

the Senate that resulted in stripping reauthorization of the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant and Loan Guarantee Program from the final version of this bill. Native Hawaiians, like other indigenous peoples of the United States, are members of traditionally underserved communities and deserve equitable participation in federal programs with American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Legislation will be reintroduced next year that will reauthorize funding for the Native Hawaiian housing program to ensure that the affordable housing needs of Native Hawaiians are addressed. Since the inception of the Native Hawaiian housing program in FY2002, \$37 million has been awarded to Hawaii to support much-needed affordable housing activities for low-income Native Hawaiians who are eligible to reside on Hawaiian home lands. I believe in the importance of Native Hawaiian programs, and I will continue to champion these programs.

I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 2786, and I ask for your support to correct this unfair exclusion of Native Hawaiians.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
JERRY WELLER AND THE HONORABLE RAY LAHOOD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished career of RAY LAHOOD, who will be retiring at the end of the 110th Congress. I wish to express my appreciation for his service to our country and the State of Illinois.

First elected in 1994, RAY LAHOOD has represented the 18th District of Illinois for nearly 15 years. A teacher by trade, RAY began his career teaching junior high school students in Peoria, Illinois. He continued his commitment to public service by becoming a member of the Illinois General Assembly and serving Congressman Bob Michel for over a decade.

RAY has been lauded by many of his colleagues for his leadership on the local, State, and national levels. He has led efforts to preserve our waterways, improve local airports, and addressed the development of rural communities in his district. Never afraid to disagree with his party's leaders, RAY has always worked in the best interests of the State and his district, particularly as part of the Appropriations Committee.

RAY is widely regarded as someone who has a deep respect for the institution of Congress, proven by his efforts to establish a higher level of civility and decorum in the House of Representatives. His commitment to bipartisanship remains an example to all of us in Congress today. I wish RAY and his family the very best and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Congressman LAHOOD for his years of dedicated service to this body and to the people of Illinois.

VOLUSIA HONOR AIR VETERANS

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, today, September 27, 2008, 100 Volusia County veterans from the Second World War will visit our Nation's Capital as part of the Honor Air program. For most of these central Florida veterans this will be their first opportunity to see the World War II Memorial. As the Congressman from Florida's Seventh Congressional District, it will be my privilege to assist in their visit. As part of their mission to Washington, DC, I will join them in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. This will be a special occasion in the lives of our World War II veterans. I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Our Greatest Generation from Florida's Seventh Congressional District and wish them well as they gather in America's Capital City.

It is my privilege to honor the service and sacrifice of those veterans who will be visiting our Nation's Capital on September 27, 2008:

Rhea Adams, Leonard Ballesteras, Raymond Behrens, Seymour Berman, Michael Bloch, William Brown, Bernard Bruns, Dan Brunson, James Brussow, Robert Burrough, Mildred Cavanaugh, Tervence Cavanaugh, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, Robert Chase, William Clark, Kenneth Coe, George Crippen, Robert Deline, Robert Dinda, Rabun Dittmar, Jr., Richard Douglas, Arthur Dreves, Dorothy Dreves, Leland Eamest, Albert Edwards, Donald Ellwein, Delbert Erickson, Albert Erwin, Ben Fabian, Jr., Dominick Ferrarini, Louis Figliuolo, Victor Frank, James Galloway, Edward Gariano, David Garland,

Edward Gartland, Richard Goodwin, George Gornatti, Leroy Gwaltney, Authur Harriman, Daniel Harting, Richard Heard, Frederick Hering, Clarence Hershberger, Stanley Hiers, Marvin Hinshaw, George Holden, James Holsapple, Jack Honaker, George Hood, James Houck, Francis Johnson, Helen Jurewicz, William Kautz, William Kernstock, Howard Koons, Adolph Koury, Phyllis Lee, Earl Leone, David Levenson, Claude Lindquist, Jr., Eric Loveland, Albert Luckett, Jr., Russell Macomber, Gabriel Maioli, Howard Meyers, Navy Meyers, Daniel Miller, Robert Miller, Boris Nekrassoff, William Parker,

