

she worked tirelessly to preserve and enrich the art and culture of our city for nearly two decades.

In 1982, Anne d'Harnoncourt was named the director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and her intellect and her unique abilities lead to her becoming the chief executive officer in 1997. She was widely respected for her ability to connect the work of the museum with the broader public, and she presided over many successful efforts to engage diverse audiences at the museum.

She directed numerous successful touring exhibitions, and led major capital campaigns to enable the expansion and renovation of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, ensuring the museum's rightful place in the arts and cultural community of the Greater Philadelphia region and its place as one of the most esteemed arts institutions in the world.

Anne d'Harnoncourt's long-lasting and positive impact will continue to be felt in the arts community well beyond Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She served as a citizen member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and she was consistently recognized by her peers around the world for her meaningful, insightful, and intellectual contributions to her field through her numerous scholarly articles, books, and retrospectives on modern art and artists.

Had we not lost this devoted leader this past June, the international art community and the city of Philadelphia would have joined with Anne's family, including her husband Joseph J. Rishel, earlier this month to celebrate her 65th birthday.

Anne d'Harnoncourt will be sorely missed by all who knew her and her esteemed work.

HONORING PAUL NEWMAN

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, as you know America recently lost one of the greatest leading men the silver screen has ever known. At the request of one of our Capitol tour guides, Albert Caswell, please submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a poem written by Mr. Caswell honoring the great Paul Newman.

A Good Man . . .
A Good Life . . .
Left burning ever bright . . . of which now so
stands this night!
Sunrise . . .
Sunset . . .
Day in . . . day out . . .
All in the moments that we have left . . .
All in our life's quest . . .
As all upon this our earth as left . . . all in
what our lives were about . . .
Just moments, are all we have . . .
To show our worth . . . to remind us all of
what it is that so comes first!
A Good Life . . .
To play our parts . . . our starring roles,
that which so touches all hearts!
Upon, the golden screen of life . . . as lie our
life's work of art!
As left behind, to so touch and warm so each
and everyone's heart . . .
As was your Paul, as was yours . . . but a
true fine work of art . . .
A great man of character, and heart . . .
A sheer work of art . . .
A loving Father, with a wife . . . who was
but the love of his life . . .

A giver, not a taker . . .

As upon each morning as he would wake here

But, his greatest beauty . . . be lie inside his

heart so wide . . .

Even, beating out those blue eyes!

As was his caring and compassion, as his

life's work to help others . . . a man of

action . . .

And, humble as the day was long . . . a private

man, who refused to play his own

song!

Do we give? Or do we take? All in these our

short lives we make!

Who will we touch, all in our life's wake?

A Shining Star, both on and off the screen

A Bright Light . . .

Touching all hearts as we have seen!

Acting out his life, was but The Great Amer-

ican Dream . . .

A Cool Hand on the screen, but in life that

was not his theme . . .

And yet, Paul's great part!

Was but, what was so inside his heart . . .

Judge a man, all the while . . . but how he so

treats and loves a child!

As there, you will ever see . . . ever see

Paul's great smile . . .

For Newman's Own, is not no more . . .

Surely, he's up in Heaven . . . he's the

Lord's!

For his life, was but a fine race . . . which

was won . . .

Finishing First, in Heaven's Sun . . .

"Rain drops keep falling on my head"

So wipe those tears from your eyes . . .

Because Paul, was such A Good Man, and led

such A Good Life which lies!

RECOGNIZING THE IMPLEMENTA- TION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam, Speaker, I rise today to commend the formation of the Joint Working Group, JWG, in Azerbaijan. Consisting of representatives from a wide range of society and international experts, the JWG was founded in the spring of 2008 to improve and protect human rights in Azerbaijan by implementing international human rights standards.

The JWG is educating various strata of society on human rights issues, informing them about existing human rights violations, and have created a hotline and legal aid center, where services are free. It investigates complaints received on human rights violations and takes steps to restore citizen's rights and improve national legislative acts focused on human rights.

