

theme recognizes both the opportunities and the challenges facing Native American communities. The United States Constitution recognizes tribal sovereignty and through treaties, the Federal Government has a responsibility to protect the right to self-determination of tribal nations. Congress must do more to live up to the commitments that have been made. Clearly there is work to be done to improve education, increase access to health care, and support job opportunities.

This month I had the opportunity to visit several pueblos in New Mexico to learn more about how the Federal Government can be a better partner in improving education and access to health care. First hand I saw inspiring examples of Pueblos coming together for the greater good of their children and elders, and I learned of areas of extreme need in their communities.

During the Feast Day, I was invited by tribal members in the Pueblos of Tesuque and Jemez into their homes so I, and others from outside the community, could learn about tribal traditions and share some wonderful food. I saw Head Start centers built by the community to provide the youngest children with educational opportunities. Tribal leaders, teachers and elders shared their plans to implement new language immersion and preservation programs to ensure the continuation of the Pueblo's language, history and culture. Unfortunately, I also saw crumbling school buildings and understaffed health care clinics where it is clear the Federal Government must do more to honor the promises made by treaty. I look forward to working with the tribal communities and my colleagues to address these needs in the next Congress.

In Minnesota our culture has been enriched by the contributions of the Chippewa, Ojibwe and Sioux nations. I have been honored to work with alongside Native Americans to increase funding for Indian Education, reduce health disparities, and strengthen tribal colleges, but there is much more to be done.

As we join our families for Thanksgiving, we must remember the critical role American Indians played in the survival of the first European settlers in America and in influencing our shared American culture. We can also learn valuable lessons about the strength of community and the importance of conservation and good stewardship of our land from our Native American brothers and sisters. This November, and every month throughout the year, I urge my colleagues, friends and constituents to learn more about the heritage, history and art of the tribal nations in Minnesota and across the country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, FY 09 Defense Appropriations as part of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTD&E Army Electronic Warfare Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thales Communication.

Address of Requesting Entity: 22616 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Description of Request: Funded \$2.4 million to provide Networked Dynamic Spectrum Access Investigation AN/PCR-148 Joint Tactical Radio System Enhanced Multiband Inter/Intra Team Radios (JEM). The provision will support the investigation of the benefits of Networking Dynamic Spectrum Access for the Army AN/PCR-148 JEM to include evaluation of CONOPS and ability to transition these capabilities to the current force.

HONORING JOSHUA JAMES BLANCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua James Blanch of Liberty, Missouri. Joshua 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 1418, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

HONORING SPC JAMIN Y. MOORE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor those brave men and women who have been wounded while serving our country in the United States Army. SPC Jamin Y. Moore is one such individual who, while serving in Iraq, sustained serious injury after his platoon hit an improvised explosive device. SPC Moore is a graduate of Liberty High School in Bakersfield, California and I wish to honor him and his duty and sacrifice to our country by inserting into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a poem he wrote on Saturday, May 20, 2006, on why he joined the United States Army.

I go because . . .

I go for a multitude of reasons; many which make sense to me alone and cannot be expressed in words, for words can never describe the deepest truisms in life.

I go to serve my country and to protect those I love.

I go to honor those who have served and fallen before me, not only those of this country; but of all who paid with blood to make the world better.

I go because I believe that I must be willing to fight and die for what I believe, or I am nothing.

I go because I have been called upon to serve. I go because I will gain a deeper understanding of who I am.

I go because I realize that a constant battle is raging between good and evil, hope and despair, life and death.

I have chosen my side and go to fight in the War of Life.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN BARACY ON HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Baracy, an exemplary public servant and recently retired Superintendent of Scottsdale Unified School District.

After working in education for 38 years, Dr. Baracy is retiring from a post where he brought leadership, vision and stability. Dr. Baracy thrived and excelled even though he was diagnosed with cancer within three weeks of accepting the Superintendent position.

In his four years, Dr. Baracy helped to stabilize the finances of the district. Under his leadership, 22 of 32 schools now bear the label "excelling," Arizona's top academic ranking. In addition to this, all five of the high schools in the district were renovated under budget and on time.

Throughout this, Dr. Baracy worked on forming a model of partnership for others to follow. Responding to calls to improve communication with parents and community members, Dr. Baracy moved towards more parent and community input into shaping the schools. By drawing upon his business background, Dr. Baracy shared his vision of finding common ground with parents and the community. The effects of his dedication will continue to shape Scottsdale schools for years to come.

Therefore, I urge you Madam Speaker, in rising to congratulate Dr. Baracy on his accomplishments and recent retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HERB SCORE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Herb Score, revered pitcher and announcer for the Cleveland Indians, and in recognition of his contributions to the Cleveland Community.

Herb Score was a legendary left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians who was admired for his pitching records as much as his humble character. During his rookie season with the Indians in 1955, he secured his place both in baseball history and in the hearts of Cleveland baseball fans when he was named American League Rookie of the Year. He won

16 games and struck out a total of 245 batters, a record he would surpass during his second year as pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, when he struck out 263 batters. Herb would hold this record until 1984 and was the American League (AL) Rookie of the Year in 1955.

Following an eye injury he sustained during a game against the New York Yankees in 1957, Herb went on to play for the White Sox and the Chicago Cubs before retiring at the age of 30 and returning to Cleveland as an announcer for the Indians. Just as he was cherished by fans for his astounding pitching abilities, so too was he loved for his unique announcing style. He remained a play-by-play announcer for the Indians for 34 years and was inducted into the Broadcaster Hall of Fame in 1998.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Herb Score. He will forever hold a place in the hearts of Cleveland Indians fans and in the Greater Cleveland Community.

