

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.

Address of Requesting Entity: Pike County, Alabama.

Description of Request: The Close Combat Missile System Modernization for Javelin earmark funding is for \$3,700,000. This funding will help the Army meet its requirements in the Concept Development doctrine stating that the Javelin missile be modernized to meet modern and irregular warfare needs. The modernization addresses known obsolescence issues such as parts replacement and decreasing inventory levels.

Javelin has been in production since 1994. This modernization program will move the missile closer to its objective performance standard, while maintaining cost effective production levels and help sustain the industrial base.

The funding is to be used to evolve Javelin capabilities and address the requirements stated in the Joint Service Operational Requirement for Advanced Anti-Armor Weapons Systems-Medium.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL WHITED

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Michael Whited of Blue Springs, MO. Christopher 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 1813, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Christopher 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 Christopher Michael Whited 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. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH 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 thirteenth 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. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmark's, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, Title VIII:

Requesting Members—Congressman GARY G. MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Bill Section: Title VIII, Disclosure of Earmarks and Congressionally Directed Spending Items.

Account: Other Procurement Navy PE#024428N, Aegis Support Equipment.

Amount: \$4,000,000.

Description of Request: Sabtech Industries (23231 La Palma Ave, Yorba Linda, CA

92887) requested continued project funding on behalf of the United States Navy, Program Executive Office Ships. Funding will be used to modernize Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) based peripheral emulators. The project is located at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Virginia. The Systems Engineer for Combat Systems Simulation and Warfare Systems at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA and the United States Navy, Program Executive Office Ships at Washington Navy Yard, D.C. have endorsed this requirement of Sabtech products to provide modernization for the Aegis Weapon System and associated Land Based Test Sites.

The Aegis Land Based Test Sites (LBTS) require various high fidelity Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) based peripheral emulators, High Tech Data Communication switching systems, and state-of-the-art technology to collect and analyze Combat System performance data. These products are vital to the support of the development, certification, Life-Cycle Support Engineering Activity (LSEA) and training of Aegis and Ship Self Defense System (SSDS). Modernizing these emulators and switches provides superior quality computer programs for the war tighter and significant cost avoidance. Without this modernization, critical test time in the Aegis LBTSs will be lost, resulting in delaying certification and delivery of the AEGIS Baselines, AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense, and Ship Self Defense System to the fleet.

RECOGNIZING JUDY THEIN AND TEAM DUI OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Judy Thein and Team DUI of Lake County for their incredible service to the community. Team DUI is doing visionary work to address underage drinking through prevention.

Team DUI was born out of tragedy. After her daughter's death in a drunk driving accident, Clearlake Vice Mayor Judy Thein has turned the heartbreak of her loss into a positive effort that is already making a difference in the community. Team DUI brings together a coalition of law enforcement, county officials, social service providers and local educators to teach teens about the dangers of underage drinking and driving under the influence.

Team DUI's program is designed to help people understand the consequences of the decisions they make. They provide educational forums throughout the county, encouraging prevention through teamwork, community prevention and problem solving. By their actions, they have demonstrated their willingness to go to great lengths to spread their message.

Team DUI has received numerous well-deserved honors for their work. In 2008 alone, they have received Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Advocate Recognition award and the Best Idea of the Year Award from Stars of Lake County, among many others.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Judy Thein and everyone