

Division. Courtney designed a filter using urea, which was able to filter out over fifty percent of particulate emissions from a tractor exhaust.

Agriculture plays an important role in the Georgia economy and it is wonderful to see our young people taking an interest in developing our resources. Their projects not only show their innovative thinking, but also prove that this generation recognizes the need to get involved. I am proud to recognize these five students today and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following earmark declaration:

Requesting Member: Mr. ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barksdale Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 625, Shreveport, LA 71162.

Description of Request: Construct a new Security Forces Squadron Complex at Barksdale Air Force Base. Security forces command and operations functions are currently housed in a 1930's vintage hangar on the aircraft parking ramp. The Law Enforcement Desk and associated offices (including confinement) and storage of mobility equipment/personal bags are located across the street in one of our historic facilities. The majority of security operations occur in the Weapons Storage Area (WSA) which is over four miles by road from the current facility. The hangar facility is inadequate in functional layout to accommodate existing requirements. The facility is incompatible with existing land uses as the facility should house a function supporting flight line operations. Delays in construction of this facility will prevent compliance with the base comprehensive plan established land use policies. Already strained base resources will continue to be spent on an inadequate and inefficient facility.

Requesting Member: Mr. ALEXANDER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: FEMA State and Local Programs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Description of Request: Louisiana State University's (LSU) National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT), Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education is a founding member of the Consortium which consists of LSU, New Mexico Tech, Texas A&M University, U.S. Department of Energy's Nevada Test Site, University of Hawaii, Transportation Technology Center, Inc., and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Domestic Preparedness. The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall identify, develop, test, and deliver training to State, local, and tribal emergency response providers, provide on-site and mobile training at the performance and management and planning levels, and facilitate the delivery of training by the

training partners of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The current mission of the Consortium is to enhance the preparedness of federal, state, local, and tribal emergency responders/first receivers and teams, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to reduce the Nation's vulnerability to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and all-hazard high-consequence events by developing, delivering and assessing plans, training, technical assistance and exercises.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for a Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Request that I made and which was included within the text and/or report to accompany H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009." I certify that neither I, nor my spouse, have any financial interest in this request, and certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this request is (1) not directed to an entity or program named or that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass-through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds statutory requirements for matching funds (where applicable). Please note that while publication of this disclosure information prior to the floor vote was intended, such was not possible because House Democratic Leadership chose to circumvent regular order under the House Rules last September when the bill was voted upon in the House by waiving the normal layover period between the time of filing of the report and a floor vote on the same in order to rush the bill through to a vote with minimal public scrutiny.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT-01).

Bill Number: H.R. 263—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009.

1. Project: Distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure—Decision Making Exercises for Increasing Cyber Security.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009."

Project Amount: \$3 million.

Account: Science & Technology; Research, Development, Acquisition, and Operations.

Requesting Entity: Utah State University Space Research Foundation.

Receiving Entity: The Cyber Conflict Research Consortium (CCRC); an affiliation of academic and non-profit institutions, including Miami University, Norwich University Applied Research Institutes, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, University of Nevada at Reno, and Utah State University Space Research Foundation.

Address: CCRC Team Leader, Norwich University, Applied Research Institutes, 57 Old Freight Yard, P.O. Box 30, Northfield, VT 05663-0030.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would continue work begun in FY'08 with

the Department of Homeland Security on completing full-scale development of the Web-distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure Decision-making Exercises (DECIDE). This project is the only high-level governmental program designed to minimize threats and risks of cyber attacks against the U.S. Government and key economic sectors which rely on electronic data bases, such as financial markets and banking institutions. Funding would continue development of core software components and demonstration to government entities and private-sector institutions concerned about following a coherent and coordinated plan to counter the serious and growing cyber-attack threat.

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.

#### COMMENDING THE SOUTHERN GUAM LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2008 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I join the people of Guam in commending the Southern Guam Little League, a team comprised of players from the villages of Agat, Inarajan, Merizo, Naval Station, Santa Rita, Talofofo, and Umatac who competed in the 62nd Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Southern Guam Little League represented the Asia-Pacific Region.

After a seven to six comeback victory over the European champions from Italy, Team Guam played two hard-fought games against teams from Mexico and Curacao. A three run loss to Curacao on August 19, 2008, at Volunteer Stadium allowed Curacao to advance to the elimination round. I congratulate the players, parents, and coaches on their winning the Little League Asia-Pacific Region Championship and their representation of Guam in the 2008 Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

I would like to commend Dominick San Nicolas and his parents Paul Paulino and Josephine San Nicolas; Austin Paulino and his parents Jesse Meno and Debbie Paulino; Brielle Meno and her parents Ben and Madonna Meno; Fernando Rabago and his parents Thomas and Tammy Rabago; Mark Blas and his parents Mark and Lucy Blas; Brian Bunag and his parents Benjamin and Gina Bunag; Johnny Quenga and his parents Johnny and Lani Quenga; Parish Reyes and his parents Fred and Ester Reyes; Andrew Quintanilla and his parents Jesse and Marie Quintanilla; Austin Sablan and his parents Rodolfo Alforque and Mary Sablan; Nicholas Cruz and his grandparents Felix and MaryJane Cruz; Nicholas Hernandez and parents Guillermo and Nancy Hernandez; Southern Guam Little League Coaches Paul Paulino and Johnny DeJesus; Manager William Meeks; President William Sarmiento; Vice President Donna H. Santiago and Mr. Stephen J. Guerrero, the District Administrator, Guam Little League for their work and accomplishments in the 2008 Little League Baseball World Series.