IN MEMORY OF WALTER WILLIAM
HOFFMAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Walter William Hoffman, who died on Veterans Day after 86 years of a fulfilling life.

Walter and his late wife, Sheila, were long-time personal friends to my wife, Janice, and me.

Walter Hoffman was a native of Ventura County, California. His parents raised him on Rancho Casitas, where they bred thoroughbreds, including Crystal Pennant. He attended St. Catherine's Academy, Thatcher School, Villanova, and USC.

During World War II, Walter served as communications, navigation and executive officer aboard the USS Buchanan and was Officer of the Deck on the day the Buchanan delivered General Douglas MacArthur to the USS Missouri for Japan's surrender.

Sheila and Walter married after the war and settled in Ventura County where he began his career in farming, animal husbandry, and petroleum operations. In 1947, he built and operated the Ventura Airpark. In 1956, Walter and his late partners Oather Vance and William Worthington formed that land management firm, Hoffman, Vance and Worthington.

A Renaissance man, Walter skippered and navigated boats in the Transpac Race, the Mazatlan Race and the Bermuda Race. He held a commercial pilot's license, was a licensed amateur radio operator and played the violin and the accordion. As a young man, he traveled around the world with his grandmother.

Walter also served on multiple boards, including the Bank of A. Levy, Santa Anita Consolidated, American Automobile Association, Livingston Memorial Foundation, St. John's Seminary, and Fales Committee at the U.S. Naval Academy.

He was a past chairman of the board of the Automobile Club of Southern California and was a past president of the Ventura Pacific Company, Crestview Water Company, and the

Oceanographic Associates at USC. He was a past Commodore of the Transpacific Yacht Club and a founder of the Museum of Ventura County.

Pope John XXIII knighted him with the Order of St. Gregory, Knight Commander.

Walter Hoffman is survived by his two daughters, Katherine Russell and Carol Hambleton; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to Walter's family and all who knew him and called him a friend.

Godspeed, Walter.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID TYSON AND
HIS INDUCTION TO THE GREAT-
ER HUNTINGTON WALL OF FAME

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and true West Virginian David Tyson.

Mr. Tyson is a lawyer from Huntington, WV who continually puts his community and State first. On October 2, 2008, David Tyson was inducted into the Greater Huntington Wall of Fame by the City of Huntington Foundation. David has worked tirelessly for his community as well as the State of West Virginia.

In April 2002, David was appointed by President Bush to the national advisory board for the Kennedy Center in Washington. He continually serves as an ambassador for the arts. Since becoming a member of that board, David has been interested in restoration; on a local level becoming involved with the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center in Huntington. Mr. Tyson is best known for his involvement in this project, which culminated in the theater serving as the location for the premier of the Warner Brothers major motion picture release "We Are Marshall." Mr. Tyson was also recognized as the Citizen of the Year in 2007 by the Herald-Dispatch, the major news publication in Huntington, West Virginia.

I applaud David Tyson's unending commitment to civic duty.

IN HONOR OF MAYORS FOR PEACE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mayors for Peace and in recognition of their 2020 Vision Campaign as they continue their efforts to promote the international abolition of nuclear weapons.

Mayors for Peace is an international organization comprised of over two-thousand cities around the world in over one hundred and thirty countries who are dedicated to raising awareness on the need to eliminate nuclear weapons, affirm international human rights, and promote environmental justice and peace. The organization supports the proposal of the former Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan—Takeshi Araki—who in 1982 proposed an international

solidarity program that would focus on the abolition of nuclear weapons during the second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

The Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign is an Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons by the year 2020—the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The campaign continues to affirm the need to abolish nuclear weapons and promotes good faith negotiations toward nuclear non-proliferation in all states and cities around the world.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mayors for Peace, and in recognition of their dedication to promoting true peace and international solidarity. May their efforts serve as an example and inspiration for all of us to follow.

IN MEMORY OF STUDS TERKEL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on October 31st America lost its unofficial historian laureate: Louis "Studs" Terkel.

Because he was so modest, Studs would deny it, but in fact he created a new genre of literature and history—the oral history.

Studs and his tape recorder probed every corner of our collective consciousness with the delicacy and certainty of a brain surgeon.

He interviewed the famous and the infamous, the rich and the poor, the celebrity and the common man and woman.

Invariably he was able to extract something very special, a strand of the grand story which is America. He recorded those stories in books such as Division Street: America, Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression, Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do, The Good War, Race: What Blacks and Whites Think and Feel About the American Obsession, Talking to Myself: A Memoir of My Times, Will the Circle Be Unbroken: Reflections on Death, Rebirth and Hunger for Faith, and Hope Dies Last: Keeping Faith in Difficult Times.

Madam Speaker, we all have conversations of all types every day. But Studs was able to turn his conversations into oral history because he was not just a passive observer of history, he was an active maker of history.

Studs earned a JD degree from the University of Chicago, but he never practiced law. Instead he apprenticed for his future career with a job in a writers project in the Works Progress Administration writing plays and learning the craft of acting.

He went on to become one of the founders of the Chicago school of TV by creating and hosting "Studs' Place" until he was blacklisted during the McCarthy period.

He spoke out for progressive causes, refusing to compromise his principles.

He finally found a home at WFMT, Chicago's classical radio station, where he created his own version of talk radio with great conversation and an eclectic selection of music, signing off each broadcast with Woody Guthrie's classic line, "Take it easy, but take it."