

TRIBUTE TO THE BOONE COUNTY
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Boone County Hospital employees who took part in a school supply drive to assist children whose families did not have the means to buy school supplies.

The Boone County Hospital social events committee organized the school supply drive which accumulated many crayons, color pencils, No. 2 pencils, colored markers, pens and paper. The supplies were divided up among the Boone, Ogden, Madrid and United school districts.

This collective effort at Boone County Hospital is a characteristic of what Iowa is all about—regular citizens motivated and dedicated to improving the daily life of their neighbors, and in this case our children. I commend all those involved in organizing and contributing to this heartwarming effort. I consider it an honor to represent each of these employees who assisted in making a difference for the children of their community in the United States Congress and I thank them for their great act of kindness.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment for H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009".

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$6,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Edwards Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., Edwards AFB, CA, USA.

Description of Request: This funding would complete construction of the main base runway at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. The funding will be used to complete paved shoulders on the runway and account for extra costs in the overall runway replacement project from items such as the stabilization of

over 41,000 cubic yards of both unsuitable and unstable soil.

The main base runway, which supports almost every flight operation at Edwards Air Force Base, as well as space shuttle landings when necessary, is over 50 years old and is rapidly degrading as a result of Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), a reaction between the cement and the aggregate that creates map cracking, scaling and spalling of the concrete. Emergency Foreign Object Damage (FOD) repairs have forced runway closures affecting 10 to 15 flights for each closure. No other runways at Edwards AFB can safely support the current and projected test operations without significant test mission delays, and temporary relocation of these missions is not feasible; however, many of the current and planned test missions can be supported by a temporary runway.

This project was programmed by the Air Force in 2003 for FY06, and was incrementally funded over 3 years (FY06, FY07 and FY08). After the project was programmed, the cost of construction materials escalated dramatically, eliminating all management reserve and resulting in a reduction in the planned scope of the project. Providing the final \$6,000,000 in FY09 will complete the project as originally scoped, avoid contractor demobilization and remobilization, and avoid reconstitution of the temporary runway to support this work, saving the government over \$4,000,000 in cost avoidance on the temporary runway alone.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$1,400,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aerojet-General Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 13222, Sacramento, CA 95813-6000, USA.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the Hydrocarbon Boost Technology Demonstrator program and the increase in funding is to return the FY09 funding closer to the planned level at contract initiation. This critical, next-generation liquid rocket engine development effort run by the Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards Air Force Base will not only provide the highest performing hydrocarbon engines ever developed in the United States, but also will provide higher operability, lower costs and greater safety with higher reliability than any liquid booster engine ever made in the U.S. and perhaps the world. A match is not required for defense research projects, but I was informed that during the past eight years, Aerojet has invested approximately \$30 million in internal research and development funding on this technology and intends continued support in FY09.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Project Amount: \$1,600,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patterson Ave., SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512, USA.

Description of Request: The funding for the Micro-munitions Interface for Tactical Unmanned Systems (MITUS) program will 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 requires a stores/weapons management interface that provides a safe and effective integration between the weapon and the unmanned system. Funds will be expended to develop key technologies, including a high speed communication network, airborne weapon emulator, interface for micro-munitions, unmanned safety architecture, and universal stores management system. Additionally the funds will be used for lab demonstrations of the technologies, integration into unmanned systems, and flight demonstration.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Project Amount: \$1,200,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AAI Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 124 Industry Lane, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, USA.

Description of Request: The Next Generation Electronic Warfare Simulator (NGEWS) represents a technology breakthrough by its ability to simulate electronic warfare threats more precisely and accurately than existing technology. The NGEWS will be used to test the advanced Electronics Surveillance Measures (ESM) capabilities of FA-18 and EA-18G aircraft, as well as other aircraft in the future. It saves time and money by optimizing lab testing rather than flight testing. The funding will be used to complete the upgrade of the first identified necessary simulator.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. 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 Securities Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Two earmarks were granted in the aforementioned bill, which I had previously requested from the fiscal year 2009 Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

H.R. 2638 contains an appropriation of \$1.2 million for 105mm ammunition procurement from the Procurement of Ammunition Account for NI Industries, Inc. The 105mm ammunition utilizes the deep drawn steel cartridge case manufactured by NI Industries. NI Industries is the only supplier with the unique capability and expertise to manufacture large caliber deep drawn steel cartridges. Due to the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure plans, cartridge case production at NI Industry's facility in Riverbank, CA will cease in early 2009 in support of the relocation of production to Rock Island Arsenal, IL. This request for funding to procure 10,000 cartridge cases is necessary for three specific reasons:

No. 1. Future demand for the ammunition may be higher than originally planned due to recent performance by the Mobile Gun System which uses 105mm ammunition.

No. 2. The Army may be evaluating other types of ammunition to add to the current suite of 105mm ammunition, which will require additional cartridge cases.

No. 3. The relocation of the cartridge case production facility is a major undertaking that is subject to uncertainty. Because NI Industries is the only known contractor with the process knowledge, technical expertise, and skilled manpower to produce the 105mm deep drawn large caliber steel cartridge cases, it is prudent to stockpile additional cartridge cases to mitigate potential ammunition shortages due to the unavailability of cases.