The players, parents, and coaches of the Southern Guam Little League represented Guam with pride throughout the 2008 Little League Baseball World Series competition. I commend the parents and coaches for their hard work and dedication to the players in their road to Williamsport. Most of all, I join with all the people of Guam and baseball fans everywhere in commending the Southern Guam Little League players who inspired us with their skills and their sportsmanship.

Congratulations and thanks for the memories.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUPERVISOR JOHN F. SILVA IN THE COUNTY OF SOLANO IN CALIFORNIA

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, the Hon. GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives to recognize Supervisor John F. Silva, as he retires after 53 years of public service with the County of Solano.

Supervisor Silva's career with Solano County began as a police officer in the Benicia in 1956. In 1978, he was appointed Benicia city manager. Following his time as city manager, he was elected to two terms as a city councilmember. Supervisor Silva was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in 1997.

Supervisor Silva's outstanding service in Solano County also includes several achievements that significantly impacted the quality of life of the residents of Solano County. As supervisor, he was dedicated to representing his community and exemplified a strong work ethic. To address Solano County's escalating crime levels, he pushed hard for the successful development of a county-wide Gang and Drug Task Force. In addition, he was involved in the construction of the juvenile hall, the probation building, an award-winning new county administration center and parking facility.

One of Supervisor Silva's biggest achievements was his involvement in the program, Insure All Kids. Through the relentless fundraising efforts of supporters, the county was recognized by the State of California for achieving an astounding level of 96 percentile of health insurance for Solano County children.

The honors and awards Supervisor Silva has earned over the years are a testament to his hard work and dedication. This year, he has received the prestigious Circle for Service Award from the California State Association of Counties, as well as the Solano Transportation Authority's Outstanding Leadership in Transportation Award.

As Supervisor John Silva retires from his seat on the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank him for his leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Solano County. I wish him and his wife Jan the best of luck in their future endeavors.

THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 15th Anniversary of South Texas College to congratulate them for enrolling 22,000 students, the highest amount enrolled in South Texas College's history.

The South Texas College was created by the Texas legislature in 1993 and signed into law by former Governor Ann Richards. They are only one of three community colleges in Texas accredited to offer bachelors degrees and the only community college in the state to offer two Bachelor of Applied Technology Degrees. Their faculty and staff of over 1,500 have been leaders in higher education by not only providing education to college students, but by providing unique workforce training programs and the College Express dual enrollment high school program. Partnered with sixteen school districts in Hidalgo and Starr Counties, these programs help minority students find a pathway to higher-paying careers in math and science.

In recent years, South Texas College received the MetLife Foundation's 2008 Community College Excellence Award for promoting educational and economic advancement, thirty-one Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in 2008, and the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2003 through 2007.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize South Texas College for their record enrollment in 2008, and I thank you for this time.

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN LACEY  
McMULLEN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mrs. Marilyn McMullen of Mission Hills, Kansas, a lovely person and dear friend.

Marilyn, whom I affectionately called "Lace," was a proud graduate of Webster High School, Webster Groves, Missouri. She attended Milliken College and the University of Missouri, Columbia, where she graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Education and where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She established scholarships at the School of Education in honor of her mother.

Marilyn taught second grade at LaDue Elementary School in St. Louis. She was a member of the Grace Bibb Society in support of the MU School of Education and a member of the Friends of the MU Library and MU Kansas City Alumni Club. She was also a member and a past Director of the MU Jefferson Club.

At Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Marilyn had served in the choir and vestry. She was a long-time member for over 40 years and Director of the Altar Guild at the Cathedral.

Marilyn was a Cub Scout Den Mother and President of the Boy Scout Mother's Club. She also served on the Board of Bishop Spencer Place to whom she was very grateful for the wonderful care provided to her mother.

Madam Speaker, I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to her family: her husband, Larry McMullen; her two sons and daughters-in-laws, Michael, Andrew, Bonnie and Yvette; and her grandchildren, Matthew, Hannah, Sarah, Rachel, Abby and Sophie.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MRS. PATRICIA M. BOYLE  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
NAVY

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Patricia M. Boyle of the Department of the Navy, who is retiring after more than 36 years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in her service as the Legislation Specialist in the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Mrs. Boyle started her federal service in 1972 with the Office of Legislative Affairs as a Legislation Assistant. She was responsible for researching, routing legislation for comment throughout the Department of the Navy, and for maintaining all working files on current or past legislation of interest to the Department of the Navy. She worked in this position until July 1974.

She then worked in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Legal and Legislative Office, as a Legal Technician. She served in that position from July 1974 to December 1981. In that position, she helped coordinate comments on items of legislation and executive orders for the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

In 1981, Mrs. Boyle returned to the work at the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC, where she has remained since December 1981.

Mrs. Boyle has provided superb support as the Legislation Specialist to the Chief of Legislative Affairs within the Office of Legislative Affairs. This position marks the culmination of 36 years of Federal service in which she has continued to serve the Department of the Navy's legislative agenda. She has had a major impact on the identification of high-interest legislative items and the coordination of complete and thorough Navy positions to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the White House Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Responsible for acting as central coordinator for the Department of the Navy for more than 300 legislative proposals per year, she has consistently provided timely and thoroughly vetted Navy positions, thereby ensuring the Navy's interests were furthered. She monitored the progress of legislation critical to the Department of the Navy and communicated the status and any outstanding requirements to ensure that Navy leadership was fully informed of important legislative initiatives. Her diligent, thoughtful, and timely coordination ensured that the Navy's message was effectively communicated to Congress.