

highlights their many other contributions to the Los Angeles community they hold so dear.

The foundation's tribute reads, "Pat and Jerry's love for Saint John's is apparent in the enthusiasm and passion they bring to each project they embrace. When asked why they have chosen to devote so much of their time and energy to the Health Center, Jerry will tell you that having a place like Saint John's is absolutely essential—as important as having food to eat and a roof over your head."

Jerry joined the Saint John's Foundation Board of Trustees in 1975 and was elected Chairman in 2006 and 2007. He has actively participated in numerous hospital and foundation initiatives including leadership of the Development Oversight Committee, Building Committee, Leadership Giving, Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon Committee, Chautauqua Inaugural Committee, The Saint John's Legacy Project and the Campaign for Saint John's. He currently serves as a member of the Foundation Executive Committee and Board of Counselors. During the design and construction of the new Health Center campus, Jerry's vast knowledge and experience in large-scale real estate development have been invaluable to Saint John's.

Jerry's commitment to Saint John's is matched by his wife and 60 year life-long partner, Pat, whose contributions have touched everyone in the Saint John's family. As one of the founding members of the Irene Dunne Guild, she continues to be an integral part of this important support group. She is a committee member of the Women's Health Initiative and serves on several fundraising event committees. Pat has graciously hosted countless dinners and special events in their home to introduce friends and neighbors to Saint John's.

The Epsteins' dedication to Saint John's is rivaled only by their pride for the State of California. Jerry is a true real estate visionary and since 1952 has been involved in the development, construction and management of major building projects in Los Angeles. One of the highlights of his extremely successful career in real estate is the development of Marina del Rey, the largest pleasure boat harbor community in the world.

Jerry's leadership in civic affairs extends to all sectors of the community and he has proudly served every California governor since Ronald Reagan on state boards and commissions, including the California Transportation Commission and California High Speed Rail Authority, City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners and Los Angeles State Building Authority, all of which he served as president.

A dedicated student of history, Jerry collects memorabilia associated with the Founding Fathers and other great American statesmen. He is perhaps most proud of the collection he recently donated to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which included an original copy of the Declaration of Independence: plus documents and letters signed by every signatory of the Declaration, including Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Hancock.

Pat and Jerry's energy is boundless when it comes to making a difference in their community. Jerry serves on the board of directors of The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles and a three-person committee overseeing the construction of the new L.A. County USC and

Harbor UCLA Medical Centers. Pat is an officer of the Beverly Hills Hadassah and a member of the Governing Board of FIDM/The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the Nation. A gifted artist, sculptor and collector, Pat is also a member of the city's artistic community and is passionate about the time she spends in her studio, Studio Eight, sculpting in different mediums."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the entire Roybal family in paying tribute to Pat and Jerry for their generosity, dedication and love for Saint John's Health Center, the greater Los Angeles region and the state of California. They have given selflessly of their time, creativity, talent and financial resources to many important causes and it is with great pride that I join Saint John's in recognizing them for their significant and ongoing contributions to our communities.

COMMENDING JOSEE DUCHESNEAU'S 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Josee Duchesneau, who has admirably served this House and the 12th District of Florida for 25 years. She began her career working for Congressman Andy Ireland in 1983 in his Lakeland office. Josee then continued her service to the people of Florida when Congressman Charles Canady was elected to that seat in 1992.

Upon my election to Congress in 2000, Josee joined my staff bringing years of experience, wisdom and dedication to public service. Since then, she has tirelessly worked for thousands of constituents in central Florida as well as servicing as a mentor to her colleagues.

The many constituents in the 12th District of Florida owe the successful outcome of their complex casework to Josee Duchesneau. Josee's work on immigration cases, among others, has helped countless people experience the true American Dream. The unparalleled efforts on behalf of constituents and their loved ones have made life changing impacts throughout central Florida.

Josee has dedicated her entire career to serving those in the 12th Congressional District and embodies everything that the American taxpayer deserves in a civil servant. The House of Representatives, the State of Florida and our entire nation owe Josee a debt of gratitude for the service she has provided to so many. I know I speak for her colleagues in Washington, DC, and Bartow when I say we that she epitomizes what it truly means to give selflessly; we are proud of her many accomplishments and look forward to the many constituents she will assist in the years to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Josee Duchesneau for her 25 years of service to the House of Representatives. On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, I would like to thank Josee for her diligent efforts and continued success.