Frank Parsons, James Patterson, Ivey Poe, Jr., Harry Price, Donald Priddle, Marion Reid, Mary Rickerson, Edwin Rieger, Wilfred Rook, William Schildecker, Herman Schmidt, Ethel Schuermann, Juanita Semsy, William Shiepe, Lester Shontz, Jr., Vincent Sindelar, Jack Singleton, Charles Skeels, Eugene Swarbrick, Robert Thousand, Sr., Charles Underwood, Jr., Wilbert Varley, Alfred Vogel, Bertran Wallace, Keith Weihermiller, Walter White, JD Womack, Walter Ziamik.

I know I join countless Americans who continue to recognize their heroism and their families' incredible sacrifice to our Nation.

INTRODUCTON OF THE LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT PREFERENCES ACT OF 2008, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE FOR CONSULTATIONS REGARDING ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT AND PROVIDE GRANTS TO DEVELOP OR ENHANCE ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act of 2008. Advances in health care have led to an aging population facing increasingly complex end-of-life health care decisions. Too often, these decisions are avoided until a crisis occurs, resulting in inadequate planning, unknown patient preferences, and families left struggling with the burden of determining their loved ones' wishes.

In response to this, health organizations in Oregon came together in the early 1990s to develop what became known as the POLST form, or Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment, to help seriously ill patients identify their treatment preferences using a clear, standardized template. Written as actionable medical orders and signed by a physician, these forms help communicate patient preference regarding intensity of medical intervention, transfers to the hospital, use of antibiotics, artificially administered nutrition, and resuscitation.

National interest in Oregon's POLST program has blossomed and Oregon has become the national resource for states and communities interested in developing similar programs. Recently California and New York enacted orders for life sustaining treatment programs and 23 other states have adopted or are developing programs.

While Medicare currently pays for acute care services provided to beneficiaries, it does not recognize the important benefit of informed discussions between patients and their health provider about care preferences for their last months and years of life. The Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act provides coverage under Medicare for consultations regarding orders for life-sustaining treatment. These discussions add quality and value to patient care, but they often require significant time, proper training, and great delicacy, which merit compensation through Medicare.

Programs for orders for life-sustaining treatment provide valuable services to patients, their families, and health care providers through educational materials, professional training on advance care planning, coordinating and collaborating with hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospice programs, home health agencies, and emergency medical services to implement such orders across the continuum of care, and monitoring the success of the program. The Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act creates a grant program to support the development and expansion of these programs, providing necessary resources to states and local communities.

To be effective, advance care plans must ensure that treatment preferences are elicited

and presented in a way that is recognized and respected by the health care community—orders for life-sustaining treatment programs do just that. These programs have a track record of promoting patient autonomy through documenting and coordinating a person's treatment preferences, enhancing the authorized transfer of patient records between facilities, clarifying treatment intentions and minimizing confusion, reducing repetitive activities in complying with the Patient Self Determination Act, and facilitating appropriate treatment by emergency personnel. Oregon is nationally recognized for our exemplary end-of-life care and orders for life-sustaining treatment have played a critical role providing quality, patient-centered care for those in their final chapter of life.

I am proud to introduce the Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act, which will lay the groundwork so all Americans have the tools to make informed medical care decisions, convey their care plans as clearly as possible, and feel confident their wishes will be respected by health care personnel.

TRIBUTE TO MASONIC LODGE #135
OF LENEXA, KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Masonic Lodge of my hometown, Lenexa, Kansas. Masonic Lodge #135 is celebrating the 135th anniversary of its founding this October.

In reading documents compiled by Lenexa Historical Society member and Masonic Lodge leader Angelo Mino, it becomes clear that the history of this lodge is intertwined with the history of Lenexa. The Masonic Lodge was the first fraternal or civic organization of Lenexa, and city leaders were often leaders of the lodge as well. Lodge members included the first mayor of Lenexa, the first police judge, the first postmaster and the first physician in the city.

