

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.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER J. LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Genesee Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: One College Road, Batavia, NY 14020

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$537,000 for the Integrated Campus Security Initiative that will install digital surveillance cameras; a talk-a-phone emergency and paging system; fire and audio warning public address systems; and doors with keyless entry locks on all Genesee Community College campuses in Batavia, Albion, Arcade, Dansville, Medina, Lakeville, and Warsaw, NY.

Of the total project amount, approximately \$66,000 (or 11%) is for digital surveillance and security cameras; approximately \$75,000 (or 12%) is for emergency phones and paging system; approximately \$185,000 (or 30%) is for fire and audio systems; and approximately \$291,000 (or 47%) is for doors with keyless entry locks. This funding will complete the project. To date, Genesee Community College has established the network, the bandwidth necessary to achieve the project; formed necessary relationships with area law enforcement, including MOU's that define all roles; and set aside \$80,000 (or 13%) for the project.

The Integrated Campus Security Initiative will provide additional safety for all members of the College community and the right environment that enhances student learning and institution effectiveness. The College also trains local law enforcement officers for four counties and this project will present an additional training tool for these officers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ—COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washoe County Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno NV 89512

Description of Request: \$500,000. Washoe County is the second most populous county in Nevada, occupying 6608 square miles. Washoe County Sheriff's Office Patrol Divisions will use this Federal funding to purchase In-Car Video Systems which have proven to be useful in the collection of evidence, increased perception of safety by Patrol Officers, and improved confidence in the law enforcement community by the citizenry. These systems have also proven useful during internal affairs investigations, reducing agency liability, evaluations of policies and procedures, as well as training. The use of a wireless In-Car Video System would satisfy all of these concerns for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ—OJP-Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Address of Requesting Entity: 1041 North Virginia Street, Third Floor, Reno, Nevada 89503

Description of Request: \$600,000. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), the nation's premier judicial education organization, has been providing critical education to members of the judiciary for decades. Located on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, its long and outstanding reputation for providing cutting-edge training for judges and other system professionals in areas related to court practice is nationally recognized. The National Council uses these Federal dollars to provide training to judges nationwide on child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, divorce, custody and visitation, substance abuse, and mental health and educational needs of children, among other topics.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. 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, FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman Mike Rogers (MI)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 1201 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$1,025,000 for law enforcement technology to assist in fingerprinting and criminal identification. This funding would be used to complete a three part biometric identification enhancement project. \$450,000 would be used for software, \$125,000 would be used to upgrade patrol cars, and \$450,000 would be used for portable devices. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for this request on behalf of "CLEMIS," a consortium of 105

law enforcement agencies located across nine counties in Southeastern Michigan. CLEMIS contributes wireless network technology to the mobile data computers in patrol vehicles.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF WILLIAMS, ARIZONA

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the great town of Williams, Arizona. Widely known as the Gateway to the Grand Canyon, Williams celebrated the 128th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 14th.

Named for William "Old Bill" Williams, the town has grown from a rough-and-rowdy frontier outpost to a thriving 21st-century community, already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and striving to make even more history.

In the words of Williams Main Street Association Manager Jean-Elle Keger, "I get to witness the daily, continuous 'founding' of our town. Every day I observe so many people choosing to put their small concerns aside in favor of a better quality of life for the greater community."

I congratulate Williams, Arizona on its 128 years of prosperity, and on behalf of this Congress wish the town 128 more.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Commerce, Science, Justice and Related Agencies

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Homestead

Address of Requesting Entity: 790 N. Homestead, FL, 33030

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for Emergency Wireless Law Enforcement Technology. This funding will be used to install a city-wide Wi-Fi network that would enhance the City's public safety and emergency services communications. The City proposes to install 24 to 40 access points per mile throughout the 14 square miles of the City, which would serve as a supplement to Homestead's existing wired network, and would greatly enhance the City's ability to provide more efficient and cost effective services. This project will result in increased efficiency in public service and reduce response times to emergencies by providing easy access and communication to multiple agencies and response teams simultaneously. The use of wireless technology will also minimize exposure to dangerous weather during storm events and minimize the likelihood of loss of service during and after storm events. In addition to investment in public safety preparedness, deployment of city-wide Wi-Fi technology would spur economic development and