IN HONOR OF DR. GERALD M. LEMOLE, M.D., 2008 RECIPIENT OF THE WILMINGTON SENIOR CENTER'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Dr. Gerald M. Lemole, M.D. Dr. Lemole is the 2008 recipient of the Wilmington Senior Center's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Wilmington Senior Center bestows this prestigious award upon an older adult whose accomplishments are particularly laudable. As one of our nation's foremost cardiothoracic surgeons, Dr. Lemole is certainly deserving of such an honor.

Following his graduation from Villanova University in 1958 and after earning his doctor of medicine degree from Temple University in 1962, Dr. Lemole completed an internship at Staten Island University and his residency at Temple University Hospital. From 1967 to 1969, Dr. Lemole received cardiac training from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Serving as an instructor in surgery at Baylor in 1968, he was part of the surgical team that performed the first successful heart transplant in the United States.

Returning to Temple University in 1969, Dr. Lemole quickly made his mark on the Tri-State area, performing the first coronary bypass that same year. At 32, he became Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Temple University, Chief of Surgery at Deborah Heart and Lung Center at 35, and a full professor of surgery at Temple University at 38, making him one of the youngest individuals in the United States to achieve such a position. Dr. Lemole re-located to Delaware in 1986 in order to establish our State's first open heart surgery program, where he has since continued to save numerous lives as well as train and mentor other promising surgeons on the staff in the Christiana Care Health System. He also serves on the staff at A.I. Dupont Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, along with several hospitals in the Greater Philadelphia area.

As an accomplished physician and brilliant instructor, Dr. Lemole has lectured extensively and authored many articles for various publications. He has served as a visiting professor at several colleges and universities both in the United States and abroad, including the University of Istanbul, where he performed Turkey's first successful coronary bypass surgery in 1982.

I thank and acknowledge Dr. Gerald Lemole for his dedicated service to our nation and the State of Delaware. With honed precision and an exceptional medical mind, Dr. Lemole has touched countless lives in his over forty years of surgical practice. He is a truly worthy recipient of the Wilmington Senior Center's Lifetime Achievement Award.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: Nine Crozerville Road, PO Box 2425, Aston, PA 19014.

Description of Request: The next generation aircraft carriers will be built using new-technology that replaces the traditional steam catapults with an Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS). The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS materials and configuration operating in a catapult-like environment. A T & E program initiated to develop design-specific corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Corrosion protection is an important element in producing a durable, highly reliable EMALS that will meet or exceed all Navy performance goals. It can be expected that unforeseen corrosion issues will arise as full-scale development, testing, and implementation of the EMALS proceeds. There is a window to generate corrosion data and recommend changes through 2009. Corrosion fatigue and stress corrosion cracking are critical problems that if addressed correctly, would improve performance, extend their life cycle and lower Operation and Maintenance costs for the carriers and their test facilities. Fracture mechanics testing of various corrosion control alternatives in a realistically simulated environment is required to resolve these concerns.

Detailed Finance Plan—McGee Industries: The total cost of this program has been valued at \$3,000,000. We will need to design and develop load frames that will replicate the harsh catapult trough environment. Test equipment will need to be built that simulates the heat extremes, vibration effects, various deck contaminate and their effects on corrosion. All of these parameters will need to be monitored on a periodic basis to assure that we are simulating the EMALS operating conditions. At present we plan to evaluate more than 20 different chemicals and coatings.

The research program planned will follow the direction of the testing results and the direction of appropriate NAVAIR personnel. We estimate that we will need man hours for chemists, engineers, technicians and laboratory services as well as clerical and administrative support.

Breakdown of the Requested Funding:

\$750,000 for Design and Test Equipment.

\$350,000 for Laboratory Supplies and Equipment.

\$550,000 for Man Hours for Chemists, Engineers, Technicians.

\$150,000 Administrative, Travel,

\$200,000 Research Institutes.

