

	\$(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

emerged from a conclave NBLCA facilitated last October that was co-chaired by Rev. Calvin Butts, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, and Bishop T.D. Jakes, pastor of the Potter's House in Dallas.

The strategy would set goals and time-tables and identify needed resources. It would make sure the 10 agencies that administer AIDS programs coordinate and communicate with one another. In short, it would be a road map about how we respond to the AIDS epidemic in the United States.

The United States requires countries that receive help under PEPFAR to have such a strategy yet the United States itself does not have one. More than ironic, that's tragic.

The impact AIDS is having on our citizens, especially those in the black community, is alarming—and it's getting worse. If we don't mobilize now and make sure that we're attacking this disease with as much energy, resources and intelligence as we can muster, we will someday wonder how we let such a disaster happen.

Despite all the bad news, there can be hope. I came away from the International AIDS Conference encouraged that we are determined as never before to fight the disease. I came away from the conference—and I think many of my fellow delegates from all over the world did, too—much more committed to this cause.

HONORING SANDRA POINDEXTER ON BEING NAMED MICHIGAN'S PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sandra Poindexter of Marquette, Michigan. Professor Poindexter has been named Michigan's Professor of the Year and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring her for this accomplishment.

Sandra Poindexter, who teaches information systems at Northern Michigan University, has been recognized as Distinguished Professor of the Year by the presidents of Michigan's 15 public universities. She is being honored for her sustained commitment to creating and infusing innovative teaching strategies and experiential learning opportunities into the classroom.

This special recognition for Professor Poindexter is the most recent of many she has received for her innovations to learning, which expand the classroom into the community and around the world. Some of her special innovations to learning include creatively integrating the Internet and notebook computers into academic environments, forming team-based and service-learning experiences and also fostering international education through student and faculty exchange programs and developing the International Information Technology Student Conference.

Northern Michigan University in the Upper Peninsula is committed to the high-quality, visionary teaching that Sandra Poindexter embodies and this special award celebrates her many contributions to the academic world.

Madam Speaker, as Sandra Poindexter accepts the honor of being named Michigan's Professor of the Year, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in congratulating her on this momentous

occasion. Teachers like her are always appreciated and I thank her for her contributions to education.

JOB CREATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 7110, the Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act. Millions of Americans are struggling to make ends meet during these extremely difficult economic times. The budgets of American families are being squeezed as the price of gas, food, housing and healthcare continue to increase, while wages are down and unemployment is up. The number of unemployed Americans is the highest it has been since 1992. The economy has lost jobs for 8 straight months, with 605,000 American jobs lost this year. Last month alone, 84,000 Americans lost their jobs.

In February, I was pleased to vote in favor of the first economic stimulus package when it passed the House. However, I was disappointed that, because of Republican opposition and the need to move the bill quickly, it did not include increases in unemployment benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid payments to States, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefits, or infrastructure investments, all of which would have a significant stimulative effect on our economy. As a result, a number of studies have concluded that the stimulus package only had a negligible effect on our economy.

Seven months later, the recession has only worsened. The crisis on Wall Street continues to expand, with the largest bank collapse in our Nation's history occurring on Thursday, and more and more banks coming to government, hat in hand, asking to be bailed out. The time has come to take care of the millions of working families across America who have been struggling for years under the Bush economy, before we swoop in to rescue Wall Street with billions of taxpayer dollars.

H.R. 7110 provides a critical additional 7 weeks of extended benefits for workers who have exhausted regular unemployment compensation, with workers in high unemployment States eligible for an additional 13 weeks of benefits. Studies have shown that extending unemployment insurance is one of the quickest forms of economic stimulus because workers who have lost their jobs spend those benefits quickly.

This package also provides a crucial temporary increase in Medicaid payments to States. These funds will help States offset the increased cost of Medicaid as more people apply for assistance while healthcare costs continue to skyrocket. While Governor Blagojevich is struggling to maintain benefits in Illinois, we have already seen other States cutting eligibility and services, and more reductions will occur if we do not provide increased temporary assistance. As we know from past financial downturns when we took similar action, increased Federal payments are not only important to the children, senior citi-

zens, persons with disabilities and others who rely on Medicaid but will stimulate the economy quickly and substantially as well.

Finally, this package also contains \$12.8 billion for our Nation's deteriorating highways and bridges; \$1 billion for repair and construction projects of public housing units; and \$3 billion to repair crumbling schools, including technology upgrades and energy-efficiency improvements, which likewise will have an immediate stimulative effect on the economy. These projects provide short-term benefit by putting people to work immediately—with funding, work can begin on many of them tomorrow—and they provide long-term improvements that will benefit Americans for years to come.

This is an excellent package, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in creating good jobs and providing assistance to those struggling in today's economy.

HONORING RAMADAN

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of introspection, fasting and spiritual renewal.

Throughout the entire 9th month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims demonstrate their devotion by fasting from sunrise until sunset. The month of Ramadan is also an important time for Muslim families and communities as they join together in expression of their devotion.

Many Muslims use this time to seek physical and spiritual renewal. In fact, more than 25,000 Muslims in my Congressional District observe this celebration to mark their steadfast commitments to faith, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the celebration of the month of Ramadan and wishing Muslims a peaceful holiday.

HONORING THE WORK OF DEAN STEVEN OLSON

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 Steve Olson, who has recently retired as Dean of Occupational Education and Economic Development at Santa Rosa Junior College, SRJC.

Dean Olson began his career as a Plant Science Instructor at SRJC in 1970, and was named Department Chair in 1974. Thirteen years later, he was selected as Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services. In this role he administered a variety of programs for the college including the Agriculture Department, the college's Shone Farm, international education, as well as Community Outreach and Development.

During his tenure at SRJC, he helped establish the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and the college farm. He also expanded course offerings to more than 50 sites