

HONORING GIRARD BASTIEN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the career of Girard Bastien, an outstanding member of our eastern Connecticut community. After six decades of service in the Baltic Fire Department, in Baltic, Connecticut, Girard will commemorate his retirement with family and friends on October 25, 2008 with a celebratory dinner.

As a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Girard's commitment to public service began early in life. In August 1948, between service in WWII and the Korean War, Girard joined the Baltic Fire Department and launched a lifelong career that would span six decades. During his career, Girard achieved the rank of Deputy Chief, was a member of the New London County Fire Chiefs' Association, and served as the Sprague Tree Warden between 1954 and 1990. Additionally, Girard was the head of the Baltic Fire Department kitchen and orchestrated weekly bingo event in recent years.

Support from his wife of 62 years, Jeanette, as well as his sons, Dennis and Edward have made his career a long and fruitful one.

Madam Speaker, Girard's lifetime of public service has and will continue to inspire our eastern Connecticut community, and I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing and celebrating this service.

HONORING GERALD A. EHINGER
ON BEING NAMED OGEMAW
COUNTY'S VETERAN OF THE
YEAR

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gerald A. Ehinger of West Branch, Michigan. Mr. Ehinger has been named Ogemaw County's Veteran of the Year, and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring him on this momentous occasion.

Born in West Branch, Michigan on February 9, 1927 to Anthony and Elizabeth Ehinger, Gerald Ehinger grew up in a large family with six brothers and three sisters. He attended and graduated in 1943 from St. Joseph Catholic High School of West Branch. After graduation Mr. Ehinger held several different jobs until he joined the U.S. Army.

In November of 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and attended basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Following graduation, he was assigned to the 972nd Signal Service Battalion, stationed at Konehe Naval Air Base in Hawaii. He served there for one year installing and repairing communication lines throughout the island. In February 1947, he was honorably discharged and returned back to his hometown of West Branch, Michigan.

From 1947 until his retirement in 1983, he worked for Consumers Power Company as a service lineman, working the last 25 years as

a lineman supervisor. On May 12, 1956 he married his wife of 52 years, Joan. Together they have four wonderful children, three daughters and a son: Geri Marie, Katherine, Susan and John. Gerald and Joan are also the proud grandparents of six.

Since he left the Army, Mr. Ehinger has been involved in numerous civic and veterans organizations, including: the American Legion Post 103, of which he is a lifetime member of more than 50 years; the Knights of Columbus and the National Rifle Association. Mr. Ehinger has also served on the Board of Directors of Ogemaw County's Emergency Assistance Program and as President of the Spring Creek Hunt Club.

Gerald Ehinger is being honored as Ogemaw County's Veteran of the Year this Veteran's Day by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. In accepting the award, Mr. Ehinger wrote, "I accept this award knowing that many other veterans are more deserving of it than I am and do so wish to thank each and everyone for this honor." Himself a U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Ehinger has been an advocate for the veterans of Ogemaw County and a distinguished leader within the community.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Ehinger selflessly served his country and has advocated for his fellow veterans ever since. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring Gerald Ehinger as he receives the Veteran of the Year award from the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOSEPH M.
LOMBARDO UPON HIS SELECTION
FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph M. Lombardo, of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who was chosen by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County to receive its 2008 "Lifetime Achievement Award." I can think of no one more deserving of this great honor.

Born in the city of Pittston, Pennsylvania, Dr. Lombardo is a son of the late Michael and Louise Ross Lombardo. He has a sister, Colette, and a brother, Michael. He has been married to Mary Elizabeth Smith Lombardo for 45 years. They are the parents of eight children: Michael, Joseph, James, John (deceased), Lisa, Francis, Michelle and Robert. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Lombardo was class president and a summa cum laude graduate of Pittston High School in 1956. He graduated with honors from Scranton University with a bachelor's degree in biology. He graduated from Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, in 1964. He served his internship at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from 1964 to 1965.