Though this program is specifically directed at the EMALS system controlled by NAVAIR, McGee Industries plans to include updates pertinent to NAVSEA. Corrosion issues and improved corrosion protection are a problem

throughout all military branches due to the age of existing equipment and the harsh environments which they must operate in successfully. Thus, this program offers conditioned maintenance improvements for the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard.

CONGRATULATING ECUMENICAL ENTERPRISES INC. ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING SAFE, AFFORDABLE, HOUSING IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Ecumenical Enterprises Inc., of Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for 40 years of providing quality housing to those with low or moderate incomes and those who are elderly, handicapped or disabled.

Recognizing the need for such housing in the late 1960s, a group of concerned religious and lay leaders headed by the late Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers and Monsignor Donald McAndrews began meeting to discuss ways and means to address this growing housing issue.

That effort led to the formation of Ecumenical enterprises Inc. sponsored by four diverse but socially committed religious bodies including the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre and the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Wyoming Valley.

Subsequently, this fledgling agency began experimenting with single family home development and later moved into larger, multi-family, apartment complexes in Wilkes-Barre City, Dallas Borough and Wyoming Borough. EEI at this time also began addressing the needs of the elderly, the disabled and the handicapped.

As EEI moved into the 1980s, it realized there was a need for housing for those who could no longer live independently. After a tremendous effort, EEI began the construction of a skilled nursing facility in 1983.

In due course, EEI developed more housing facilities in West Pittston Borough, Kingston Township and Glen Lyon in Luzerne County and at Honesdale, in Wayne County.

Throughout its history, Monsignor McAndrews has remained a remarkable counselor and a leader committed to improving the quality of life for others. In appreciation, Msgr. McAndrews is being presented with a "Founders" award by EEI.

EEI has also been blessed with the fine co-operation of Wachovia Bank, now under the leadership of Thomas F. Capone, Area Executive Officer. Wachovia is also being honored by EEI with its "Partners in Caring" award this year.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ecumenical Enterprises Inc. for the extraordinary leadership in community service it has provided for four decades during which it has touched the lives of thousands of people and endeared itself to multiple generations who lives have been comforted and enriched by its very existence.

HONORING DON CHARLEVOIX ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SHERIFF OF DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dickinson County Sheriff Don Charlevoix. Sheriff Charlevoix, Dickinson County, Michigan's longest serving sheriff, will retire at the end of this year after 31 years in law enforcement. As a former Michigan State Trooper, I have a special appreciation for the service of public servants like Sheriff Charlevoix, and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in paying tribute to his 20 years of service with the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Charlevoix started his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Northern Michigan University Public Safety Department from 1977 to 1983. He worked for the Marinette City Police Department for a short time, and then the Norway Police Department from 1983 to 1988 prior to being elected sheriff in 1989.

Sheriff Charlevoix instituted many changes in the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office over the years and developed an outstanding and dedicated staff of law enforcement officers and employees. In addition to guiding the office through several expansion projects, Don Charlevoix continued to acquire numerous grants and successfully maintained and developed valuable programs such as D.A.R.E., Marine, Snowmobile, ORV Patrols as well as airport and courthouse security programs.

As a former president of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Charlevoix is widely recognized by his peers as one of Michigan's top sheriffs. He was instrumental in forging a truly cooperative working relationship among law enforcement agencies, county officials and numerous local governmental entities. In addition to overseeing a staff of 61 full and part-time employees at the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Center, Sheriff Charlevoix always found time to work and speak with the people he served and has always been completely dedicated to helping the public.

When he announced he would be retiring, Don told the Iron Mountain Daily News: "I will miss the people more than anything. Serving as your sheriff has truly been a pleasure and I will always look back fondly upon the many wonderful memories and relationships that we have developed over the years."

Don Charlevoix and his wife, Teresa, have a wonderful family and he hopes to spend more time with them when he retires. He plans to do some traveling and find some time to ride his motorcycle a little more. The Charlevoixs plan on staying in Dickinson County, in the place they love best.

Madam Speaker, the dedicated men and women who enforce the law to protect their communities rarely receive the praise they deserve. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in congratulating Sheriff Donald Charlevoix on a job well done and in wishing him well in his retirement.