

cultural roots, and business leaders of unmatched work ethic and ingenuity.

Diwali marks the Hindu commitments to faith, peace, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the celebration of Diwali and wishing the Hindu people of Illinois' Sixth Congressional District a peaceful holiday.

HONORING THE WORK OF SUPERVISOR TIM SMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize and honor Tim Smith, who is retiring after serving for 20 years on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Upon his retirement, Supervisor Smith will have earned the distinction of being the longest continuously serving supervisor in the county's history.

Supervisor Smith began his service to our country as a Navy radioman in Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam, he attended Sonoma State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science in 1976.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the staff of State Assemblyman Doug Bosco and continued as his district director when the Assemblyman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Supervisor Smith was elected to the Board in 1988. As Supervisor, he provided constituent services to 95,000 people in the Third District. The Board also sets the policy direction for the \$700 million annual budget and 3,500 county employees, works extensively with the legislative delegation on legislative and regulatory issues and serves on many regional and local agencies, commissions and boards.

Just a few of these agencies, commissions and boards include the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the National Association of Counties, the California Association of Counties, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

In his spare time, he has been a volunteer, advocate or fundraiser for many nonprofit organizations, including the Volunteer Center, United Way, Day of Caring, the Hate Free Community Project, the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, the Heart Association and the Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign.

Supervisor Smith intends to spend his well earned leisure time traveling with his wife, Suzanne, enjoying his hobbies of golf and fly fishing, and spending more time with his three children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Supervisor Smith leaves a distinguished record of public service and a lasting reputation as a problem solver who always had the best interests of the people of Sonoma County in mind as he worked on their behalf. We will miss our partnership with him but know he will continue to be a strong advocate for his community. It is appropriate that we honor and acknowledge him today for his lifetime of public service.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENTS AT ST. CATHARINE'S ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the innovative students at St. Catharine's Academy in the Bronx, NY, who have dedicated their time to raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Earlier this year, students at St. Catharine's Academy read a magazine article about the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the various humanitarian issues facing women in the country. St. Catharine's Academy is a unique all-girls school that strives to teach its students responsibility, compassion, social justice, collaboration and concern for women's issues. The students brainstormed and mobilized efforts to address the humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They organized fundraising bake sales to send money to Panzi Hospital in the DRC, a hospital dedicated to treating women who are survivors of rape and abuse. Through their efforts, the students raised \$5,600 to send to Panzi Hospital, which continues to treat over 60,000 women a year. The students furthered their efforts to mobilize the student body by creating a video highlighting obstacles faced by women in the DRC for the school's annual international show.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the students of St. Catharine's Academy for their work on raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in recognition of their contributions to their community, their vision and their innovation. May their efforts serve as an example for all of us to follow.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, over fifteen years ago, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act (PL 103-3), legislation that allows employees to take time off from work to care for a new baby or sick family member. Because of this landmark legislation, millions of Americans have been able to take unpaid leave without the risk of losing their jobs.

Today, I am introducing the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act. Building upon the success of the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, this legislation would allow more people to benefit from FMLA by allowing employees in companies with more than 25 employees to take Family and Medical Leave and would extend employee leave for workers to meet their family's needs. The legislation includes 24 hours of leave (during any 12-month period) for parents and grandparents to go to parent-teacher conferences or to take their children, grandchildren or other family members to the doctor for regular medical or dental appointments.

Currently, the FMLA allows qualified workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for newborns, seek emergency medical care for themselves, parents, children under 18 or legal spouse. My legislation would add commonsense enhancements to FMLA.

In 1997, this legislative measure was supported by President Bill Clinton. In February 1997, President Clinton said, "I call upon Congress to expand the family leave law to give parents an additional 24 hours of unpaid leave each year to take a child or an elderly relative to a regular doctor's appointment or to attend parent-teacher conferences at school. In so doing, we'll make our families stronger and our workers more productive, building the kind of country and economy we all want for our children."

On behalf of America's families, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in support of the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 29, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,034 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth

that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,034 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is September 29, 2008, 13,034 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. 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 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2008.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Army.

