

facility. APEC had a staggering 40,000 New York City area school students visit Alley Pond last year. During APEC-run programs, students of pre-school, elementary school, middle and high school ages learn about the environment and conservation policy. APEC also runs wonderful Teacher Workshops to train teachers in methods to enrich and improve their natural sciences curriculum when they return to the classroom. Demand for APEC's educational programs is so high that over 8,000 students had to be placed on a waiting list to visit Alley Pond.

Borough President Marshall, recognizing APEC's need for space, led the way for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to allocate resources for APEC's future environmental educational facility. Utilizing the \$1 million in funds that Helen helped to get, APEC will soon start construction of a new green facility that will make student waiting lists for APEC's programs a thing of the past. For Helen, this kind of action is nothing new. From her time as a teacher, to her service as a member of the New York State Assembly and the New York City Council, to being the Queens Borough President; she has been the most tireless advocate for children's educational and environmental resources. From libraries, to remedial programs, to playgrounds and parks, no one has done more to make certain that the children of Queens receive the help they need for the best education possible.

Madam Speaker, I highly commend Borough President Marshall for her extraordinary dedication to environmental education and for receiving the "Green Leadership Award" from the Alley Pond Environmental Center. Helen embodies the spirit of the award, having devoted herself to ensuring that children experience the world's natural beauty in America's greatest city. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Helen Marshall as a recipient of this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO RECOGNIZE MR.
NORRIS O. CHANDLER

HON. Wm. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Norris O. Chandler, former WWI and WWII veteran who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to the service of others through 60 years of civilian service.

Chandler enlisted in United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and was soon assigned to a special amphibious engineering unit activated for World War II—the 149th Engineer Combat Battalion. As a Demolition Specialist for the 149th, he joined the invasion of France on Omaha Beach in 1944.

The 149th was responsible for destroying enemy bridges, probing and destroying mines and other obstacles, both on land and underwater, and for building Bailey Bridges.

Following World War II, Mr. Chandler returned to Fort Polk, Louisiana to await discharge. His unit was deactivated in December of 1945 and he became part of the newly activated Organized Reserve Corps (Individual Stand-By) until 1951.

In 1951, Mr. Chandler entered the Civilian Service with the Missouri Military District (MMD), 11th Army Corps, St. Louis, and Missouri as a warehouseman. During this time the MMD was renamed the U.S. Army Support Center. Mr. Chandler continued his services at the center, holding various positions including stock control clerk, general supply clerk, and Publications Supply officer among other things before the agency moved to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Mr. Chandler opposed relocating to Fort Sheridan and joined the staff at the U.S. Army Adjutant General Publications Center as a packer, for over 40 years, turning down General Schedule (GS) opportunities in favor of his Wage Grade (WG) packer position.

Chandler's WWII unit received four campaign ribbons: Normandy (with bronze arrowhead), Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Mr. Chandler's civilian awards include the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in September 1996. In addition, he currently has over 3300 hours of sick leave and usually forfeits almost all of his annual leave, except when he generously donates to other employees through the leave donation program.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Chandler, an American hero, for 60 years as a civil servant and for his noble sacrifice and courage to the United States Armed Services. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Norris O. Chandler for his service and commitment to put country first.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARNER
GLENN'S DEDICATION TO THE
SOUTHWEST

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of Mr. Warner Glenn, a dedicated steward of our fragile lands and a champion for endangered species of the Southwest.

Mr. Glenn is a rancher who lives near Douglas, Arizona, a small city on the United States-Mexico border that traces its roots back to the early 20th century. The desert lands surrounding Douglas are an environmental treasure. They are abundant in wildlife. These beautiful areas face serious threats and many citizens in my district have taken action to address these issues. Warner Glenn is a leader in this movement.

Warner and his family are part of the Malpai Borderlands Group, ranchers and conservationists who are dedicated to preserving the open spaces that are in danger of disappearing.

He was recently named by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as a "Regional Recovery Champion" for his tireless efforts in protecting the endangered jaguar. Mr. Glenn's photographs of jaguars were the first taken of the animal in the United States.

Mr. Glenn's photographs were more than mere documentation of the jaguar. In honoring Mr. Glenn, Benjamin Tuggle, the director of the Fish and Wildlife's Southwestern Region, noted that Mr. Glenn's "stunning photographs, along with his written and oral accounts, have

ignited a passion for jaguars and borderlands conservation."

He took his photographs in 1996 and 2006. Since then, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has granted the jaguar protection under the Endangered Species Act. The agency also funds monitoring efforts in Arizona and has contributed to local and international programs to help conserve the jaguar and aid in the species' recovery.

Mr. Glenn embodies the true spirit of the Southwest. Born and raised in the fabled Chiricahua Mountains, he makes his living from the land as a rancher, guide and outfitter for hunters. When he is in the wild, he typically carries a .357 Magnum on his belt. Yet as he has said that he "never felt danger" when he encountered the jaguars! His only thought as he first saw the jaguar that day was how can we protect this beautiful animal and maintain its ability to roam the deserts and mountains?

Not all of us have Mr. Glenn's vision but all of us can learn valuable lessons from him with regard to the jaguar. As he put it, "When you see one of those in the wild, you can't help but admire and respect those cats, and they deserve it."