As a part of its ongoing responsibility, the JWG was asked to participate in the planning and execution of the upcoming Presidential election to be held in Azerbaijan on October 15, 2008. JWG will help to ensure that a free, transparent, and fair election is held in accordance with international standards. Extensive training with respect to election processes including gatherings and demonstrations is planned and ongoing for police officers, observers, and commissioners at all levels. The training is being conducted by internationally recognized experts. The training includes in-

structions to document and report all activities properly and promptly. The JWG has taken into consideration the inputs of numerous national and international entities who are concerned with many aspects of the election. These entities include the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE, and its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, ODIHR. JWG is coordinating large groups of international observers who will monitor the elections in the district of their own choosing and will cover all districts and precincts.

I applaud the work of all election observers and hope the Azerbaijani people will have an election that is fair and transparent.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. 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. This bill was the FY09 continuing resolution, and it also included a section titled, "Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act" as well as three of the annual appropriations bills for fiscal year 2009: the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Division C); the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (Division D); and the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act (Division E).

Within the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, I requested and the committee approved funding for the following projects:

\$1.92 million for the Lightweight Cannon Recoil Reduction from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account. This recipient of these funds will be Software and Engineering Assoc., Inc., a small business computer software and engineering firm in Carson City, Nevada (1802 N. Carson Street, Suite 200, Carson, Nevada 89701). The firm specializes in developing computer software for the design and analysis of combustion devices. The funds being requested are to support the Army's Future Combat System (FCS), specifically for reducing the weight of the cannon system. The FCS has an operational requirement to be as close to 20 tons as possible so that it can be rapidly transported and still maintain the fighting capabilities of the 67 ton M1 tank that is one of the systems FCS is expected to replace. A new concept is needed for the 120mm cannon system for FCS. This program will enable a 40 to 50 percent reduction in the weight of the 120mm cannon systems that is necessary to meet the weight goals for the Manned Combat System (FCS version of a tank) and the 155 mm NLOS-C vehicles (FCS self propelled howitzer).

\$1.6 million for a Reconfigurable Tooling System from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. The recipient of these funds will be 2 Phase in Dayton, Nevada (located at PO Box 730, Dayton, Nevada 89403). The firm specializes in developing reconfigurable tooling systems (RTS) which can make or repair parts onsite. Systems are being used and tested at Army and

Marine Corps Depots currently, with positive results. This funding will provide Army and Marine Corps Aviation Commands repair capability in theater, so forces will not have to wait for the time-consuming supply system to provide parts. To alleviate this delay, a portable rapid reconfigurable tooling system is being developed that can repair the specific tool onsite. Aircraft would be able to be put back into operational status faster, giving the Theater Commander more assets to deploy. Two systems were previously delivered to the Corpus Christi Army Depot and Cherry Point Marine Corps Depot for evaluation and testing to facilitate the repair of rotary and fixed wing aircraft, and funds in FY 09 would be used to provide additional systems to the military depots and to provide training for personnel.

\$2.2 million for a Semiconductor Optical Amplifier for Responsive Space MPOI from the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force account. The recipient of these funds will be OptiComp Company, a small business located in Zephyr Cove, Nevada (located at PO Box 10779, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448). The company's focus is the fabrication and production, solely for the Department of Defense, of optoelectronic laser and detector modules for use on avionic and space datacom platforms. These modules are used in a fabric to permit fault tolerant wideband switching between computers, sensors, and telecommunications links on the platforms. OCC has a full semiconductor clean room and fabrication facility and an extensive test and measurement facility to evaluate all devices prior to acceptance.

Within the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, I requested and the Committee approved a \$3 million earmark for the Cyber Conflict Research Consortium's Distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure Decision-making Exercises (DECIDE), a large, national university consortium that includes the University of Nevada, Reno (located at 1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89557). The consortium aims to help protect the nation from cyberattacks. DECIDE directly addresses the conclusions of a 2006 report from the President's National Science and Technological Council which stated the need to target Federal research and development investment in cyber security and information assurance needs. The Cyber Conflict Research Consortium anticipates the DECIDE Financial Services Model will be completed in 2009.

Within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, I requested and the Committee approved an \$11.375 million earmark for the Nevada National Guard for the Elko Readiness Center (located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, NV 89801). Rapid growth in Nevada requires that a new Readiness Center facility in northeastern Nevada be constructed to meet the needs of the Nevada Army National Guard. The current Elko armory was built in 1961 and does not meet the security or operational requirements for the current mission. The state of Nevada is already providing funds to assist with design.

