

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.

	\$(M)	2Q FY09	3Q FY09	4Q FY09	1Q FY10	Subtotals
Labor .....		1.0	0.8	0.85	0.9	3.55
Materials and Services .....		1.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.8
Admin. ....		0.175	0.15	0.15	0.175	0.65
Subtotals .....		2.275	1.55	1.5	1.675	7.0 (Total)

Note: Budget is based off the original request of \$7 million and will be adjusted proportionally to the secured earmark of \$800,000.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. 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 Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: OM, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Knox

Address of Requesting Entity: 127 6th Ave. Ste 202, Fort Knox, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,320,000 for roof removal and replacement at Fort Knox, U.S. Army installation. The roofs on six barracks that house soldiers at Fort Knox are in need of being replaced or repaired. This project request has the support of the Fort Knox Garrison Command and would repair the roofs on buildings 1479, 1480, 2371, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2381.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Owensboro Medical Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 811 East Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for plant-based vaccine research at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center. The Owensboro Medical Health System and the University of Louisville have partnered to place university researchers in hospital labs to further explore plant-based technologies. Research at the facility has already begun to create significant achievements by using the proteins from tobacco to create potential life-saving vaccines. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of Army RDTE. As certified by the Owensboro Medical Health System, the organization will provide at least 5% in matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ron Lewis

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: FEMA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Commerce and Tech Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 W. Broadway, Campbellsville, KY, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$750,000 for Predisaster Mitigation for the County of Taylor. The regional industrial park attracts businesses to the Campbellsville/Taylor County area. The park faces significant water problems and is in need of earthwork to control erosion as well as storm water man-

agement assistance. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Emergency Management Agency account. The Executive Director of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Industrial Development Authority has certified that as the requesting entity it will provide matching funds of 5% or more above the statutory requirements. The committee report language incorrectly stated that the funds would go to the City of Taylorsville, KY and not the requested location of the County of Taylor, KY.

## HONORING JESSE DAKODA JEPSEN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse Dakota Jepsen of Kearney, Missouri. Jesse is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1397, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jesse has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jesse has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jesse Dakota Jepsen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## SUPPORT OF OUTRAGE OVER HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the September 12, 2008 article, "Outraged by AIDS Epidemic" by Virginia Fields, president and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. In this article Ms. Fields rightly expresses her frustration over the increased number of HIV/AIDS infections in African-American communities. The infection rate for African-Americans is seven times higher than Whites and is disproportionately higher than any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S.

With new information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that was released at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, I ask my colleagues to stand with me to take a stronger stand against this epidemic in our own country. It is inexcus-

able that with the funding and resources that we have that the HIV/AIDS cases in the U.S. have risen over the past three decades. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, the U.S. has spent 19 billion dollars on the initiative to fight HIV/AIDS abroad. In addition to PEPFAR we need to establish a plan that would include adequate funding and resources to assist with prevention, education, and treatment to help combat this epidemic here at home.

Madam Speaker, it is time for us to openly address this issue that is affecting so many individuals and their families across our great country.

## OUTRAGED BY AIDS EPIDEMIC

(By C. Virginia Fields)

I was not shocked by facts I learned at the recent International AIDS Conference, but I was outraged—outraged that, three decades into this epidemic, we are still seeing the kind of numbers we're seeing in terms of AIDS' impact on the black community.

At the Conference, which was held Aug. 3–8 in Mexico City, delegates learned that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now estimating the number of AIDS cases to be much higher than originally thought. Using more precise methodology, the agency now says there were 56,300 new HIV infections in the United States in 2006 rather than the 40,000 previously estimated.

With many problems, the black community is hit harder than the population as a whole, and AIDS is no different—in fact, this trend is greatly accentuated with AIDS. The CDC found that the infection rate for African-Americans was seven times higher than whites. Almost 25,000 new cases of HIV were measured for blacks in the reporting period. The new numbers "confirm that blacks are more heavily and disproportionately affected by HIV than any other racial/ethnic group in the U.S.," the CDC reported.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for black women between the ages of 25 and 34.

New York is a leader in the country in many areas and this is one of the unfortunate ones. The cumulative number of AIDS cases in this state was more than 177,000 through 2006, according to CDC statistics. That was more than 30,000 above California, which was in second place.

Now one would think that, given these numbers, the federal government would be doing all that it possibly can to fight this disease, and to target the funds where they are most needed. I wish that were true. In fact, when it comes to dealing with AIDS, the government seems to think it's more of a crisis overseas than at home.

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funnels resources to 15 countries with high rates of AIDS. While that is needed, what about our own citizens? There is no program to target resources with PEPFAR-like intensity at home. This is despite the fact that, according to a recent report by the Black AIDS Institute, black Americans, if they were a separate country, would have higher rates of HIV/AIDS than many of the third world countries the government targets for help.

One of the priorities of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS is bringing about a national AIDS strategy. This