

been honored as Men's Club Man of the Year and as a Chatan Torah of Park East.

Alla and Phil Weisberg are receiving the Parent Leadership Award for their dedication to Park East Day School. With two children at the Day School, the Weisbergs are an extremely involved family. Phil serves on the Day School Board of Education and Alla is a past co-President of the Parents Association. Their desire to make education accessible to all is visible through their generosity to the Day School Scholarship Fund.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the 119th anniversary of Park East Synagogue and in paying tribute to these outstanding individuals for their extraordinary commitment to the community of Park East Synagogue.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HARPER. 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. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman Gregg Harper

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOC, NOAA—ORF

Project Name: NOAA Northern Gulf Institute
Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9627, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount: \$700,000

Project Description: The NGI defines the Northern Gulf of Mexico region as the upland and watershed, coastal zone, and coastal ocean areas from the Sabine River, LA in the west to the Suwannee River, FL in the east. The Northern Gulf is a rich and interdependent natural environment of great complexity and is important to the region and the nation. The riverine-dominated Northern Gulf ecosystems are under pressure from increasing population and coastal development, impacts from severe storms and climate variability, inland watershed and coastal wetlands degradation, and many other factors. NGI has chosen an approach to Northern Gulf Region issues, problems and opportunities that is closely aligned with NOAA's strategic and research priorities and its user community.

Requesting Member: Congressman Gregg Harper

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP—Byrne

Project Name: Regional Counterdrug Training Academy

Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi Military Department, FH—MS, P.O. Box 5027, Jackson, MS 39296

Amount: \$300,000

Project Description: Using the existing facilities, staff and support structure of the regional Counterdrug Training Academy, the CJS Byrne Grant funding will result in training an additional 300 first responders in prevention of terrorism and response to terrorist incidents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. 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. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

I requested two projects in H.R. 2847. They include:

\$800,000 for the Lake County Board of Commissioners located at 315 West Main St., P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. This funding will help Lake County to fund an 800 Mhz radio system and go towards equipment and technology for the Emergency Operations Center of Lake County.

\$200,000 for the Marion County Board of County Commissioners located at 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471. This funding will help to fund the purchase of technology that captures fingerprints required for FBI criminal background checks, through the rest of the patrol vehicles. The equipment and software will collect demographic data and fingerprint scans and submit both to the appropriate background check authority, which will, in turn, provide instant feedback. The request is in accordance with priorities established by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, who has indicated a desire for all law enforcement agencies across the state to have consistency in the equipment used for fingerprinting.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Waupun Police Department, Waupun, Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: 16 E. Main St., Waupun, Wisconsin 53963

Description of Project: This \$30,000 from the COPS Law Enforcement Technology account will be used by the Waupun Police Department to purchase new communication equipment to become P25 compliant and more effectively respond and communicate with other jurisdictions in the area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Department Of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greene County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 933 N. Robberson, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: \$350,000 is included for the Greene County Emergency Operation Center. These funds will be used for the necessary equipment for emergency operations in Greene County, MO. The equipment will include computers, software, televisions, video conference equipment and other specialized equipment for the facility. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this equipment is necessary for interoperability of all agencies in the event of any type of disaster.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jasper County Commission, Carthage, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: Jasper County Commission, 302 S. Main St., Carthage, MO 64836

Description of Request: \$250,000 is included for the Cornerstone Regional Justice Information System. These funds will be used to procure law enforcement information sharing and records management software, laptop computers, high speed data cards, multi-modal biometric identification equipment, and network connectivity hardware for multiple counties in Southwest Missouri. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this equipment will be used to enhance cooperative multi-jurisdictional law enforcement efforts by improving communications and criminal information sharing among local and state agencies in Southwest Missouri.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Taney County Commission, Forsyth, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: Taney County Commission, 127 Main Street, Forsyth, MO 65653

Description of Request: \$400,000 is included for the White River Area Emergency Project. This funding will be used to create a data sharing network and purchase and implement the latest mobile data computers, network hardware, and criminal justice information sharing software for all law enforcement agencies in Taney County. This funding will enable Taney County, MO to purchase and implement a county wide, multi-jurisdiction public safety mobile data network as well as a criminal justice information sharing system. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this project will greatly enhance overall investigations and increase officer safety by enabling instant access to critical time sensitive information on the street, when they need it most.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. Amount: \$500,000.

