

the NSA Corporate Policy Office, the NSA Operations Directorate, and served as the Defense Intelligence Agency's Director for Procurement in 1995/1996. From 1997 to 2005, Mr. Gilliam served as the Chief of the Contracting Group, responsible for managing and directing all effort associated with contracting for materials, equipment, and services required to support the missions of the NSA.

Certified level III in contracting in accordance with the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. Mr. Gilliam graduated from NSA's Senior Cryptologic Executive Development Program in 1996. He received the Defense Intelligence Director's Award in 1996, and he received the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award in 2002.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Daniel C. Gilliam in his retirement from the position of Deputy Senior Acquisition Executive at the National Security Agency. His legacy as a brilliant and competent specialist will be forever remembered in his service to defending the security of our nation. It is with great pride that I congratulate Dan Gilliam on his exemplary defense career and his outstanding service at the National Security Agency.

RECOGNIZING MATT GIRAUD

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Giraud, a great talent from Kalamazoo, Michigan, for placing in the top five on the eighth season of Fox's American Idol.

Every week, Matt has been a staple in our living rooms, helping us forget about Michigan's challenges for a little while as he sang the hits in his own impressive style.

A life-long Michigan resident, Matt grew up in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he began his musical career by playing drums at his local church. As time passed, Matt became more serious about music. He taught himself how to play the piano and began singing at the age of sixteen. Matt spent his college years in Kalamazoo and attended Western Michigan University, where he studied organizational communication and was a member of the jazz ensemble Gold Company II. After graduating from Western, Matt decided to make Kalamazoo his home and became a regular performer at Monaco Bay and Zazio's lounge, building quite a local following—including me and my staff.

Matt was a performer on American Idol this season, wowing us time and time again with his polished performances. The State of Michigan has been rooting for him from the beginning and we in Kalamazoo are proud to call Matt Giraud our home town idol. Matt, congratulations on your success and we look forward to watching you succeed in the years ahead.

Although Matt's run is over on American Idol, a brilliant career is just beginning.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Education, National Projects, Innovation & Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Writing Project

Address of Requesting Entity: University of California, 2105 Bancroft Way #1042, Berkeley, CA 94720-1042

Description of Request: Appropriation in the amount of \$24,291,000 for the National Writing Project for activities authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Education, National Projects, Innovation & Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading Is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: Appropriation in the amount of \$24,803,000 for Reading Is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary & Secondary Education Act.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, the Centers for Disease Control estimate that autism now affects one in every 150 American children and nearly one in 94 boys. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with diabetes, cancer, and AIDS combined. Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the world, and yet we know little about the root causes of autism.

That's why we must do more to support NIH medical research. Earlier this month I introduced a resolution with Representatives GERLACH and BACHUS to again designate April as "National Autism Awareness Month."

This resolution commends the parents and relatives of children with autism for their dedication in providing for their special needs. It emphasizes the importance of early intervention services. And it supports efforts to devote new resources to medical research on the causes of autism and treatments for it.

With increased support for autism, together we can offer some hope in an area that desperately needs it. I encourage all of my col-

leagues to help bring renewed awareness of children with autism.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes:

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Chair, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 627, the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act.

In this economic crisis, far too many families have been forced to rely on short-term, high-interest credit card debt to pay for food, housing and other basic necessities.

In Northern Michigan, unemployment is at record highs. This has led many families to fall behind on their payments and fall victim to predatory practices of many credit card companies.

This legislation includes several provisions that would protect consumers from these abusive practices.

The bill would protect cardholders from arbitrary interest rate increases, ban collection of interest on amounts already paid, and would also set specific definitions for "prime rate," "fixed rate" and other terms to prevent deceptive use of these terms.

For too long, the credit card industry has preyed upon consumers through omission of honest billing practices, and through loopholes in credit regulation.

I, alongside my colleagues Mr. PRICE, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. MORAN among others, have offered an amendment that requires credit card companies to honestly report a customer's balance on their monthly credit card statement.

This includes reporting the monthly payment amount and total cost to the consumer for them to eliminate their outstanding balance in 12, 24 and 36 months.

I urge my colleagues to support our amendment and to support the underlying bill.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Budget Resolution Conference Report (S. Con. Res. 13). As a member of the Budget Committee, I would like to thank Chairman SPRATT for his continued leadership, and President Obama for advancing a budget that embodies our national values.

The serious problems caused by eight years of failed policies, including record deficits, doubling of the national debt and the smallest rate

of job growth in three-quarters of a century, will not be solved overnight. Families across the nation, and in Minnesota, are struggling to make ends meet. Unemployment has soared to 8.5 percent, while health care costs are rising and housing prices continue to decline.

This budget is a new beginning. It charts a course toward economic recovery and signals the end of an era of disinvestment in America's families. Instead of ignoring the economic crisis, this agreement confronts it head-on by making strategic investments in education, health care reform and energy independence to help restore growth at home and keep the U.S. competitive in the global economy.

Today's students are tomorrow's workforce, which is why this resolution makes significant investments in education from early childhood programs to college affordability. This budget also recognizes that health care reform cannot wait: nearly one out of every six Americans is uninsured and many more are underinsured.

This resolution takes steps to make health care coverage affordable and available to all, while also improving the quality and safety of patient care. In addition, this budget makes historic investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency and the clean energy research programs America needs to start down the path of energy independence.

After eight years of masking the costs of war and natural disasters, this plan ushers in a new era of honesty and accountability in budgeting. President Obama and this Congress have included estimates of these costs for every year in the budget.

The budget resolution is a blueprint for the future of our country, which recognizes the needs of America's families and will help to restore widely-shared economic prosperity for generations to come. As an important first step in this direction, the budget calls for tax cuts for families who make less than \$250,000 and permanently extends the middle-income

tax cuts adopted in 2001 and 2003 for middle-income Americans. This plan will also place restraints on areas of unsustainable spending and cut the deficit in half by 2014.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. Con. Res. 13.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, on April 29, 2009 I missed rollcall vote 223, the final passage of H.R. 1913, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. If I were present for the vote I would have voted "aye." I missed the vote because I was in an Intelligence Committee hearing.