HONORING MICHAEL W. SMITH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Michael W. Smith on his rich 25-year career and innumerable contributions to contemporary Christian music. He will be recognized next Sunday, October 12, as the Nashville Choir hosts "A Light for the City 2008"—A 25th Anniversary Celebration of Michael W. Smith. With many special guests, including Rev. Franklin Graham, Max Lucado, Amy Grant, Bill and Gloria Gaither, Jordin Sparks, Wynonna, Ricky Skaggs, Melinda Doolittle, Phil Stacey and Michael Tait, the Nashville Choir will pay tribute to Michael W. Smith and thank him for his contributions to the Nashville community and indeed the entire globe.

Not only has Michael W. Smith garnered significant accolades as a recording artist and song writer, including 5 Platinum and 16 Gold certifications, over 15 million sold albums, and several GRAMMYs and GMA Dove Awards; he has moreover accomplished outstanding work as a citizen, humanitarian, and public servant. In addition to acting as a spokesperson for Compassion International and serving as vice chair of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, he has shown commitment to the local Nashville community especially through work with New River Fellowship church and the establishment of Rocketown, a safe and engaging concert venue, coffeehouse, and skate park. Husband to Debbie and father of five, Michael W. Smith has above all remained committed to family and his faith.

On behalf of all who have been inspired by his work, I ask my colleagues to join with the Nashville Choir, family, friends, fans, and colleagues in the music industry to recognize Michael W. Smith's legacy and his music which has touched countless lives.

HONORING JAMES VAN COTT 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 to recognize James Van Cott on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years as a California State Parks Peace Officer. James's leadership will be truly missed by his co-workers, the people of northern California, and the numerous State, Federal and local government agencies that relied on his immense knowledge of issues relating to our State parks.

Mr. Van Cott's long and distinguished career in public service has stretched through 4 decades and 5 State parks: Doheny State Beach, Lake Perris State Recreation Area, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Van Cott has always sought to improve his skills and training and pass that knowledge onto others.

During his 8 years at Lake Perris, he was certified by the Department of Boating and Waterways as an Advanced Boating Officer and an Advanced Boating Accident Investigator. He provided over 12,000 hours of law enforcement training for lifeguards and field rangers. As a Defensive Tactics Instructor, James provided over 10,000 hours of instruction and training for field rangers in the Los Lagos, Marin, and Diablo Vista Districts.

Mr. Van Cott has been a valuable ambassador for the Parks Department, working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cal-Fire, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Wild Animal Care, the California Highway Patrol and many other State and local agencies during his tenure. He has reached out to the community as well. While at Mt. Tamalpais, he organized, managed and directed the "Friends of California State Parks," the fifth largest volunteer program in the State.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize James Van Cott for his many years of service to the State of California, and to thank him for his many contributions on behalf of our State and his community. I join his wife, Carol, and his son Josh in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 161

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of American Legion Post 161 of Redmond, Washington, for its exemplary and steadfast support of the United States military and the Washington National Guard. When pressed into duty, the members of Post 161 responded and worked tirelessly to create an event on August 19 in Auburn, Washington, to honor the deployment of the 81st Heavy Combat Brigade of the Washington National Guard. The event proved to be a wonderful moment for all who attended.

Post 161, of which I am member, is located in the eighth district, the district I represent. The post is not unlike many veteran service organizations around the country where budgets are tight and funds are allocated only after careful consideration. However, in this case, the post dedicated the appropriate monies, without hesitation, in order to support a family barbecue with a festival-like atmosphere for deploying Guardsmen and Guardswomen. Hundreds of Guard families and Auburn residents came out to participate in the event and enjoy the send off activities. Additionally, the post generously allocated \$10,000 as seed money toward an emergency family fund that will help support Washington's military families while their loved ones are deployed.

Post 161's actions reflect its deep and great respect for military service members and their families and this is just the latest example of their continued commitment. It is my hope that American Legion Post 161's leadership is recognized and mimicked by Americans everywhere. My thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Post 161.