Dr. Lombardo served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1966 at the rank of Captain. He served for 30 years in the inactive reserve at the rank of Colonel. He received a commendation from President Richard Nixon and Gov. Milton Schapp for meritorious serv-

ice during the Vietnam conflict. He served as medical director for Selective Service Board No. 97 until the end of the military draft. He was a consultant for the U. S. Military at AFES Induction Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was medical director for the Blood Plasma Unit in Wilkes-Barre; medical director for Social Security, Wilkes-Barre, from 1974 to 1988 and medical director, Wesley Village, 1976 to 1996.

Dr. Lombardo started his medical practice in greater Pittston 40 years ago. He was medical director for Heritage House and Hampton House. He has been the sports doctor for Pittston Area High School for 40 years. He instituted the Department of Family Practice at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from 1985 to 1987. He was a member of the Hospital Board from 1985 to 1987. He was a board member of Retreat State Hospital from 1972 to 1976; a board member of Luzerne County Community College from 1981 to the present, the longest serving member of that board and he is a member of the Wilkes Hahnemann Board that secured a 6 year medical program and served as clinical instructor at Loyola Medical College and Hahnemann Medical School.

Dr. Lombardo was elected to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service to the hospital and staff. He was also elected to the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for the Sam Falcone Lifetime Award along with Dr. Nicholas Ruggiero and Dr. Charles Myers. He started the Anthraco-silicosis Clinic at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and served pro bono at that clinic for 15 years. He was the first full-time emergency room doctor at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital along with Dr. Pat DeGennaro. He served 15 years at Charity Clinic of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and 5 years as physician for the Pittston Blood Drive. He is also a former Rotarian.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lombardo on the occasion of this auspicious honor. His devotion and commitment to the community in which he was born and raised has been extraordinary and is an inspiration to others. He is truly deserving of this special award.

EARMARK DECLARATION**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: 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 Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2009.

1. Advanced Drivetrains for Enhanced Mobility and Safety.

Department: Defense.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Description of Request: This request is to provide funding for the final phase of an ongoing three phase program between Eaton

and the US Army. Eaton Corporation, which produces truck components in Galesburg, Michigan, has successfully worked with the Army over the past several years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HUMVEE to improve the vehicle safety. Phase I and II of the project was structured to first adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HUMVEES. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety by increasing mobility and stability on rough terrain and drastically reducing vehicle rollovers. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May 2008. Military-hardened systems will be subsequently designed.

The third and final phase of the program is to develop a front-to-rear transfer case to modulate the driving torque between the front and rear axles. In conjunction with the side-to-side system developed in Phases I and II, this will provide the soldier with the ultimate system for HUMVEE stability and mobility through complete 4x4 active torque management.

Amount: \$1,600,000.

Financial Breakdown:

Allocation of Funds

15% = \$240,000—Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers.

25% = \$400,000—Materials-modifications to transfer case and addition of differential.

10% = \$160,000—Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests.

50% = \$800,000—Labor-Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This program addresses a key military need for tactical wheeled vehicle stability and mobility. The technology will greatly improve soldier safety and survivability and mission effectiveness. Eaton Automotive is a commercial company serving non-military customers. Taxpayer dollars are requested for this program to adapt Eaton commercial technology to military vehicles.

2. Advanced Digital Hydraulic Hybrid Drive Systems.

Department: Defense.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 26201 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI.

Description of Request: The objective of this project is to develop and demonstrate a hybrid hydraulic drive system on military 4x4 vehicles. This compact drive system will enable vehicles to be operated more safely and effectively on even the harshest terrains, and also save a substantial amount of fuel. Having seen firsthand the challenges vehicles currently face with respect to immobilization, rollover or forced-slow speeds due to weight, the value of such a system is very apparent. The additional weight of important armor results in increased problems with maneuverability, so the reduced weight of the new hybrid system. In addition to reducing the weight of the drive system, this project will also increase fuel efficiency by roughly 60 percent. The increased fuel efficiency will provide clear logistical benefits by increasing vehicle range and decreasing vehicle re-fueling requirements. This is not at the expense of vehicle performance, however, as the reduced weight will actually add to vehicle traction and performance.

