

the entire Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods will flood. The City of Trenton wishes to assist the most affected residents so that property loss and displacement are minimized.

This project is designed to elevate the utilities of approximately 270 properties that have suffered repetitive damages. The 270 identified properties will abandon the use of their basements and elevate their major systems by re-wiring the electrical system and redirecting the duct work so that the hot water heating and heating system can be moved to above the first floor; minimizing loss during future floods.

CELEBRATING CENTRAL LOUISIANA'S RICH MILITARY HERITAGE

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., and to celebrate Central Louisiana's rich military heritage.

Central Louisiana has strong historic ties to America's military history, from colonial days to the present, having served as a major training location for the U.S. military forces in World War I, World War II, as well as more recent conflicts around the world.

On August 16, 1942, the 101st Airborne Division was created at Camp Claiborne, La. The 101st Airborne had a "rendezvous with destiny" to defend American interests on the battlefields of the world since World War II.

To commemorate this day in history, the City of Alexandria and the City of Pineville, with Louisiana State University (LSU) at Alexandria, are cosponsoring a historic event on October 3, 2008.

This celebration will recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of the 1st Battalion of the 509th Airborne Infantry, currently based at Fort Polk, La., which saw action in World War II.

In addition, this event will honor the service of Dr. H. Rouse Caffey, former Chancellor of LSU Alexandria and Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, as well as a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La., which is dedicated to preserving and studying the history of the war, is also collaborating with LSU Alexandria in celebrating this historic event with other organizations including the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Louisiana National Guard, the Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky., the Louisiana Military Maneuvers Museum, the Kent Plantation House, the Arts Council of Louisiana, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum and the Alexandria Museum of Art.

Distinguished speakers of the event include Thomas Czekanski, Director of Collections at the National World War II museum in New Orleans, La., and Dr. Jerry Sanson, Professor of History and Political Science at LSU Alexandria.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the historic celebration of Central Louisiana's rich military herit-

age and specifically the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., in 1942.

RECOGNIZING THE SAVANNAH DRAMA CLUB

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Savannah Drama Club for their excellence in the arts. The Savannah Drama Club is a youth based ministry that presents youthful styles of praise and performance. Founded by Pastor Carl Gilliard and his wife, Lashawanda, thirteen years ago, the Savannah Drama Club is now known for its polite and respectful youth members as well as their amazing talents.

The Savannah Drama Club is visiting Washington DC this coming October and will be making their fifth performance at the White House. The group has also performed on the steps of the Capitol, the Nation's monuments, as well as local jails, community centers, Christian camps, and family shelters. Through their use of theater, poetry, music, dance, spoken word, and even miming, the group is able to spread the Word of God to all.

Since its inception, it's estimated that about 900 children have been involved with the program and currently has 42 active participants. This revolutionary drama club has not only touched the thousands who have bore witness to their show, but has also had a great influence on the children involved. This program has kept students off the streets, shown them the rewards of strong discipline, and most importantly, how important it is to serve a higher power than themselves.

I would like to take this time to recognize their accomplishments in the arts and ministry, and also to wish them a warm welcome to Washington.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNINGTOWN LIONS CLUB

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downingtown Lions Club on its 80th Anniversary and to honor the service organization for its commitment to serving the community.

Founded in 1928, the Downingtown Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world with approximately 1.3 million members in 202 nations.

National Lions Club founder and Chicago businessman Melvin Jones said in 1917 that the organization was created to give something back to their communities. And the Downingtown Lions Club has certainly carried out that mission admirably.

Thanks to the dedication and work of its members and volunteers, the Club built the Kerr Park Pavilion and installed a drinking fountain along the Struble Trail. Hundreds of

people in the community have benefited from the Club's distribution of free eyeglasses and funding raised for sight and hearing programs, including the Leader Dog Program.

The Club will celebrate its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, October 4th during a dinner at the Thorndale Inn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Downingtown Lions Club for reaching this special milestone and in commending the efforts of Club members, both past and present, for their tireless dedication and service to the Downingtown area.

THE DAILY 45: ANOTHER VIOLENT WEEKEND IN CHICAGO

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Last weekend, while my colleagues and I worked to help restore our nation's financial ship of state, the state of our urban communities continued to be plagued with an obscene level of gun violence. The Chicago community I serve tops our nation's list for gun-related violence which tragically included the second loss of life, in just two months, of a Chicago police officer. Last night, 14-year veteran officer Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., 39, lost his life while serving a search warrant and he leaves behind an orphaned daughter and a grieving city.

There were also three other gun-related murders last weekend including 34-year-old James Purifoy who was shot in the back. Two others lost their lives whose names have yet to be released. And, to top it off, five people were shot on the Near West Side early Saturday night following a dice game gone bad. Fortunately, none of their wounds were life threatening.

My condolences go out to the family and friends of Officer Taylor and to Mr. Purifoy whose lives ended much too soon at the end of a gun.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say 'enough is enough, stop the killing!'

BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 758, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007. This important legislation will ensure that patients have the health care they need following breast cancer surgery.

In America, there are more than 2.4 million women living with breast cancer. In 2007, more than 178,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed. The Breast

Cancer Patient Protection Act would help ensure that these patients will have adequate support after breast cancer surgery by guaranteeing a minimum hospital stay of 48 hours for a woman having a mastectomy or lumpectomy and 24 hours for a woman undergoing a lymph node removal. Anyone who has watched a loved one fight this illness understands that the last thing any woman should be doing at that time is fighting with her insurance company.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 758. With millions of women in America being affected by this horrible disease, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will ensure they have access to adequate medical support after their surgery.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
RALPH REGULA. THE HONORABLE
DEBORAH PRYCE AND THE
HONORABLE DAVID HOBSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. BOEHNER. I rise today to pay tribute to three of my fellow Ohioans who are retiring at the end of the 110th Congress—DEBORAH PRYCE, DAVE HOBSON, and RALPH REGULA. All three are true public servants who have dedicated their lives to serving their constituents, Ohio, and this great Nation. This institution will miss their experience, their advocacy for critical issues, and their ability to get the job done.