Project: Mariah II Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Development.

Amount: \$3,200,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is MSE Technology Applications, located at 200 Technology Way, Butte, MT 59701. The funding would be used for continued development of a true air hypersonic wind tunnel.

BUDGET

Task 1: Project Management.

This task includes program management, reporting, Risk management, ES&H, and Quality.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Task 2: Technology Integration.

This task includes technology and system integration, development of the overall Technology Development Plan, preparation of topical reports on technologies to be developed, and technology advocacy.

Estimated Cost: \$350,000.

Task 3: Facility Development.

This task includes the development of testing facilities at various levels. This includes Ultra-high pressure test facility development, pilot plant development and MSHWT development.

Estimated Cost: \$400,000.

Task 4: Gas Supply System Technology.

This task includes gland seal development, cross bore/check valve development/flow starting valve development, storage heater development, seal ring/clamp seal development, co-axial flow manifold development and gas supply system dynamic analysis.

Estimated Cost: \$950,000.

Continue development and evaluation of adaptable "Data Management" network interoperability services based on emerging commercial communications technologies and technology developed by MSU.

To: 12/10, Production (LRP) delivery system to Navy platforms—Development Location: AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Navy (MC).

Project: Marine Expeditionary Rifle Squad—Sensor Integrated, Modular Protection, Combat Helmet (MERS—SIMP).

Amount: \$1,600,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Computer Services, Inc., located at 648 North Jackson, Helena, MT, 59601. The funding would be used for the development of single system that incorporates communications, protection, and sensors for a combat helmet.

BUDGET

Contract Award.

Design Engineering (30 Days).

Production Engineering (60 Days).

Production of 15 Sensor Integrated, Modular Protection (SIMP/Prototype) Systems.

Includes ordering of components, unique component fabrication, system build and test. (180 Days) User Testing (30 days) Refurbishment and final delivery (60 Days).

COST BREAKDOWN

Program Management: 500

Design Engineering: 500

Human Systems Integration: 50

Production Engineering: 100

Production 15 Systems, Plus Spares/Components: 375

Design and Fabrication Ruggedized SIMP containers: 25

System Test Support: 25

Refurbishment and Repair: 25

Knowledge Management, System (KMS), data entry, customized access/retrieval, and system development: 250

\$ Total in 000s: 1,600

Task 5: Electron Beam Energy Addition Technology.

This task includes energy generation development; energy transport development, energy deposition technology development, and thermal & fluid Mechanics E-Beam/Fluid interaction development.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Task 6: Throat and Nozzle Survivability.

This task includes thermal and fluid mechanics throat/Nozzle survivability, heat protection analysis, Model development, validation and training.

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Navy.

Project: Supportability Training Services Infrastructure.

Amount: \$1,600,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Advanced Acoustic Concepts, located at 910 Technology Blvd., Suite A, Bozeman, Montana 59718. The funding would be used for the development of system design and software for the supportability data management system.

BUDGET

FY09 Development and Testing Timeline, Date, FY09 Estimate (AAC/MSU), and Notes:

Milestone Demo 1 FY09—Initiate efforts to integrate sensors, data, control systems, weapons and platforms into the Supportability System, From: 10/08 To: 10/09, \$600,000, Development Location: AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Milestone Demo 2 FY09/FY10—Demonstrate operation effectiveness, From: 10/09 To: 04/10, \$500,000, Full-scale development demonstration showing all the capabilities of the Supportability system. Development Location: AAC, MT Operations and U.S. Navy Test Platform.

Milestone 3—FY09/FY10, From 04/10, \$500,000, Initial "Limited" Rate.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG, H.R. 2638.

The Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

The Account: RTD&E, Air Force.

Project: Watchkeeper.

Amount: \$800,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is General Atomics, located at 1899 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 300, Washington DC. The funding would be used by multiple Montana subcontractors to focus on technologies for completion of motion sensing radar with day/night video capture and transmission capability.

BUDGET

The final RDT&E phase/segment requires completion of the system software, downsizing and packaging the equipment, final development of the ASIC chip, and demonstration of the Watchkeeper system in real environment.