He has carried on his family's tradition of public service since 1969 when he first won office—at age 22—as Green Island Town Supervisor. Elected to Congress in 1988, he has distinguished himself as a member of this House over the past 20 years, fighting for the needs of his Albany-based district.

As Chair of the Social Security Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee, he has protected Social Security from misguided attempts to privatize it, putting the retirement of millions at risk.

I'm glad to have had the honor to serve with MIKE McNULTY, and wish him a long and happy retirement away from the House.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVES RAY LAHOOD AND JERRY WELLER

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate two of my distinguished Illinois colleagues—Congressman RAY LaHOOD of Peoria and Congressman JERRY WELLER of Joliet on their retirement from the House of Representatives at the end of this term. Both men provided outstanding service to our state and Nation during their 14 years in Congress.

Congressman LaHOOD and I represent neighboring districts in Illinois. I've known RAY for over 25 years. He is a man I deeply admire and respect. During my short time in Congress, the two of us have cooperated on a number of joint projects important to our districts. We have fought to bring jobs back to our region and improve Central Illinois' broken transportation infrastructure.

Early in his career, RAY earned the respect of both Democrats and Republicans for his willingness to work across the aisle. During times of intense partisanship, RAY remained an unapologetic moderate who placed the needs of his district and our Nation above any political party. As Speaker Pro Tempore, RAY often presided over some of the fiercest debates on the House floor with prudence and evenhandedness.

On a personal note, I will never forget the kindness RAY showed to my predecessor—Congressman Lane Evans—as he fought his battle with Parkinson's disease. I was proud to join with RAY to pass legislation naming a Rock Island post office in Lane's honor.

Congressman WELLER served the 11th District of Illinois with distinction. In addition to his work on international affairs, he advocated raising the minimum wage and sought to increase retirement and disability pay for combat-wounded veterans. I respect Congressman WELLER's commitment to standing up for what he believes in and wish him well in retirement.

Both men will be missed.