DEBORAH PRYCE first served as a judge before being elected to Congress in 1992. She has ably served in critical positions in the House—on the Rules Committee and on the Financial Services Committee. She helped guide our Republican Conference as chairwoman. DEBORAH has been a tireless advocate for children and cancer research, and our country is better for her efforts. Congresswoman DEBORAH PRYCE also has been a fighter for working families. As the mother of a young child, she understands the challenges working families—especially single mothers—face. DEBORAH has sacrificed more for this job than most others, and remained committed to her constituents despite personal heartache. I have seen her grow and learn more in her job than any other Member and I am proud to call her my friend.

DAVE HOBSON and I started our careers in Congress at the same time. Previously, we served together in the Ohio General Assembly. “Uncle Dave,” as many call him, may not agree with your position, but he has always been willing to give you advice on how to accomplish your goal. One thing that I always admired about Congressman HOBSON is his ability to find himself in the middle of whatever was going on. Like me, he’s a former businessman. This background has been a genuine asset and translates well to a legislative environment as it has helped him know how to broker a deal.

My constituents will perhaps feel Congressman HOBSON’s retirement the most, as our districts adjoin each other and we worked very closely together over the years on issues affecting Wright Patterson Air Force Base. DAVE has a real heart for our men and women in

military service. He was one of our first appropriators to take up the cause of overseas military housing. He was well suited to do this because he lived in it when deployed overseas during the Berlin Wall Crisis as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard.

RALPH REGULA—the dean of the Ohio delegation—has served in Congress with distinction for 36 years. As a respected cardinal on the Appropriations Committee, he chaired the Interior Subcommittee for 6 years. Subsequently, he served as chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee. During this time I served as chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Early in my tenure as chairman, Congress passed the No Child Left Behind Act to help ensure that all children have the opportunity for a quality education. RALPH worked to ensure adequate funding for critical education priorities and our children and youth are better for it. He is a true gentleman and I am pleased to have worked closely with him.

Ohio’s delegation enjoys a close relationship. We’re like a family—we don’t always see eye-to-eye but at the end of the day, we’ve always been able to work through our differences and work for what’s best for Ohio. One thing is clear about RALPH, DAVE, and DEBORAH. Members on both sides of the aisle respect their integrity and no one has doubted where hearts are—with their constituents, the great State of Ohio, and their country. I will miss their congeniality and thank them for their leadership and service. I wish RALPH and his wife Mary, DAVE and his wife Carolyn, and DEBORAH and her daughter Mia the very best in the next stage of their lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives 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, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act for 2009:

1. Institute for Science and Engineering Simulation (ISES), University of North Texas—\$3.36 million—RDTE, AF—Congressman MICHAEL BURGESS.

ISES at the University of North Texas is currently working closely with the U.S. Air Force to remedy a critical requirement. Due to increased operations as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past 5 years, Air Force aircraft are often pushed to perform beyond their intended design criteria: this has created serious concerns for safety of both the aircraft and personnel. The Air Force requires modeling & simulation research of the performance and lifecycles of materials in aircraft in order to extend the life of current military aircraft and to perform testing on future aircraft structures and material. Utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and equipment at the University of North Texas, the research conducted at ISES will be used to predict/identify and reduce the risk of catastrophic failure in aircraft structural

components, extend the life of current aircraft and increase the safety of pilots and personnel.

The University of North Texas is located at 1155 Union Circle #311277, Denton, Texas 76203-5017.

2. Unmanned Force Augmentation Systems (UFAS), Geneva Aerospace—\$2.4 million—RDTE, N—Congressman MICHAEL BURGESS.

The UFAS program supports research, development and testing of advanced UAS technologies. The program is intended to facilitate the rapid transition of UAV systems to the warfighters that offer order-of-magnitude improvements in usability, capability, and, hence, operational effectiveness. Specific program and technology areas that the FY09 program will support include extended development and testing of the Air Deployable Sensor (ADS), which is a Sonochute Launched UAS supported by Technology Transition Agreements with multiple Navy sponsors. The Air Deployable Sensor is one of several new capabilities developed under the UFAS program. Additional successful technology developments have included the development of an autonomous sense and avoid system for UAS in support of UAS National Airspace Integration initiatives, UAS autonomous takeoff and landing systems and gap-filler UAS designed to support a growing DOD UAS Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability gap.

Geneva Aerospace is located at 4240 International Parkway, Carrollton, Texas 75007.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2638

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Intelligence & Information Warfare Directorate, CERDEC

Address of Requesting Entity: Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station

Description of Request: Funding will be utilized to implement a CERDEC RDT & E test capability for airborne and ground antenna design to develop and prove new concept antennae that operate at higher frequencies offering significantly higher capacities and are less prone to interference and jamming. The test capability will provide testing of aircraft mounted antennae at varying altitude under a variety of conditions and on specific aircraft including fixed, rotary wing and unmanned air systems.

The system will be used to provide the design of new antennae which develop more reliable, expanded bandwidth information links which enable the flow of tactical information to the deployed warfighter. The capability will also expand the ability of communicating with the variety of unmanned systems, both airborne and ground based, for increased intelligence gathering and control.

DETAILED FINANCE PLAN: PROGRAM COST SUMMARY.

L Band development on UH-60M where a required future aviation waveform, Wideband