

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

Network Waveform (WNW), operates. It is expected that most of the wideband operation will occur in this band vs. the full WNW band of 30–2000MHz.

The C and Ku Band on UH–60M test-bed will also address other bands of interest to US Army Aviation including C-band where Full Motion Video (FMV) systems are being operated on selected helicopters, and Ku band, where UAS control and TCDL links are being implemented on selected helicopters.

An antenna development for a more sophisticated single (directional or higher gain lower bandwidth omnidirectional) will be needed to increase system data throughput for the UH–60M. As the test data is analyzed, specifications for antenna systems will emerge and it is envisioned that higher gain antenna will be needed to support future required data rates.

PROGRAM COSTS

Labor (engineers techs, pilots, QA) and Labs—\$1,046,000.00
Aircraft costs (UH–1 and C–12)—\$150,000.00
Materials—\$404,000.00
Total All—\$1,600,000.00

HONORING CHARLES JOSEPH
WATSON HUCKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Joseph Watson Hucke of Liberty, Missouri. Charles 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 1374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Charles 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 Charles Joseph Watson Hucke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding the four earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, Other Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas 78763–5218

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 to the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) for eight Joint Incident Scene Communication Capability (JISCC) packages required for disaster response. This equipment enables the Texas National Guard Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) to command and control its inter-agency structure in and out of Texas in support of other states under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. It supports the various disaster command posts including the Joint Interagency Task Force headquarters, each subordinate task force command post, local incident command posts, Emergency Operations Centers, and other multi-agency coordination centers. The JISCC system also uses Department of Defense satellites eliminating the persistent shortage of funds to pay for commercial satellite service. Ten JISCC packages have been authorized in previous years, but currently, the Texas National Guard has only two on-hand.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, Other Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas 78763–5218

Description of Request: Provide the Texas National Guard \$800,000 for the procurement of 700- and 800-Megahertz APCO–25 standard two-way radios for operational and tactical interagency interoperability in their disaster response task force. This project allows the Texas National Guard forces to utilize 700 and 800 MHz trunked radio systems being linked across Texas as established in the State Communications Interoperability Plan. It further fully enables interagency interoperability to coordinate and synchronize interagency efforts to maintain unity of effort.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, RDT & E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Zebra Imaging

Address of Requesting Entity: 9801 Metric Blvd., Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758

Description of Request: Provide \$2,480,000 in funding to complete the final phase of a three-year development program to provide a field-deployable version of the Enhanced Holographic Imager (EHI) system. The holographic imager system is used to produce 3-D imagery for the Army's tactical battlefield visualization program, and has proven to be an extremely useful capability for deployed Army and U.S. Special Operations Command warfighters. Over 1700 holographic images were provided to soldiers in theater in 2007. The deployable EHI will produce holograms three times faster than the current system (improving responsiveness to the war fighter) and is transportable allowing the imager to be located closer to the tactical users.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2683

Account: Army, RDT & E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: 19th and University, Lubbock, Texas 79409

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 to Texas Tech University to research the use of Compact Pulsed Power as a scientific base for integrating electrical weapons systems onto all-electric combat vehicles. Compact Pulsed Power is the use of targeted electromagnetic radiation to disable electronic devices such as cell phones. Initial research indicates that compact pulsed power technology could be beneficial to the Department of Defense by being able to disable Improvised Explosive Devices used in Iraq and Afghanistan. Texas Tech has developed the technology but needs to field test it in order to deploy it with troops on the ground. An existing lightly armored vehicle such as a HMMWV will be modified to an all-electric platform with an integrated fuel cell and auxiliary battery pack. Two or three types of electric weapon systems (high power microwave (HPM) generator, hypervelocity rail gun, and/or high power laser) will be integrated into the platform. Individually each of these systems is quite complex and the combination of any two of these systems will increase the integration problem exponentially. The information gained from this research could be significant in furthering the nation's defense capabilities.

RECOGNIZING DEAN STEVE OLSON
OF SANTA ROSA, 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 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 throughout Sonoma County, created a study abroad program for SRJC students, and developed an educational telecommunications program at the college.

Throughout his career, Dean Olson has been an active participant in many professional associations, serving as Vice President of the California Agricultural Teachers Association (CATA), President of the North Coast CATA, founding Chairman of the State Advisory Committee on Vocational Agricultural Education, a member of the California Joint Policy Council on Higher Education in Agriculture, President of the California Agricultural Leadership Associates, and co-chair of the Northern California Advocates for Global Education. His involvement in his community has also extended to numerous non-profit organizations including the Sonoma County Farm