

In 1853, seventeen attorneys formed an organization of legal practitioners, creating the Association of the Bar of Bucks County. The organization was incorporated in 1883 and had grown to 40 members. They worked then, as they do now, to improve the welfare of the judicial system, the courts, the administration of justice and service to the public.

Now with more than 700 members, the Bucks County Bar Association has made huge advancements. It now has its own legal journal, the Bucks County Law Report. They also have established a lawyer referral program, Legal Aid Society, and mock trial and law day programs. What once consisted of just 40 members now has 30 committees within the organization. The Bar Association of Bucks County has come a long way since it was incorporated over 100 years ago.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Bucks County Bar Association and its service and dedication to the residents and legal professionals of Bucks County.

HONORING ALPENA, MICHIGAN'S STATE RUNNER-UP GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the players and coaches of the Alpena High School girl's softball team. They were Michigan state runner-up champs for high school girls' softball in Division I play and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring the outstanding Alpena Wildcats.

No one can fault the girls for being disappointed after their 14-inning 2–1 loss to the Garden City Cougars in the state championship game. After years of finishing the season at the district tournament, the Alpena High School girls' softball team finally broke away from that barrier and made it all the way to the State final in which they finished second. Their hard-fought advancement to the State Final is a source of great pride not only to the softball team and high school, but also for the Alpena community as a whole.

This championship run was a defining moment in girls' softball for the Alpena area. Head Coach Paul Marwede was quoted as saying "I've been proud of these kids from day one . . . I will be proud of them for the rest of my life." What this girls' softball team accomplished was extraordinarily special and will always be remembered for years to come.

I wish to congratulate each of the players and coaches on a memorable season. These players and coaches include: Rachel Gebauer, Aubrey Kowalski, Kursten Paczkowski, Leah Cox, Nikki Preuss, Alyssa Smith, and Rachel Brown, Allison Keen, Brandy Lancewicz, Kayla Paczkowski, Katie Prevo, Leah Ventimiglia, Head Coach Paul Marwede, assistant coaches Jason Barbeau, Louie Hoppe, Brittney Kirkwood and Christin Sobeck and trainer Brad Nash.

Madam Speaker, as the Alpena High School girls' softball team celebrates a memorable season and a second-place finish, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representa-

tives join with me in congratulating them on this extraordinary accomplishment. This truly is a time in these young women's lives that they will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE SONOMA COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor and acknowledge the Sonoma County Medical Association, SCMA. The SCMA will celebrate its 150th anniversary on November 11, 2008.

Recently discovered documents place the first call to organize the forerunner to the SCMA on April 10, 1858, with the creation of a constitution and by-laws. The group went through at least 2 subsequent reorganizations, the latter being in 1888, which had long been considered by medical historians to be the original founding date of the organization.

From 1888 to 1910 the Sonoma County Medical Society, as it was then called, held monthly meetings around such topics as "The Emotions in Their Relationship to Disease" and "Bubonic Plague: Keeping it Out of Sonoma County." In 1906, the association elected its first woman president, Dr. Anabel Stuart. During both World Wars, 29 percent of the medical society's membership served our country in uniform.

Since 1951, the SCMA has had only 5 full-time administrators or executive directors. Josephine Quayle served as "general helper" until her retirement in 1963. She was succeeded by Norman Brown, who served from 1960 to 1982. Roger Brown served from 1983 to 1989, followed by Torn Wagner from 1989 to 2000 and Cynthia Melody from 2000 to the present.

Over the years, the SCMA has made numerous contributions to the health of Sonoma County. In 1962, the SCMA coordinated a "Knock Out Polio" campaign that resulted in 92.3 percent of the county's population being immunized. From the mid-1970s to the late 1990s, the SCMA created several other affiliated companies that helped increase medical services to county residents, including the Specialty Physicians Association and the Children's Health Network. And, in 2000, the SCMA returned to its roots as a self-sustaining, non-profit county medical association supporting physicians and their efforts to enhance the health of the community.

Madam Speaker, the SMCA has a long history of assisting physicians practicing in Sonoma County and of preserving the well being of county residents. It is appropriate that we honor this distinguished organization and its members for their past accomplishments and wish them well as they continue to work on behalf of the physicians and residents of Sonoma County.

