

outstanding institution that greatly promotes education. In just 20 years, the foundation's assets grew by over \$45 million and created some of the most notable foundations and buildings in the area. The expansion of the Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs was one of the first projects undertaken by the organization. Its success was followed by the construction of the Robert L. F. Sikes Center in Crestview, Florida, and the South Walton Center in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. The foundation also launched the Arts Center Endowment Campaign and, when the college's focus shifted to health programs, the foundation began the Nursing and Health Technology Campaign.

For many years to come, the Northwest Florida community will continue to benefit from the lasting impression made by Mr. Chitwood. His inspiring involvement in the community and dedication to expanding education has provided infinite opportunities to the surrounding area. Though retirement will signal the end of Mr. Chitwood's formal career with the Northwest Florida State College, it is merely the beginning of the lasting legacy that he leaves behind.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize James P. Chitwood upon his retirement and for his exemplary service in the First District of Florida.

HONORING MARK LEHN BALDWIN III

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Lehn Baldwin III of Kansas City, Missouri. Mark 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 1314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Mark 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 Mark Lehn Baldwin III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING 1998 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman COSTA to congratulate the 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. The team members and coaches will be honored at the

50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

On a hot day in late May 1998, second baseman Nina Lindenberg sent the first pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning over the left-field fence and the Lady Bulldogs into history. The home run off Arizona ace, Nancy Evans, was Lindenberg's 13th of the season, gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead in the championship game at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Women's College Softball World Series Most Valuable Player, Amanda Scott, then polished off a three-hit shutout, and the Wildcats, as California State University, Fresno, claimed its first NCAA Division I team championship in any sport.

The 1-0 victory capped a magical season for Head Coach Margie Wright's Bulldogs, who started the season with a 2-2 record and finished with 52 wins 11 losses. The season was highlighted by 4 wins and 1 loss in the Women's College World Series (WCWS) with victories over Nebraska, Michigan, Washington and top-ranked Arizona. The national title was a united effort as four Bulldogs made the All-Women's College World Series team: outfielder Laura Berg, first baseman Angela Cervantez, Nina Lindenberg and Amanda Scott. The Bulldogs captivated all of the San Joaquin Valley as their games were aired on local radio and ESPN. Seeded seventh in the field, they arrived in Oklahoma City determined to win the title for a school that had finished second in the WCWS four times.

The team was led throughout the year by a pitching staff that included Amanda Scott (25-4, 0.79 ERA) and Lindsay Parker (21-4, 1.54 ERA) and a balanced hitting attack keyed by Laura Berg (.458 batting average, 72 runs), Nina Lindenberg (.449, 77 RBI), outfielder Becky Witt (.392, 69 runs) and Amanda Scott (14 home runs, 72 RBI). The team included: OF Laura Berg, 1B Angela Cervantez, 2B Nina Lindenberg, Lindsay Parker, P Amanda Scott, Becky Witt, OF Candice Bowlin, OF Kara Campbell, SS Alicia Dowland, C/1B Jennifer Jokinen, 3B Jaime Maxey, P Kim Peck, C Jennifer Slaney, C Janna Todd, 1B Vanessa Valenzuela, C Amber Wall, C Carolyn Wilson, OF Daviana Wisener. The coaching staff was headed by Margie Wright, assisted by Margaret Sutter and Mary Ivy. Also involved with the team was Maribel Campos, manager, and Andrew Weeks, trainer.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the 1998 Fresno State Softball Team congratulations on its many accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI.

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

Account: Army Operations & Maintenance, Operating Forces 115 Land Forces, Operations Support Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deere & Company—World Headquarters.

Address of Requesting Entity: One John Deere Place, Moline, IL 61265.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,200,000 to complete the manufacturing of approximately 215 Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicles at John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wisconsin. (Joint request with Representative MIKE MCINTYRE of North Carolina.) The Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicle is a rugged, air droppable, highly mobile diesel-powered tactical utility vehicle to expedite casualty evacuation and resupply activities of Corps units. They have been heavily utilized during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of the Department of Defense, Army Operations and Maintenance account.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS V. FUENTES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Thomas V. Fuentes, who is retiring after 25 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Throughout his career with the FBI he has served his country with honor and integrity.

Mr. Fuentes began his distinguished career with the Bureau in 1979 as a Special Agent in the Chicago Field Office. Serving in this office for over 10 years, Mr. Fuentes led the fight against organized crime and mob corruption. As an Organized Crime Task Force supervisor, his efforts were instrumental in bringing countless Chicago criminals to justice. I had the privilege of serving with Mr. Fuentes in the Chicago Field Office and witnessed firsthand his tremendous skill and dedication.

Mr. Fuentes was promoted to FBI Headquarters in 1990 as a supervisor in the Organized Crime Section. As a result of his continued success against organized crime targets, Mr. Fuentes was eventually appointed as the assistant special agent in charge of the San Francisco Field Office. There he established the International Cybercrime Squad and was selected to serve as an FBI tactical commander at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

In August 1997, Mr. Fuentes was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the chief of the Organized Crime Section at FBI Headquarters. Among his many ground-breaking law enforcement initiatives, Mr. Fuentes created the Organized Crime Task Force consisting of FBI Agents and Hungarian National Police Officers in Budapest, Hungary—the first such multinational organized crime task force of its kind in the FBI.