Additionally, SmartSight, Remote Weapon Video Sight project received an earmark of \$2 million from the Department of Defense's Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Account, in H.R. 2638.

SmartSight is designed to provide vastly improved survivability and overwhelming lethality for dismounted troops in close combat situations, providing a means for aiming direct-fire weapons from cover and concealment using indirect-view display technology. This appropriation will acquire continued development and testing for 120 initial configuration SmartSight systems. The systems will be offered for testing, combat effectiveness and interoperability with existing systems, by operational commands of U.S. Army Special Operations Command, U.S. Navy Special Operations Command, USMC systems Command and/or USMC War Fighting Lab, and possibly other commands.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE TOM ALLEN, REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE GILCHREST, AND REPRESENTATIVE JIM SAXTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I along with Ms. BORDALLO and Mr. INSLEE rise to recognize and commend three extraordinary Members of Congress—TOM ALLEN, WAYNE GILCHREST, and JIM SAXTON—for the leadership they have shown during their distinguished careers in this House to protect and promote the oceans.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON have been allies in the struggle to conserve and restore our oceans, coasts, and bays. They each have fought to ensure that our Nation, with the largest ocean territory in the world, will have healthy and productive oceans for generations to come.

We are honored to have served with them, to have learned from them, and to be able to call them friends.

We commend Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON for their tireless efforts over the years at shaping policy for sound stewardship of our oceans and our coasts.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON have been leaders in ocean conservation, science, and education as cochairs of the House Oceans Caucus and as active members of the National Marine Sanctuary Caucus.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON were instrumental in the establishment of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the first comprehensive ocean study in 35 years.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON have led efforts to increase funding for ocean programs and for the ocean mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON have defended and strengthened the Coastal Zone Management Act and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act which are our country's cornerstones of ocean conservation and management.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON joined Mr. FARR to coauthor a comprehensive ocean management bill, H.R. 21, the Ocean Conservation Education and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act or OCEANS-21. With their support, passion, and input, OCEANS-21 was reported favorably out of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans and we are one step closer to having a national ocean policy and coordinated State and Federal management of our oceans.

Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. SAXTON were central to the negotiation and passage of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006, which requires an end to overfishing in our Nation's oceans.

Our colleague Mr. Tom ALLEN is especially known during all six of his terms in Congress for his diligence in working to protect the oceans and the communities whose livelihoods depend on the oceans, particularly in the coastal communities of Maine.

Mr. ALLEN has led the House Oceans Caucus alongside Mr. FARR since they, along with Mr. Curt Weldon and Mr. Jim Greenwood, founded the bipartisan caucus for the oceans.

We are indebted to Mr. ALLEN for his longstanding commitment for the protection of the oceans, for his defense of the National Environmental Protection Act, his work to protect deep sea corals, and his fight to protect fishermen and end overfishing.

Mr. ALLEN introduced legislation to preserve access to coastal waters for commercial fishing operations, to prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and exclusive economic zone.

Mr. ALLEN introduced and shepherded legislation to increase our understanding of the oceans and their role in global climate change: the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act of 2007 and the Fed-

eral Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act to passage by the House of Representatives.

Mr. ALLEN authored and successfully led the effort in the House to incorporate key provisions to end overfishing, rebuild depleted stocks, create quota shares, and protect NEPA in the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Management Act—Mr. ALLEN's amendment became the Democratic en-bloc amendment during negotiations of the bill.

We will miss Mr. ALLEN's commitment to working for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, and we will miss his passion for those who rely on the oceans.

Our colleague from Maryland, Mr. WAYNE GILCHREST has tirelessly fought for the environment and to protect and preserve the delicate environment of the Chesapeake Bay during his nine terms in Congress.

We have all received the benefit of Mr. GILCHREST's practice of reaching out to freshman members and reaching across the aisle to protect and conserve our waters, bays, coasts, and oceans.

Mr. GILCHREST has deep convictions about the need for conservation that were only increased when he and his family spent part of 1986, including the harsh winter, living in the Bitterroot National Forest in Idaho where he worked for the Forest Service. This conviction extended to his active role as Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force, co-chair of the House Climate Change Caucus, and as Founding cochair of the House Organic Caucus.

Mr. GILCHREST is a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee on the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, which he chaired from 2000–2006. As chairman, he set a high standard for being fair, open-minded, diligent, and responsible in discharging the duties of the chair. Mr. GILCHREST took oversight seriously, always respected the science, and always listened.

We are indebted to Mr. GILCHREST for leaving a strong legacy in this House of the protection of the oceans and the environment. He sponsored for legislation preventing aquatic invasive species, providing a better understanding and protection of marine mammals, and to update and refine fisheries management.

Mr. GILCHREST sponsored legislation includes the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act of 2007 (and previously), a bill to establish a Task Force on Ocean Policy, the Coastal Ocean Observation System Integration and Implementation Act of 2005, the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2005, the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2005 (and previously), and the Multi-State and International Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 2006.

He introduced Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Amendments Act of 2006, and later continued negotiations to seek passage of a strong reauthorization. He fought for and won the inclusion of the provision in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006 that requires the United States to end overfishing.

We are saddened that as we lose Mr. GILCHREST, we lose a passionate fighter for the coasts, the ocean, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Our colleague from New Jersey, Mr. JIM SAXTON has distinguished his 13 terms in