U.S. TAIWAN RELATIONS

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the House recently considered and passed H.R. 6646, a bill that would require the Secretary of State to provide Congress with detailed briefings on any recent discussions conducted between the United States Government and the Government of Taiwan and any potential transfer of defense articles or defense services to the Government of Taiwan.

I was proud to cosponsor this legislation, which I hope will end a reported freeze on arms sales to Taiwan. The U.S. and Taiwan have enjoyed a positive economic and political relationship for several decades and it is our duty to make defense articles available to our allies, especially in the Asia Pacific region.

The U.S. Taiwan Relations Act states in Section 2(b)(5) that "it is the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character." The same Act specifies in Section 3(b) that Congress has a role in determining the defensive needs of Taiwan. Furthermore, Section 3(b) also states that any determination "shall include review by United States military authorities in connection with recommendations to the President and the Congress." Yet the administration has not reported any recommendations to Congress nor explained why arms sales to Taiwan have been delayed. Since Taiwan's legislature passed its arms budget last year, further inaction by the administration is unnecessary.

As twenty-four Members and I wrote in a letter to President Bush on July 31, "A secure and prosperous Taiwan requires the means to provide for its own self defense and the ability to engage its neighbors without fear of military intimidation." If we are serious about Taiwan's security, we must continue to permit the judicious sale of defensive weapons to our key ally.

H. Res. 6646 provides a framework for maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait by requiring the administration to consult with Congress regarding its arms transfer policy. I applaud the passage of this much-needed legislation.

HONORING BILLY JIM VAUGHN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Billy Jim Vaughn as the Brentwood Rotary Club will present him with this year's Community Service Award on October 17, 2008.

For 73 years, Billy Jim Vaughn has served as Scoutmaster for Troop 1, thought to be the oldest continuous Boy Scout troop in the United States. With his love for nature, athletics, and above all other people, Billy Jim has been a part of Troop 1 B.S.A., as a scout and leader, for a total of 82 years. With the pride of a father, Billy Jim has inspired countless young men through scouting by providing the direction, purpose, leadership and teamwork skills needed to develop into strong individuals and community leaders. The entire

Brentwood community holds Billy Jim in the highest respect, and as a result of his dedication, the Billy Jim Campership Fund for Needy Scouts was established in his name.

Billy Jim's immeasurable impact on the community is not limited to the world of scouting, however. During World War II, Billy Jim served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, and he has developed a long record of service to the Nashville and Brentwood communities since that time. At Brentwood United Methodist Church, Billy Jim has taught 9th grade Sunday School for the past 54 years. Additionally, he has served on the boards of directors for American Red Cross, Hemophilia Foundation, and YMCA, among others. He worked at the United Methodist Publishing House for 44 years, and with Randstad Staffing Services for 30 years. He served as president of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, and has been recognized numerous times for his contributions to the business community.

Billy Jim Vaughn has set an example of service, leadership, caring, and civic participation that all would do well to follow. Madam Speaker, I congratulate Billy Jim Vaughn on this well-deserved award, and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his accomplishments. We congratulate Billy Jim and his family on this wonderful occasion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Defense Innovation (Defense Security Technology Accelerator).

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC 28301.

Description of Request: The Partnership for Defense Innovation received an authorization for \$3 million for an expansion of the PDI Special Operations Forces Wireless Testbed by establishing a testing and evaluation assessment center. This added capability will provide rapid testing and assessment, modeling and simulation, software verification, validation and accreditation, strategic analysis and consulting, and provides built out laboratories and equipment bays designed for technical testing and assessment. Capabilities will include an indoor high-bay for vehicle modification and testing, a radio frequency testing chamber for evaluation of communications equipment, and environmental testing chambers designed to test and assess the temperature and humidity impact on equipment. USSOCOM requires testing and assessment of emerging technologies in net-centric operations. USSOCOM is facing a convergence of factors constraining military bandwidth. The reliance on the vast amount and types of data that the net-centric warrior requires for computing, communication, command & control, intelligence and surveillance is challenging. These different types