In 1873, the lodge received official recognition from the Masonic organization, and the first Eastern Star chapter was also established. In 1922, the first DeMolay group in Johnson County, Kansas, received its charter, and in 1953, the Rainbow Girls Assembly #56 began.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the members of Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135 on this remarkable milestone, and thank them for 135 years of community leadership and service.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
DIONICIO MORALES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Latino civil rights leader and the founder of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, MAOF, Dionicio Morales, who passed away on September 24, 2008.

Dionicio was born to immigrant farm worker parents and was raised in Ventura County,

California. Like many Mexican Americans of his generation, Dionicio struggled to achieve an education and he graduated from high school in 1937. Dionicio attended Santa Barbara State College and worked with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union early to ensure garment workers had better working conditions.

Dionicio was a life-long community organizer who devoted his life to providing critical programs and resources to the Mexican-American community. He was a strong advocate and dedicated leader for the people of Los Angeles.

In 1963, Dionicio became the founder and president of the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation, which provides the Mexican-American community with critical access to services and programs. These services include increased access to job skill training programs, repair programs for low-income homes, nutrition and employment aid for seniors, and many other critical programs that have dramatically improved the lives of many Mexican Americans in Los Angeles County and the surrounding areas. Dionicio later spent most of his life serving on several Federal, State, and county boards that gave him a voice which he used to advocate for the important issues that faced the Mexican-American community.

Throughout my career in public service, I have had the pleasure to work with Dionicio and MAOF to increase economic and social justice in the Latino community. I am proud to have received the prestigious Aztec Award from MAOF in October 1996 and am committed to continuing this work to bring greater equality and opportunity to the Latino community.

Dionicio will be remembered for his lifetime commitment to the Mexican-American community. I extend my sympathy to Dionicio's family in this difficult time. Dionicio's legacy will continue to live in MAOF. He will be dearly missed by the Latino community.

JOB CREATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT
RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I rise in support of H.R. 7110, the Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act.

While I have reservations about any bill that relies on deficit spending, I think the long-term benefits this bill will have for the American economy outweigh those reservations. I am, however, very disappointed with the minority's objection to an amendment that would have included funding for the Secure Rural Schools program in this bill.

H.R. 7110 will help stimulate the American economy by creating jobs, and will update the Nation's rapidly deteriorating infrastructure. Nationwide, 84,000 Americans have lost their jobs within the last month, and more than 600,000 Americans have lost their jobs within the last month, and more than 600,000 Americans have lost their jobs throughout the year. In my home state of Colorado, more than 19,000 Coloradans have lost their jobs within the last year.

This bill will put Coloradans to work, rebuilding our roads, expanding our public transportation, investing in our water infrastructure, and fixing our schools. The Colorado Department of Transportation, CDOT, recently weighed down by a combination of deteriorating infrastructure and shrinking resources, will receive more than \$200 million in direct funding that will be put to use quickly and efficiently, and which will immediately help local economies. Colorado will be eligible for further funding for its public transit agencies.

This bill will also provide assistance for those who need help getting back on their feet after being wiped out by the current state of our economy. H.R. 7110 will extend unemployment benefits for up to 12,000 unemployed Coloradans, and fund job training programs to help them find work. And for those struggling to put food on the table, this bill will provide additional food stamps, and will help maintain the health of struggling Coloradans by increasing Medicaid assistance.

As a national leader in the development of clean, renewable energy, Colorado stands to benefit greatly from the resources dedicated in this bill to advance such technologies. This bill will further help lead this nation into an era of energy independence by investing in the manufacture of advanced vehicle batteries and battery systems—a key component to developing a new fleet of fuel efficient cars.

Simply put, this bill is an investment in America—her people, her ingenuity, and her future. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this bill.

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 for two project authorization requests that I made and which were included within S. 3001, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: S. 3001.

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