Amount: \$2,000,000.

Financial Breakdown:

Allocation of Funds

20% = \$400,000—Advanced component testing—Full Authority Pump Motor demonstration.

20% = \$400,000—System Testing—Lab scale test for insertion advanced technologies.

10% = \$200,000—Materials—Full Authority Pump Motor & Next Generation Accumulators.

50% = \$1,000,000—Labor—Design to develop a retrofit system, Next generation accumulators proof of concept, Develop detailed vehicle model, Develop supervisory control architecture, Develop preliminary controls software.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This project will dramatically increase fuel efficiency in military vehicles, and hence, provide logistical benefits as well as preserve fuel. The new hybrid system will also reduce vehicle weight, which will add to vehicle performance and allow for vehicles to carry increased armor or supplies.

TAIWAN DESERVES PARTICIPATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that on August 14, seventeen of Republic of China's diplomatic allies requested that the United Nations General Assembly include a supplementary item in the agenda of the 63rd session to "examine the fundamental rights of the 23 million people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate meaningfully in the activities of the United Nations specialized agencies."

I join my colleagues on the Hill in voicing my support for Taiwan's request. Taiwan has been denied participation in the conferences, mechanisms and conventions of the United Nations and the specialized agencies since 1971, thereby creating a major breach in the operations of the United Nations system. This has been a gross injustice that needs to be corrected. Taiwanese people deserve a voice in the UN specialized agencies for a number of reasons. Taiwan's population is larger than two thirds of the UN member states. Taiwan has a vibrant economy. Taiwan is a democracy. Taiwan wants to provide a positive feedback to the international community. Taiwan's meaningful participation in the specialized agencies would help promote peace and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Madam Speaker, the tension cross the Taiwan straits has been eased since May 2008, and leaders of Taiwan and the People's Republic have shown a willingness to settle their dispute. This thawing of relations has been warmly welcomed by the international community. It is my hope that the PRC will favorably respond to Taiwan's request with goodwill and flexibility. Only by allowing Taiwan to participate meaningfully in the specialized agencies can the UN principle of universality be fulfilled and regional peace and prosperity be ensured.

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support S.J. Res. 45, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. This bill will help protect the Great Lakes by ensuring that water taken from the Great Lakes does not exceed the rate the lakes can be naturally replenished.

Lake Michigan is, without question, the most treasured resource to residents in States that border it and is our "Grand Canyon," something in which we take enormous pride. In addition to its sentimental value, the Great Lakes, including Lake Michigan, serve as an important resource, providing 20 percent of all the surface water in the world. Despite their size the Great Lakes are a fragile resource. Only 1 percent of the water in the Great Lakes gets replenished by snow and rainwater every year.

As a result, the Great Lakes have been put in jeopardy by efforts to divert large portions of water from the Great Lake basin to support business efforts throughout the midwest and Canada. The Compact will prohibit new or increased Great Lakes basin diversions to outside the region, except under special circumstances to provide public drinking water. It will also require all Great Lakes States to develop water resource inventories and efficiency programs, and give public notice of large proposed new water uses. Finally, it will establish uniform standards across the Great Lake States for evaluating new in-basin uses of Great Lakes water. These all are good practices of stewardship of the Great Lakes, and will allow us to preserve the Lakes, while at the same time exercising intelligent use of it as a natural resource.

The Great Lakes Compact has been approved by the Governors and State legislators of all eight Great Lake States, the U.S. Senate and the Bush administration. I believe that it is vital that the House joins them in supporting the Compact. Doing so will protect the people and environment of the Great Lakes by ensuring that the uses of its resources are done in a deliberate and consensual manner between the Great Lakes States.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

PAUL WELLSTONE AND PETE DOMENICI MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6983, the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. I stand with