

A CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO SANDY SCOTT, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ABBEVILLE GRENADE BAND, ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is not often that I have the honor to rise and give tribute to a living legend. Today, I have that honor. Mr. Leland S. "Sandy" Scott, who resides in my district is indeed a living legend in our community. Mr. Scott was born in Greenville County, South Carolina. He graduated from Parker High School in 1960. He served as drum major for the marching bands at both Parker High School and Furman University. He later earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Lander University.

Mr. Scott served as Band Director at Ellen Woodside High School from 1962–1963 and at Belton High School from 1963–1965.

In 1965, Mr. Scott, came to Abbeville High School to take over as Director of Bands. It is a position he would retain until 1982. Throughout these years he touched many lives and helped mold a generation of students. While at Abbeville he established the Southeastern Marching Contest which drew some of the top bands in the country to Abbeville.

His Grenadier Band at Abbeville was the only high school band in the state and one of a few nationwide to feature a bagpipe regiment.

The Abbeville High School band under his direction became one of the most successful competitive bands in high school marching band history. Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville High School band won the South Carolina Band Director's Association State Class Marching Band Championships for eight consecutive years in Classes A, AA and AAA. His Abbeville band won the National Cherry Blossom Championships in Field Show and Parade Competition, and it won in the National De Soto Festival in Bradenton, Florida, including the Grand Championship. His band also won the Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Festival of States and the Heart of St. Petersburg plaque twice.

Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Abbeville band received many other awards including: Grand Champion of the Furman University marching contest; First Place Class AAA Carolinas' Carousel in Charlotte, N.C.; Double Superior rating at the South Carolina State Music Festival; Third Place Overall at the Greatest Bands in Dixie Contest as part of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1977, under his leadership the Abbeville Band represented South Carolina at the Presidential Inaugural Parade of President Jimmy Carter, an event that the students worked hard to raise the money to be able to attend.

Sandy's professional affiliations include the National Association for Music Education, South Carolina Music Educators Association, the South Carolina Band Directors Association, Phi Mu Alpha, Gamma Eta Chapter; and Phi Beta Mu, Theta Chapter. He served on the Marching Band Committee and the All-State Audition Committee. He has actively participated in civic affairs, was President of the

Abbeville Rotary Club, and was President of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the City Council as Mayor Pro Tem. In 1971, he was named Abbeville's "Young Educator of the Year" and the South Carolina "Young Educator of the Year" in 1972. In 1975 he received Abbeville's "Young Man of the Year Award".

Mr. Scott served as a band clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States. He also served as Minister of Music for three churches; Forestville Baptists of Greenville, South Side Baptist of Abbeville and Callie Self Memorial Baptist of Greenwood. Having retired from teaching, Mr. Scott now serves as Senior Pastor of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church of Greenwood.

Mr. Scott and his wife, Verlene O'Kelley Scott have two children, Keith and Lisa and four grandchildren. He is also a member of the South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen.

On April 5, 2009, more than 150 band alumni and their families gathered together in Abbeville to honor Mr. Scott. They presented a bronze plaque that will be permanently displayed in Abbeville as a tribute to Mr. Scott. Present to give tribute to Mr. Scott were his former Band Director from Parker High School, Mr. James Senn and Mrs. Virginia Ferguson, who served as instructor to the Color Guard and Bagpipe regiment. Former band members traveled from as far away as California, Virginia and Maryland to honor Mr. Scott and to see old friends.

Mr. Scott brought much more than music to Abbeville High School and his students. For many students, it was their first chance to travel outside the county, their first chance to belong to a "winning team." In addition to learning to play a musical instrument, his students learned the importance of hard work, dedication, commitment to a group activity, the benefits of setting goals, school spirit, the power of positive thinking, and patriotism. A favorite saying that his students recall even 30 years later is "If you can dream it you can achieve it."

Mr. Scott did not just bring his students together, but brought an entire community together. He brought parents as well as members of the community together to support and enrich the band program. Abbeville is a better community because of Sandy Scott. Music Education in South Carolina is better because of Sandy Scott.

The lessons these students learned have served them well as adults who have gone on to serve in their communities. His students have gone on to be doctors, nurses, paralegals, business owners, teachers, federal employees, congressional staff, first responders, ministers, members of the armed services, and even music directors.