I commend and thank Warner Glenn for all he has done to preserve the land and the wildlife that lives on it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2638.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Center (ROCC) Initiative.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Earmark Received: \$800,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: Considering the effects of BRAC, emerging Joint Test and Training missions, and increased operations tempo, this initiative will address the current Eglin AFB shortfalls in infrastructure to provide safe, efficient, effective control of range resources. Eglin AFB initiated a phased approach (Super ROCC) to address these shortfalls, and this project will initiate the action by addressing movement and control of people and equipment and relevant security issues. This initiative will help the Air Force increase the operations tempo at the Eglin Range by addressing the movement and control of people and equipment as well as relevant security issues. Through this initiative, the Air Force will greatly improve its ability to track all players on the Eglin Range thereby significantly increase its efficiency in an increased ops tempo environment. Driven by BRAC and safety imperatives, this further provides for more effective control which will better optimize range scheduling and increase flexibility in meeting test and training missions. Simply by knowing the locations of all entities

on the range, more flexibility in reassigning missions to ground and air space previously underutilized will be achieved.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: FPS-16 Radar Mobilization Upgrade.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Earmark Received: \$2,800,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: This enhanced, mobile radar tracking capability will provide AAC the flexibility required to support testing of current and emerging weapon systems and platforms. This new capability will attract test programs to the AAC test range that cannot presently be supported, provide expanded instrumentation coverage for the range, reduce encroachment concerns, and provide more comprehensive coverage and support to all test programs. This added instrumentation asset will result in more cost effective and timely test support for the U.S. Air Force and ultimately in fielding systems for the war fighter in a more timely manner.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Moving Target Strike.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Earmark Received: \$2,000,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: The ability to extend the capability of GPS guided weapons to moving targets will significantly enhance the effectiveness of weapons platforms that use GPS guided systems. The enemy knows that currently if he keeps moving he is safe from many of our current weapon systems. The ability to strike movers from a variety of platforms with GPS guided weapons will greatly reduce the enemy's ability to avoid our weapons.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability.

Account: RDT&E, Defense-Wide.

Earmark Received: \$800,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: By developing a GR-MIC we will be able to integrate the simultaneous employment of many advanced weapons/platforms into a single test or exercise/training events. This effort connects test and evaluation ranges that use many communication and data requirements to interact between geographically separated ranges, making valuable information available to everyone who requires it. The result is ranges becoming interconnected and consequently creating a greater training experience.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Joint Gulf Range Complex Upgrade.

Account: RDT&E, Defense-Wide.

Earmark Received: \$1,200,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: The upgrade will result in improved and more accurate testing which will improve training effectiveness and mission readiness.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCIM) for AFSOC AC/MC 130 aircraft.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Earmark Received: \$4,400,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: The funding will be used to provide aircraft protection from infrared and small arms threats.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY HOSPICE AND ADULT DAY SERVICES OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of their Adult Day Services program. The Adult Day Services program has done visionary work serving the unique needs of the elderly, younger adults with mental and physical impairments, and those suffering from Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In 1979, Hospice of Napa Valley opened as a program of St. Helena Hospital. They became an independent non-profit in 1997, and opened their acclaimed Adult Day Services program in 1998. ADS is the only program of its kind in Napa County and is one of 54 official Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers in California.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the Adult Day Services program has served more than 1,000 people. Last year alone, they served 80 people with Alzheimer's or other dementia, gave family training to 129 people, provided 165 hours of support groups, 200 hours of counseling for 143 people, 30 hours of community education for 327 people, and 166 consultations for 133 people.

These incredible achievements would not be possible without their dedicated staff, led by Executive Director Catherine Poliak and ADS Program Coordinator Celine Regalia. Catherine and Celine lead a team that is second to none in their creativity and enthusiasm.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank everyone at Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services for the remarkable work they have done for our community. Through their hard work and generous contributions this program has thrived for the past 10 years, and I know that we will see much more progress in the years to come.

HONORING ST. MARY'S PARISH IN TRENTON, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Mary's Parish in Trenton, Illinois. St. Mary's has represented Catholicism for 150 years in the community of Trenton.

During the 1820s and '30s the local Catholics of Trenton gathered at the railroad station once a year to take the train to St. Louis to fulfill their Easter duty. In 1858 Fr. Peter Peters began holding mass with a small group of Catholic families in Trenton. The first church was built in 1864. Yet, it was not until 1868

that St. Mary's Parish of Trenton had its first permanent pastor, Fr. Anthony Brefeld. Just two years after Fr. Brefeld took the position as pastor, St. Mary's built a small school where the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ came to teach. By 1950 it was evident that a larger church was needed. In 1953 the new church was completed and by 1955, about 1,500 parishioners called St. Mary's home.

To help celebrate the 150th anniversary, the St. Mary's family placed a "time capsule" into the ground at the parish. The capsule contains materials related to the parish celebration. The time capsule will be opened in 2058, 50 years from now.

I join with my fellow Representatives to congratulate St. Mary's on 150 years of faith and service.

JIM MARTINO

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, Jim Martino was born in 1929 in eastern Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lafayette College and soon after married his lovely wife, Nancy, and joined the army. Jim served in Korea from 1951 to 1953, which was an experience that had a profound effect on his life. In 2000, the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, Jim searched for his comrades and organized reunions to bring together the men he served with and to share their memories and experiences. Their wives also enjoyed the experience, and the group developed into a close family.

After returning from Korea, Jim began a successful career in direct mail marketing. Beginning in Valley Forge, PA, Jim's achievements took him to Dayton, OH, southern California, and eventually Cameron Park, CA. Jim was an accomplished private pilot who flew for business and pleasure, making many trips with his wife across the country between their homes. Jim was also an avid participant in government and politics, supporting candidates he believed in and authoring numerous "Letters to the Editor" to express his views.

On August 7, 2008, Jim passed away. He is now buried in the Sacramento Valley Veterans National Cemetery, where he is recognized as a "Defender of Freedom." I was honored to have been one of Jim's many friends. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's wife, Nancy, their three children and four grandchildren.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, our country is facing an economic crisis and America's families are living with it everyday. If proof is needed, today, the Labor Department released new employment statistics revealing that 159,000 American jobs