Mr. Fuentes' extraordinary career with the FBI has been marked by his transformational

work to strengthen international law enforcement cooperation. In 2004, Mr. Fuentes was called upon to lead the FBI's Office of International Operations where he was eventually promoted to Assistant Director and managed more than 75 FBI offices in U.S. Embassies and U.S. Consulates worldwide. His skilled leadership, both within the Bureau and international law enforcement agencies, resulted in election to the Executive Committee of Interpol, where he served as a delegate for the Americas in 2006. To the end of his service with the Bureau, Mr. Fuentes continued to establish innovative international working groups such as the recently established FBI/Ministry of Public Security of the Peoples Republic of China Working Group.

Mr. Fuentes' relentless hard work and dedication was recognized numerous times as evidenced by his outstanding law enforcement record and repeated promotions within the Bureau. His years of service brought fundamental change to the FBI's work on organized crime and international law enforcement cooperation. Throughout his career he has exemplified the FBI's motto of Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity by serving and protecting the citizens of the United States of America and people across the world. I am proud to know this remarkable public servant.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Thomas V. Fuentes for his model service to United States law enforcement and his commitment to his country. He is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SCOTTY MENDOZA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Scotty Mendoza, who passed away on August 15, 2008, at the age of 88. Scotty was the matriarch of the ranching community around the Point Reyes Peninsula in Marin County, California, and a highly respected leader to the townsfolk. She led by passion and example, filling needs as she saw them and creating many local traditions in the process.

Born Doris Scott in Woodland, California, she used the nickname Scotty bestowed on her by one of her early teachers. She met Joe Mendoza, a student at nearby U.C. Davis, while working at the soda fountain at the Woodland Hotel. They were married in 1941, moving shortly afterward to the family ranch on the Point Reyes Peninsula which had been purchased by Joe's father in 1899. She was a partner in the ranch with Joe her whole life, from doing the accounting to cooking for the many ranch hands.

Scotty was many things—outspoken, funny, energetic, and hardworking. But mostly she will be remembered for how much she cared for people, especially children. While doting on her own family, she also championed other children and was known as Grandma Scotty to many. She was a 4-H leader for 40 years, teaching sewing to generations of girls, and founded the Inverness Garden Club Scholarship fund to raise money for local students to attend college.

In 1949, Scotty and Joe joined with other ranching families to start Western Weekend, still the major community celebration in the Point Reyes area. It highlights the work of local 4-H groups and also includes a big parade that fills the town's Main Street. The parade features the Western Weekend Queen, based on a contest Scotty started to help sell raffle tickets for the event.

It is hard to imagine how the community we see today would look without Scotty's participation in the many local organizations she was involved in: as a founder of West Marin Senior Services and the Inverness Garden Club, as a volunteer and organizer of the Jack Mason History Museum, and as a supporter in many others where her behind-the-scenes work was always appreciated.

Scotty is survived by her husband Joe, daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Steve Doughty, sons and daughters-in-law, Joey and Linda Mendoza and James and Luci Mendoza, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (whom she called "the eight greats").

Madam Speaker, Scotty Mendoza truly exemplifies the compassionate, can-do community spirit that becomes the fabric for our lives. It is an honor for me to have known her, her husband Joe, and many of her family. We'll miss you, Scotty.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JEFF MILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Jeff Miller is one of these individuals. On November 4, 2008, Jeff was elected to serve as the Assemblyman for the 71st California Assembly District and I congratulate Jeff as he moves to the next stage of public service.

Jeff Miller was elected to his first term on the Corona City Council in November of 2000 and currently serves as Mayor. He was re-elected and served as Mayor in 2004. Mayor Miller is a member of the Council's Transportation & Legislative Committee and he also represents the Council on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). He is also currently Chairman of the 91 Freeway Toll Road Advisory Committee.

Jeff Miller is an active member of the Corona community. He is Vice President of the Corona Heritage Foundation, a Governing Board member of Corona Regional Medical Center, a Board member of the Corona/Norco YMCA, founder and member of the Riverside County Young Republicans and a past member of the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. Jeff is currently Chairman of the Riverside County Republican Party.

Jeff Miller, and his wife Debora, have two children. Jeff has owned an insurance company for 22 years and has an office in Corona. He graduated from the California State Univer-

sity in Fullerton and holds a degree in Criminal Justice.

Jeff's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Jeff a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he takes office as a California Assemblyman.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH STAR CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club on 40 years of protecting and restoring Minnesota's proud natural legacy.

The Sierra Club is one of America's most influential environmental organizations, and Minnesota's North Star Chapter is among the oldest and most active in the country. I commend the North Star Chapter on its history of policy achievements and success in mobilizing our communities to action. By engaging citizens in grassroots advocacy, they have worked to deliver essential environmental victories at the state and national level.

The environmental and conservation challenges facing the planet today are great. A changing climate, rapid loss of habitat, and deepening fossil fuel dependence will require citizens to become involved in making the change we need on an unprecedented scale. During my time in Congress, members of the North Star Chapter have been valuable partners in defending against a series of assaults on federal environmental protections. Now as we look toward the start of the next Congress and the support of a new Administration, we have the opportunity to restore America's global leadership on environmental policy while advancing a "green" revolution here at home. I look forward to continuing our shared fight for environmental protection and restoration in the years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I submit the following information regarding one earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-329).

Requesting Member: Congressman TERRY EVERETT.

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

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE), U.S. Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.