Account: U.S. Department of Justice—Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Entity receiving funds: City of Yakima located at 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: These funds will be used to continue development of a system that allows all the public safety agencies in Yakima County to integrate their data communications and records systems. This system will provide comprehensive data to all local law enforcement officials, as well as federal and state agencies.

Amount: \$400,000.

Account: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

Entity receiving funds: Yakima County located at 128 North 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: Funds will be used to develop and implement a county-wide comprehensive response to the serious and worsening youth gang problem in the region, including prevention, intervention, and suppression programs.

COMMEMORATING 150 YEARS OF OPERATION OF THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN & CONGRATULATING THE WORK OF ITS CURRENT PRESIDENT, DR. PETER H. RAVEN

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 150 years of operation by the Missouri Botanical Garden and to congratulate the work of its current president, Dr. Peter H. Raven.

The garden was the conception of a successful businessman, Henry Shaw, who moved to Saint Louis in the early nineteenth century to begin his career in the hardware business. His business grew along with the city as he outfitted pioneers, who were heading west into the newly purchased territories. As his wealth grew, Shaw turned his attention to his true passion, horticulture. He established and maintained a personal garden on his estate and on June 15th, 1859, he opened it to the public. Upon his death, Shaw's will established the Missouri Botanical Garden as a charitable trust on the grounds of his estate in south Saint Louis, where it remains to this day.

In continuing the vision and passion of its founder, the Missouri Botanical Garden has grown into one of the premier research institutions in the world. Throughout its history, the garden and its staff have contributed signifi-

cantly to the scientific community, helping to establish a sound base of knowledge in the field of botany.

As the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the United States, Missouri Botanical Garden has provided Saint Louisans and visitors from across the globe with the best in horticultural displays. Recently, this home-grown institution received its re-accreditation from the American Association of Museums, the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance. The Missouri Botanical Garden was recognized for its commitment to excellence in all that it does: governance, collections stewardship, public programs, financial stability, high professional standards, and providing the best possible services to the public.

Today, 150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Missouri Botanical Garden for its achievements and thanking Dr. Raven for his stewardship of this national treasure.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. 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. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, 4141 Pinnacle Suite 213, El Paso, Texas 79902.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,850,000 to the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to pay for overtime, hire additional deputies, and purchase equipment for the Sheriffs along the Texas-Mexico border to secure the border against drug and human smugglers. Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition was organized on May 4, 2005 and is represented by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of each respective county along the Texas-Mexico border. Texas Sheriffs are empowered by the Texas Constitution to protect the lives, property, and the rights of the people, maintain order and security in the United States along the Texas border with the Republic of Mexico to enforce the law impartially, and provide police service in partnership with other law enforcement agencies and community partners. Sheriffs are totally accountable to the people of their county.

The Texas border county sheriffs have received funding from Congress in the last 3 appropriations cycles to defend our borders. They are using this funding to put more deputies on the streets, purchase equipment, and reduce illegal crossings.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, COPS account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security, 900 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,350,000 to the City of Houston to acquire interoperable communications equipment so that the city's first responders can communicate on a 700MHz trunked public safety radio system that will provide full and continuous interoperability with the 800MHz regional radio system. Communications in the Houston area are hampered by incompatible and aging equipment, disparate radio systems, and limited funding. First responders in Houston are responsible for protecting the highest density of critical infrastructure in Texas, including the Port of Houston, the petrochemical industry, the largest medical center in the world, and extensive commercial assets.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Grant account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security, 900 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team (TNET) in Houston. TNET is an enforcement group whose mission is to carry out investigations addressing the broad spectrum of drug trafficking in and through the Houston region. Their goal is to identify, target, and disrupt or dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating on a regional scale. TNET also works through its coalition of investigators, attorneys, inspectors, and citizen groups to target the dealers and end users that make the drug trafficking organizations profitable. With drug violence spilling over into the streets of Houston, this funding will help provide resources needed for TNET to continue their mission.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847 Account: Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Operations, Research and Facilities account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The JASON Project, 44983 Knoll Square, Suite 150, Ashburn, VA 20147.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for \$4,000,000 for the development of standards-based science curriculum for middle school students and professional development programs to increase teacher effectiveness. America's economic prosperity rests on scientific and technological prosperity. Every major organization representing education, business and government has documented the critical situation in U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and issued a call for aggressive action. This initiative by The JASON Project will be used to develop a standards-based science curriculum for middle school students, and professional development programs to increase teacher effectiveness. These materials will help prepare U.S. students to enter a competitive global workplace in the STEM fields, enabling our nation to remain at the forefront in research, development and technology.