of data are collected from a plethora of different sources and sensor types, which rely on different data transfer protocols that can affect the size of the files and thus bandwidth demands. The Lab will continue to problem-solve these issues while providing a proximate test bed for just-intime new product tests and evaluations on WiFi battlefield solutions. A \$2 million add for this request was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Operations & Maintenance, Marine Corps, Operating Forces.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Longworth Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 480 E. Main Street, Candor, NC 27229.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$5,000,000 for Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. Acclimate flame resistant high performance base layers are designed to provide an increased degree of protection against potential exposure to heat and flame of a short duration. In a flash fire situation, Acclimate flame resistant base layers are thermostatic meaning they will remain physically intact when exposed to a short duration heat source. They will not break open, thus helping to minimize burn injuries as well as eliminating the intensified burns caused by the melting or dripping of other synthetic materials. The Marine Corps has a \$27.0 million "Unfunded Requirement" to provide, "modernized clothing and equipment that is more effective, lighter and more durable to support the warfighter in austere environments that have been identified in the Global War on Terrorism." The Clothing and Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG) program (including the Fire Resistant Desert Combat Jacket) has been funded to meet the Marine Corps' flame resistant apparel requirements with products like the Acclimate Flame Resistant High Performance Base Layers. A \$1.6 million add was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: OPN Budget Activity 01, Line #19, Items Less than \$5 million.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IMO Pump.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1710 Airport Road, Monroe, NC, USA.

Description of Request: Provide an authorization of \$4 million for the procurement and installation of Canned Lube Pumps (CLP) on four LSD-41/49 Class amphibious ships. This funding will purchase 16 CLP units to complete the LSD-41 class. Approximately, \$400,000 is for technical support for installation; \$2.8M for the CLP units and installation; \$600,000 for battle spares; \$200,000 for prototype ship board test for LHD class. The Navy has indicated that the total savings over the life of the LSD 41/49 class from installing the CLP is over \$33.1 million and the return investment to the Navy is 394 percent. This funding will complete the procurement and installation of the Whidbey Island Class. A \$2 million add was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT & E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and Northrup Grumman.

Address of Requesting Entity: UNC—Charlotte Campus in Charlotte, NC is the location of performance (where the work will be done): University of North Carolina—Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223 and Northrup Grumman, 7323 Aviation Blvd, Mail Stop 1105, Baltimore, MD 21040

Description of Request: Provide a \$3 million authorization for Superlattice Nanotechnology research for the Department of Defense to be performed at UNC—Charlotte. Most of today's compound semiconductor devices made from silicon (Si) and silicon germanium (SiGe) have high power capabilities, but are limited by defect density and other factors affecting yield, cost and performance. One of the most promising new materials is SiC, which is used to make high power radio frequency (RF), power switching, and high current switching devices for a multitude of DoD applications. Superlattice nanotechnology can mitigate the size, yield and performance limitations of SiC by utilizing atomic level control of the SiC-on-Si growth process. This will greatly reduce the cost and improve the performance of many of the desired SiC devices. Superlattice nanotechnology will form the structure for the next dimension in RF electronics (Radar, EW, communications), radiation hard electronics (satellite, special use), and power conditioning electronics (DEW, electromagnetic gun), enabling performance levels unachievable with today's technology. Request \$5.0 million be added to the President's FY09 Budget Request to continue development of silicon carbide (SiC) Superlattice Nanotechnology. A \$2 million add was included in the final bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT & E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Protective Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: United Protective Technologies (UPT) 4600 H Lebanon Road, Charlotte, NC 28227 and their Locust, North Carolina facility.

Description of Request: Provide a \$2 million authorization for Non-Hazardous Infrared Anti-Reflective Coatings for Army Aircraft Sensors. An alternative coating to extend the service life of expensive and critical infrared range sensor windows is now available. This coating presents none of the health or environmental impacts found in other currently used Anti-reflective coatings. Prototype examples and early stage data of this new capability have been presented to the US Army and have received very positive feedback. Key features include unprecedented environment stability, and excellent abrasion and erosion protection. This coating may also be used on both flat windows and on dome-shaped configurations. This coating will increase the survivability of sensor windows and reduce cost of ownership through an increase in operation life and performance. Army provided Cost/Benefit analysis