I am honored to pay tribute to my constituent, Mr. Leland Sanders "Sandy" Scott.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I

received as part of the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 North 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29171

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the West Columbia Police Department in West Columbia, South Carolina. A relatively new technology, Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), would assist the West Columbia Police Department in identifying offenders in real time, without waiting for information from the dispatcher. The ALPR technology allows vehicle license plates to be automatically scanned (up to 1,500 per minute) as officers patrol the city. The technology uses infrared scanning devices mounted on each patrol car, which recognize license plate numbers and compares them against multiple databases including wanted files, missing person files, AMBER alerts, terrorist watch lists, and gang databases. The technology then transmits data about the vehicle and the owner to the officers in the patrol vehicles, alerting them when a stop needs to be made. Using the ALPR technology, law enforcement officers can patrol with the benefit of getting data in real time, so they can interdict immediately. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS, Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orangeburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 1520 Ellis Avenue Ext, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the County of Orangeburg, South Carolina to expand and improve the Law Enforcement Automated Data Repository system (LEADR). LEADR creates a bottoms-up approach using open source software. Today, during routine police activities, an officer can search on partial license tags, names and addresses to rapidly correlate past contacts. The system shows probable matches with red and yellow alerts indicating additional caution is needed. All of the data in the system is derived from local and state law enforcement as well as local, state and occasionally federal government records. This funding will expand the capacity of the system and allow for mapping and location awareness so law enforcement can coordinate activities and have a graphical and pictorial representation of patterns and activities. It will also allow for the continued expansion of the system to additional states, making LEADR an even more powerful tool for law enforcement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

RECOGNIZING TRAVIS SHRUM, RECIPIENT OF THE TEMPE MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARD, AS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Travis Shrum, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from my hometown of Tempe, who was recently presented with the Mayor's Disability Award as Outstanding Employee of the Year. The Mayor's Disability Award honors Tempe residents who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace.

In 2007 and 2008, Travis served with the Army National Guard as an infantry soldier and gunner in Afghanistan, where he escorted security forces protecting civilians. Like many veterans, after returning home to the United States, Travis brought home the physical and emotional scars of war. He struggled with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and, subsequently, took a leave of absence from his job at a Walgreen's store in Tempe to concentrate on transitioning to civilian life. With the patience and support of the Phoenix Veterans Health Administration, Travis has bounced back and is once again thriving. He has returned to work as an assistant manager at Walgreen's, where he works full-time and manages a staff of 42.

Travis is a wonderful example of the Phoenix VA's commitment to returning veterans, and I'm proud to note that he is now outspoken about the need to reach out to other veterans who are eligible for VA's medical services and mental-health support. Travis plans to enroll at Arizona State University with the ultimate goal of becoming a physical therapist and working with veterans.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Travis Shrum for his courageous service to our country and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: 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: City of Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 for the City of Birmingham's Community Ori-

ented Policing Services (COPS) program to add additional police officers to the existing force and for crime prevention technology like Shot Spotter and GPS technology. The City plans to use the funds to increase the number of personnel and to invest in technology such as shot spotter GPS technology which will result in an improvement in public safety. The project's total budget is \$2,051,250. Specifically within the budget, \$320,000 is for 300 mobile data computer licensing, \$671,250 for 75 Coban VMDT, \$180,000 for 150 DataRadio Ciphre Modems, and \$880,000 for shotspotter expansion and mobile software. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The City of Birmingham will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: 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: Shelby County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1095, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to upgrade the Shelby County Sheriff's office public safety communications network. The primary objective of the Wide Area Radio Network (WARN) project is to provide Shelby County with a county-wide, mission-critical radio voice communication system. The funding will help to improve the public safety communications network and thus result in an improved public safety system in Shelby County. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 is for mobile car radios and \$250,000 is for hand held portable radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Irondale

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 100188, Irondale, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for equipment and technology upgrades for the Irondale Police Department, which will allow for better communication and increased emergency response capability. The project will invest in crime prevention and protection. The project's total budget is \$350,000. Specifically within the budget, \$40,000 is for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, \$14,000 for a dispatch recorder, \$85,000 for a 911 System Enhancement, \$50,000 for communication room renovation, \$79,200 for laptop computers, \$4,500 for computers, \$7,500 for a computer server with fiber optic cable, \$1,800 for a printer/copier and \$68,000 for a telephone system replacement. This re-

quest is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account. The City of Irondale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL 36609

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for mentoring and education programs for Team Focus, Inc. The funding will help provide young men who lack a father figure in their lives with leadership skills, guidance, moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. The mentoring program will aid the participants in becoming productive members of society. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$120,000 is for equipment, \$150,000 for travel, and \$230,000 for supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. Team Focus, Inc. will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830 Selma, AL 36702

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to provide security and IT improvements for the United Methodist Children's Home. By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its information technology infrastructure, the United Methodist Children's Home will better serve the at-risk youth in its care. The creation of a seamless system will ease each children's movement through the continuum of care in the Children's Home system, which will improve the outcomes for each child, namely, becoming responsible and productive members of their communities. The project's total budget is \$425,000. Specifically within the budget, \$89,000 is for personnel, \$13,000 for fringe benefits, \$188,000 for equipment, \$96,000 for contractual services, and \$39,000 for miscellaneous items. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. The United Methodist Children's Home will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama